



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

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Reporting Format for Partners
(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

Name of Reporter:	Julia Laidlaw
Event title/number:	Fair Food Systems and Networks in Australia
Date:	9 April 2014
Venue:	Room 11, The Yellow Pavilion
Time:	2pm -4pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	UN Global Compact Cities Programme & Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Australia
Approximate number of participants:	50

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

This networking event drew together attendees of World Urban Forum 7 with an interest in food sovereignty, sustainable food systems and urban agriculture to strengthen the networks and knowledge around this flourishing global movement. Its purpose was to share lessons from and build the international connectedness of the Australian food movement in particular, by drawing on the experiences of a number of comparative movements in other countries and continents.

This event presented the case for prioritising fair food systems and urban agriculture in efforts to address urban inequity and sustainability challenges. Australia, like many countries worldwide, is experiencing a paradigm shift around food production and consumption. Pressure from free trade and cheap imports has seen a recent emergence of the ‘alternative agri-food movement’ and farmers markets, where country growers now connect with city consumers all over Australia. ‘Fair food’ has become a new discourse challenging the dominant Government and agribusiness model of ‘free trade’ and ‘exports’.

Participants were encouraged and given the opportunity to share their experiences, initiatives and networks. The event was supported by the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance and the Food Alliance; and chaired and supported by the Global Compact Cities Programme.

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
- **RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION**

All reports received will be included in the WUF7 final report to be published after the closing of the Forum. We kindly urge you to send the report of your session to us **before 30 April 2014** following this format. Please be aware that not delivering the report within the deadline will be taken into consideration when applying for future events at the World Urban Forum.





- **URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE**
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- **URBAN ECONOMY**
- **URBAN BASIC SERVICES**
- **HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING**

Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The discussion was generally focused on the role of 'Fair' Food Systems as critical to urban social equity and sustainability

Rationale (across the globe) supporting this argument included:

1. Extreme weather patterns—climate change and ecological damaged caused by unsustainable food production practices
2. Steady loss of agricultural land to urban sprawl and growing urban populations.
3. Increasing urban food insecurity
4. Weakened local control of food production; dominance of mega-industrial food production and loss of biodiversity and alternative trade and exchange practices (including seed productions, increasing prices and declining diversity)

Generative needs driving this movement:

1. Bring food closer to people living in cities (here 'closer' does not just mean spatially closer) but also bringing food production into everyday life.
2. Bring people together collaboratively to change urban food practices
3. Treating food as central to questions of sustainability (as a whole)
4. Treating food as central to social life in general
5. Bring this vision to life—and show people that the vision is possible.
6. Protection of productive land and biodiversity
7. Recognising the rights of small to medium primary producers
8. The need to recognise the role of cities in building more food secure and sustainable future

Particular tasks in practice and as potential:

1. Development of food networks, co-operatives, and supported food projects (e.g., community gardens or urban agriculture projects)
2. Political awareness-raising and advocacy in relation to Fair Food
3. Education – capacity building, food literacy
4. Increasing localization of food (not just community gardening, but also local commercial agriculture)
4. Development of tools to assess sustainability of urban food systems
6. Getting food back on the agenda of local councils
 - policy development – including increased integrated land use policy that recognises urban agriculture as a valid use.
 - develop support processes for the sensitisation of food systems thinking and strategic food system design at a local level
 - increase prioritisation of funding and resources in this area





7. Incorporation of Urban Agriculture into the design phase of informal settlement upgrading
8. Urban Agriculture micro-enterprise as a tool for economic development

2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:

- *Habitat III*
- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

Greater consideration needs to be given to the impact of the urban on the regional. The characteristics that define and separate urban and rural are undeniable but how can this relationship be developed to enhance food sovereignty, social equity and ecological sustainability.

A great need to mobilise resources build more equitable and food secure cities and regions.

4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

Focus for Collaboration:

Invitation to collaborate on the development of the Urban and Regional Food Charter and Urban Food Profile Assessment Tool for Cities. This project is being developed by event hosts, the UNGCCP and Food Alliance.

The identified purpose of the charter is;

- to define a common language for food discourse
- to provide guiding framework of ecological, economic, political and cultural principles for strategic decision making and
- as a tool for advocacy

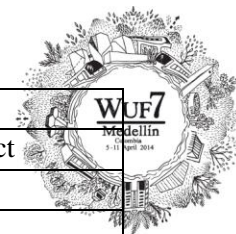
The Urban Food Profile Assessment Tool will help cities visualise the current state of their food systems and critical issues using a holistic survey grounded in the UNGCCP Circles of Sustainability Methodology.

There was considerable interest in future collaboration between the speakers and hosts and event participants on a range of topics including the fore mentioned project.

Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

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If there were more speakers/presenters/moderators in your events, please feel free to add the above tables.

UN-Habitat Thematic areas

All events are identified by UN-Habitat priority substantive areas as below.

URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE

Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market Town & Intermediate City Planning

URBAN ECONOMY

Urban & Municipal Finance, Urban Productivity, Youth and Job Creation

URBAN BASIC SERVICES

Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management

HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING

Housing, Slum Upgrading, Shelter Rehabilitation

RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION

Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, Resilience

RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Global Urban Observatory, Flagship Reports, Capacity Development

Cross-cutting issues:

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