



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN 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:	Makiko Taguchi
Event title/number:	City region food system and sustainable urban development
Date:	Wednesday, 9 April
Venue:	One UN room
Time:	08:30-12:30
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and International Sustainability Unit of the Prince of Wales Charities, with members of the Food for the Cities network
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Italy, UK, Global
Approximate number of participants:	150

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

- *Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes*

The combination of global urbanization trends with persistent hunger and malnutrition, multiple risks for disaster, and hard limits of natural resources to feed a growing world, have given rise to a vigorous debate on how to achieve a resilient and sustainable food supply in the near future. A framework for “city region food systems” has emerged as an approach to bring together sustainable cities development and food systems, with a strong effort to mainstream these in the SDGs, Habitat III, and beyond.

A city region food system is defined as “*the complex relation of actors, relations and processes related to food production, processing, marketing, and consumption in a given geographical region that includes one main or smaller urban centers and surrounding peri-urban and rural areas that exchange people, goods and services across the urban rural continuum*”.

This conference was held to shed light to the different dimensions of city region food systems and sustainable urban development – social, economic, and environmental – providing an opportunity for different stakeholders to exchange experiences and to identify concrete steps the decision makers can take for urban equity in the area of food and nutrition security, resilient city region food system, and greener design. The importance of rural urban





linkage was also emphasized, as the majority of food production still takes place in rural areas surrounding the cities, and the constant flow of people, goods, services, and resources in both directions will continue to increase.

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
 - **URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE**
 - **URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN**
 - **URBAN ECONOMY**
 - **URBAN BASIC SERVICES**
 - **RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION**
 - **RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
 - All cross-cutting issues

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The city region food system concept enables decision makers and stakeholders to grasp and take action to develop more sustainable and resilient urban development. In fact, sustainable urban development cannot be undertaken without taking into consideration the surrounding areas. Rural urban linkage is key to building healthy food systems. Looking at the system from a city region perspective requires a multi-sectorial approach, addressing the environmental, economic and social aspects. Issues such as land tenure, improved access to food by all, water and waste management, eco-system services provided by agriculture and forestry, migration, employment, nutrition, public health, disaster risk reduction can only be dealt with through a multi-sectorial approach and improved governance.

The following questions were posed to a sub-national government and civil society perspective, followed by an open discussion.

1. What are the main challenges and opportunities you encounter in implementing city region food systems from your perspective?
2. What could be done at the local, national, and international level to overcome these challenges or enhance the opportunities?

The discussion highlighted the importance of a rights-based approach and policy engagement at all levels. The governance process should include all stakeholders, which would then reflect in the policy as a shared value.

Another important aspect is that of prevention rather than prescription. Resilience is achieved through a mode of prevention, encompassing the social, economic and environmental domains.

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

For all policy processes and discussion, we advocate the importance of the inclusion of food and nutrition security in the urban agenda and the importance of rural urban linkage for sustainable development. A call for global action was presented (attached).





The agenda is also highly relevant in the Climate Change debate and the Hyogo framework on disaster risk reduction in the post-2015

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

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)

Following points are taken from the call for global action. There is a need for close collaboration among all stakeholders and partners for realization of a healthier system, and mainstreaming city region food systems and sustainable urbanization.

- Integrate non-food and food **ecosystem planning** at the city region level into disaster risk management and climate action plans.
- Link urban and rural planning and implementation in a rights-based framework through multi-level inclusive and transparent **governance mechanisms**.
- Incorporate **new tenure provisions** and frameworks to provide secure access to land and natural resources both within and outside cities.
- Integrate **biodiversity protection and waste management** with food and water flows needed for food and nutrition security in the city region.
- Commit to **expand employment opportunity** in the food chain from producers to supply chain actors including markets of all types including informal farmer and street markets.
- Recognise fair and inclusive **trade dimensions** of city region food systems.

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

(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)

The conference galvanized the collaboration between partners; FAO, UN-Habitat, ILO, IFAD, gFSC, UNCDF, CFS CSM Urban constituency, ICLEI and RUAFA. The coordination on this agenda will continue with the FAO-led Food for the Cities network.

An update of the existing MoU with UN-Habitat and FAO is also under discussion.

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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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