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## Resilient food systems (COVID-19 and the climate crisis)

### Aims of this theme:

- Building cities' capacity to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to shocks and stresses to its food system.
- Discussing how cities are responding to climate crisis in our cities
- Hearing from African cities on the impact of COVID-19 on their urban food systems

### Proposed city patron(s):

**Cape Town:** Resilience strategy

**Kampala:** Information and communication technology as a useful way improve resilience

**Dakar:** Resilience responses

### Key questions to explore:

- What are the key factors that support or undermine the sustainability and resilience of your food system?
  - In respect to supply chains and origin of the food?
  - In respect to the level of food insecurity?
  - In respect to the policies governing city food systems?
- What are the main climate shocks affecting your local food system and how prepared is your city for shocks and climate change?
- What are the main challenges with, and how is your city currently responding to, mitigation measures facing the COVID-19 pandemic?
- What policies, institutions and technologies can enable locally driven design of resilient urban food systems integrating multiple risks (e.g climate, pandemic)?
- Where to get information and how to connect for joined action towards more resilient food systems.

## Associated webinar: food, climate and COVID-19: stories from our cities

7 July 2020 | 2 p.m–3:30 p.m. CAT

**Brief description:** This discussion provides space for African cities to share their experiences and strategies for a more resilient urban food system. Insights are shared from the [FAO Questionnaire: Food Systems and COVID-19 - Municipal Response to the Emergency](#), which fielded over 200 African city responses.

Discussions will move beyond the impact and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to more long term approaches for ensuring continued access to nutritious food in the face of climatic and political shocks.

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QBMywmeuQqeRlw7EobE4Xw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QBMywmeuQqeRlw7EobE4Xw)



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**Please share 2–5 minute videos from your cities and regions, case studies and news articles, showcasing urban food initiatives – these can be of you speaking, or videos of projects / scenes**

This is an opportunity to showcase your efforts, thinking and upcoming events related to food systems, and where possible, aligned to this month-long campaign. **All ideas and actions are welcome!**

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