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# AfricanCITYFOODMonth

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## Youth, Women, Business & Innovation in Urban Food Systems

### Aims of this theme:

- Promoting innovation for improved urban food systems
- Understanding instrument policies, incentive mechanisms and de-risking measures to spur agri-businesses in and around African cities
- Highlighting the role of youth and women in innovating African city food systems

### Proposed city patron(s):

- Maputo
- Nairobi
- Accra

### Key questions to explore:

- What are the investment opportunities in your city's food system?
- What are the challenges faced when investing your cities' food systems?
- What financing models and services exist to support food system entrepreneurs and innovation in your city?
- How are we encouraging youth participation in agri-economies?
- What is your experience with innovation in your food systems (e-commerce, ICT, high input urban agriculture etc)

**Associated webinar: *how youth- and women-led small businesses can improve our local food systems***

29 July 2020 | 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. CAT

Brief description: this discussion will explore opportunities for investing to improve food systems that are inclusive and generate jobs for local businesses. Youth and women entrepreneurs will share their experience and examples of how innovation can shape the urban food system and how to leverage on their potential for future more sustainable and more local food systems.

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_K9Wjb\\_MWQoGbqfVuPrUDGw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K9Wjb_MWQoGbqfVuPrUDGw)

## Campaign Closure

**Associated webinar: *Our future food systems***

31 July 2020 | 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. CAT

Brief description: this discussion reflects on the themes and provocations of #AfricanCITYFOODCampaign and proposes key considerations for improving food systems. It also shares a number of future food visions and the efforts to achieve them.

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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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