



Food and nutrition security for African Cities

Territorial and environmental challenges

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Rising and volatile food prices, financial and economic crises, competition for access to natural resources, and environmental degradation affect food and nutrition security of populations, urban as well as rural.

The challenges for citizens and the various authorities concerned in Africa, public or private, whether local, national or supranational, are to design and implement resilient food systems.

A first step is to create good governance mechanisms that mobilize all stakeholders to work together better and to develop new practices concerted and shared.

The actors should engage in strategic territorial planning of cities, strengthen linkages between urban and rural areas, and develop the urban and peri-urban agriculture. This contributes to the creation of green cities, mosaics of trees, forests and agricultural areas all contributing to a green economy and to resilience to climate change.

This FAO Special Session will allow stakeholders from Africa and elsewhere to discuss achievements and to develop proposals in support initiatives improving food and nutrition security of urban populations through a territorial and integrated approach.



Agenda

14h30 - 17h30: Food and nutrition security for African Cities: territorial and environmental challenges

Welcome speech Amadou Ouattara, FAO Representative of Sénégal

Introduction

- **Chairperson:** El Hadji Sène, Mayor of Sokone, Sénégal
- **Moderator:** Michelle Gauthier, FAO

Opening Presentation « Food and nutrition security for African Cities: territorial and environmental challenges »: Mohamed AgBendech (FAO), Michelle Gauthier (FAO) and Sylvie Wabbes-Condotti (FAO)

Presentations

- «Strategic Territorial Planning of City-Region» Region of Ile-de-France: Jean-Jacques Helluin, Ile-de-France Region Representative in Antananarivo, Madagascar
- «Green Resilient Cities: Optimizing Trees and Forests for Healthy African Cities»: Aboubacar Koussokoye, Niger
- «Ecological intensification of agricultural production - challenges of research-action and policy for cities»: Denis Depommier, CIRAD
- Programme «Growing Greener Cities in Africa » – African Cities Experiences in Urban Agriculture: Mama Touré, FAO Sénégal

Film «Case Study on the Local Food Security System of Belo Horizonte, Brazil»: presented by Lorena Fischer and Holger Güssefeld, The World Future Council (WFC)

Plenary Discussion

Panel

- UN-Habitat: Axumite Gebre-Eqziabher
- University College London, UK: Yves Cabannes,
- Regions United – Forum of Global Associations of Regions (ORU/FOGAR)

Plenary discussion

Closing remarks

17h30 - 18h00: Launching of two publications of FAO

- The "**Pro-poor legal and institutional frameworks for urban and peri-urban agriculture**: FAO Legislative Study 108", written by Mr Yves Cabannes, published by FAO, Rome, 2012
- The "**Growing Greener Cities in Africa: First status report on urban and peri-urban horticulture in Africa**" established following the first international symposium on UPA organized by FAO in Dakar, Senegal, December 2010 (English and French versions)

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