Local Authorities (LAs) in action for Food Security

Decentralized Cooperation Programme (DCP)

Resource Mobilization and Operations Support Service (TCSR)
Policy & Programme Development Division, Technical Cooperation Department

Local Authorities and DCP

- Key actors in development as recognized by the UN, OECD, EU
- First Decentralized Cooperation Programme among UN Specialized Agencies
- Pioneered by Italy (2002), now active also in Spain, France and Belgium.
DCP Evolution (2004-2010)
Approved & Pipeline

Features

- Focus on concrete actions, long-term multi-level partnerships & twinning
- Added value to development process
- Priority to support to decentralization process, institutional capacity building, territorial development, water management, agricultural diversification, and urban and peri-urban horticulture/agriculture
Success Stories

Microgarden in the City of Dakar

Urban and peri-urban agriculture in the City of Kigali

LAs: key partners for food security

As well recognized in the State of Food Insecurity in the World 2010:

« Lessons from the experience of many countries show that building longer-term assistance activities in the framework of existing revitalized local institutions, offer the best hope of long-term sustainability and real improvement of food security. »
The way forward

• Expand DC to new partners
• Consider the role of LAs as agents for change in the new food governance system
• Establish a global mechanism to facilitate LAs consultations and participation in the CFS

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Thank you!