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### TOPIC NOTE

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➤ <http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/activities/discussions/call-urbanization-rural-transformation>

## Call for experiences and effective policy approaches in addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics

Dear FSN Forum members and colleagues,

Urbanization and rural transformation are rapidly unfolding across the world and are affecting food security and nutrition in several ways; they call for new policies and programmes that take into consideration and address the changing rural-urban contexts.

Following the CFS Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition held at the last CFS Plenary session, CFS is compiling experiences and effective policy approaches for addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics. The aim is to draw a set of key policy messages and to support the upscaling of successful approaches and programmes that lead to improved food security and nutrition.

We invite you to participate in this exercise and send information on experiences or policy approaches you may know of, no matter how big or small, longstanding or just conceptualised, as long as they are aimed at improving food security and nutrition in context of the changing rural-urban dynamics.

Below you will find the CFS call and the review criteria. Feel free to fill in the [template for submissions](#) as appropriate to your case and in your language of preference (English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

You can send your submission via mail to [FSN-moderator@fao.org](mailto:FSN-moderator@fao.org) or post it online, upon registration to the FSN Forum ([www.fao.org/fsnforum](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum)).

A selection of submissions and resulting key messages will be included in a forthcoming CFS publication on: “Addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics: experiences and effective policy approaches”.

We hope you won't miss the chance to be part of this process with your ideas and outcomes.  
*Your FSN Forum team*





The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is inviting short summaries of experiences and policy approaches in addressing food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation.

The call will be made through the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN Forum) [www.fao.org/fsnforum/](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/) starting on 8 February 2017. The deadline for submissions is 15 March 2017.

**Experiences and policy approaches must have rural-urban linkages as a primary focus and be related to one or more of the following thematic areas:**

- **Governance:** Territorial/integrated planning, services and infrastructure provision for enhanced connectivity, urban and rural policies and regulatory frameworks, land tenure, institutional arrangements and regulatory frameworks.
- **Sustainability:** Agriculture, climate change, natural resource use, economic efficiency, social inclusion.
- **Food systems:** Agriculture, sustainability, food production, food losses and waste, food transformation (transport, storage, processing, finance, wholesaling and retailing), food consumption patterns, supply chain management, nutrition, value chains, resources flow, rural responses to urbanization.
- **Social and economic equity:** labor and employment, youth employment, social protection, consumption patterns, health, nutrition, migration, multi-level livelihood systems, labor mobility, gender equality, education, social participation, poverty reduction, development of rural economy, resilience.

All submissions will be shared through the FSN Forum and made available on the CFS website. A Technical Task Team will review and select the submissions received on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Focus on rural-urban linkages:** extent to which the experience/policy addresses inter-linkages and complementarities between rural and urban areas.
- **Impact/relevance to food security and nutrition:** extent to which the experience/policy addresses food security and nutrition issues (availability, access, utilization and stability) and poverty reduction.
- **Adversity:** extent to which the experience/policy presents lessons (positive and negative) on how gaps, obstacles and other adverse conditions (administrative, economic, political etc.) were addressed.
- **Equity:** extent to which the experience/policy addresses the role of smallholders including family farmers, vulnerable individuals and groups (women, youth, disabled, indigenous people, migrants/refugees).
- **Innovation and change:** extent to which the experience/policy presents a self-perceived element of change in the approach taken.

Following the review and selection process, the Technical Task Team will synthesize and analyze the experiences and develop key messages to be discussed and agreed by the CFS Open Ended Working Group on Urbanization and Rural Transformation in June 2017. The resulting document will be presented for endorsement at the next CFS Plenary session in October 2017.

*CFS Open Ended Working Group on Urbanization and Rural Transformation*

## Template for submissions (Approximately 1000 words in total)



The template can be downloaded here:

[http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/sites/default/files/files/136 call urbanization rural transformation/Template-for-submissions-EN.docx](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/sites/default/files/files/136%20call%20urbanization%20rural%20transformation/Template-for-submissions-EN.docx)

### Proponent

### Main responsible entity

### Date/Timeframe

### Funding source

### Location

### Background/Context

**Focus/Objectives****Key characteristics of the experience/process****Key actors involved and their role****Key changes observed with regards to food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture and food systems****Challenges faced****Lessons/Key messages**