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Session: **Feeding Intermediary Cities**

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President of the Session: *H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu*

Moderator of the Session: *Kostas Stamoulis, FAO*

Rapporteur: *Rebeccah Wanjiru, FAO-Kenya*



AGENDA

9:00

Session introduction

H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County

Ms. Carla Mucavi, FAO Representative to Kenya (on behalf of the organizers)

9:10

Rules of the game by the Moderator

Mr. Kostas Stamoulis, FAO

9:15

Presentation

Mr. Gareth Haysom, African Centre for Cities

9:25

PANEL DISCUSSION

Presentation of the draft recommendations to stakeholders, by the Moderator

- H.E: Oumar Gueye, Ministre des Collectivités Territoriales de Développement et de l'Aménagement des Territoires, Senegal
- Ms. Thule Lenneye, Head of the Agriculture Transformation Office, Kenya
- Mr. Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco
- Mr. Manuel de Araujo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique
- Mr. Bachir Kanoute, Director, ENDA ECOPOP
- Ms. Tamsin Faragher, Principle Resilience Officer, City of Cape Town, South Africa

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Break

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10:30

Sharing experiences on sustainable urban food systems transformation (Panel)

Moderated by Paul Currie (ICLEI) and Pablo Fernandez (UCLG)

- Mr. Ndiagne Diop, Mayor of Bambilor, Senegal
- Mr. Alioune Badara Ly, Mayor of Kounghoul, Senegal
- Mr. Gilchrist Okuom, Agriculture Minister, Kisumu, Kenya
- Ms. Mpasa Mwaya, Mayor of Kitwe, Zambia
- Mrs. Mary Kibira, Chief Officer, Food Agriculture and Forestry, Nairobi, Kenya
- Ms. Chilando Chitangala, Mayor of Lusaka, Zambia
- Mr. Stephen Gaya Agong, Head, Kisumu Local Interaction Platform

11:20

Questions from the floor and discussion

11:50

Concluding Remarks

CONCEPT NOTE

Africa will continue to have the **fastest urban growth** in the world. Considering that the level of urbanization in Africa and at global level is increasing and that 70% of food is consumed by urban inhabitants, food systems transformation is increasingly becoming an issue tightly related to urban food systems transformation.

Urban food systems are plagued by high prevalence of different forms of malnutrition including overweight and obesity and high rates of food waste. Unhealthy urban diets combined with deficient health systems and unhealthy living conditions create a vicious circle of ill health and malnutrition. Meeting urban diets is crippled by increasing pressure on our natural resources while urban populations especially the poor are at high risk of malnutrition and food-related non-communicable diseases. Moreover, urban food systems emit over 20 percent of planet Earth's greenhouse gas (GHG), of which food loss and waste is among the top five largest contributors.

The **role of cities and local governments** in achieving sustainable food systems transformation has been therefore prioritized during the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) convened by the UN Secretary General in September 2021. In the context of the UNFSS the **Urban Food Systems Coalition** has been established as one of the emerging coalitions, with the aim of promoting coherent action on urban food systems and fostering linkages between national and sub-national governments but also links between urban food systems with other systems such as health, social protection etc. in urban planning.

Therefore, it is fundamental that urban food systems are debated at the **Africities Summit** and the conclusions and **recommendations** be presented in its main political session, to trigger commitment and action to transform them.

The event "*Feeding intermediary cities*" aims at:

- 1 Getting urban food systems recognized as a key topic to achieve sustainable urban development.
- 2 Presenting the role of intermediary cities as key nodes of food system evolution and transformation and of urban-rural linkages
- 3 Showcasing the experiences of intermediary cities which have included food systems in their local plans using different entry points such as urban and peri-urban agriculture, public procurement, the improvement of the retail food environments, the improvement of the food waste management.
- 4 Brainstorming on key recommendations for putting in place urban food systems governance which include local, regional and national governments.