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TOOL/EXAMPLE



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Tool/Example:

Toronto –Project Visioning Chart

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Introduction to the joint programme

This tool is part of the City Region Food Systems (CRFS) toolkit to assess and plan sustainable city region food systems. The toolkit has been developed by FAO, RUAF Foundation and Wilfrid Laurier University with the financial support of the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation.

Link to programme website and toolbox

<http://www.fao.org/in-action/food-for-cities-programme/overview/what-we-do/en/>

<http://www.fao.org/in-action/food-for-cities-programme/toolkit/introduction/en/>

<http://www.ruaf.org/projects/developing-tools-mapping-and-assessing-sustainable-city-region-food-systems-cityfoodtools>

Tool summary:

Brief description	This vision chart was developed at the start of the CRFS project to determine possible City Region Food System activities.
Expected outcome	To align a common vision on ultimate CRFS outcomes and to generate a joint understanding of what type of information and data could be analysed and what type of stakeholders could be engaged in the process.
Expected Output	To generate a joint understanding of what type of information and data could be analysed and what type of stakeholders could be engaged in the process.
Scale of application	Project level
Expertise required for application	Project management
Examples of application	Toronto and Greater Golden Horseshoe
Year of development	2015
References	-

Tool description:

The vision chart is an outcome of a Toronto Task Force focus group meeting to determine possible City Region Food System activities. It was developed at the start of the CRFS project to align a common vision on ultimate CRFS outcomes and to generate a joint understanding of what type of information and data could be analysed and what type of stakeholders could be engaged in the process. The chart was completed following the definition of an overarching project vision ('Healthy food for all, sourced as regionally as possible and as sustainably produced, processed, packaged, and distributed as possible') using sustainability

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goals applied across the food chain. The sustainability goals were captured as: Improve health, well-being and social sustainability; Increase economic growth, jobs and agricultural viability, and; Improve stewardship of resources and land based management. The value chain categories include: Agricultural inputs and production; Storage, processing and manufacturing; Wholesale and distribution; Marketing, catering and retail; Consumption; Organic waste management; Food and farm policy; Democratic engagement, and; Education. The circles on the inside of the diagram were written on sticky notes as part of a brainstorming exercise and then aligned within the sustainability/food chain framework. It should be noted that the building of much more detailed vision at this stage in the process was possible in Toronto as the Toronto Task Force could build on earlier food systems work. In cities where such previous work and engagement does not exist, formulation of more detailed vision and sustainability dimensions may only take place later in the process. However, a more global project vision can be established as the process begins based on the materials provided in this toolkit. (See next page for the sample visioning tool)

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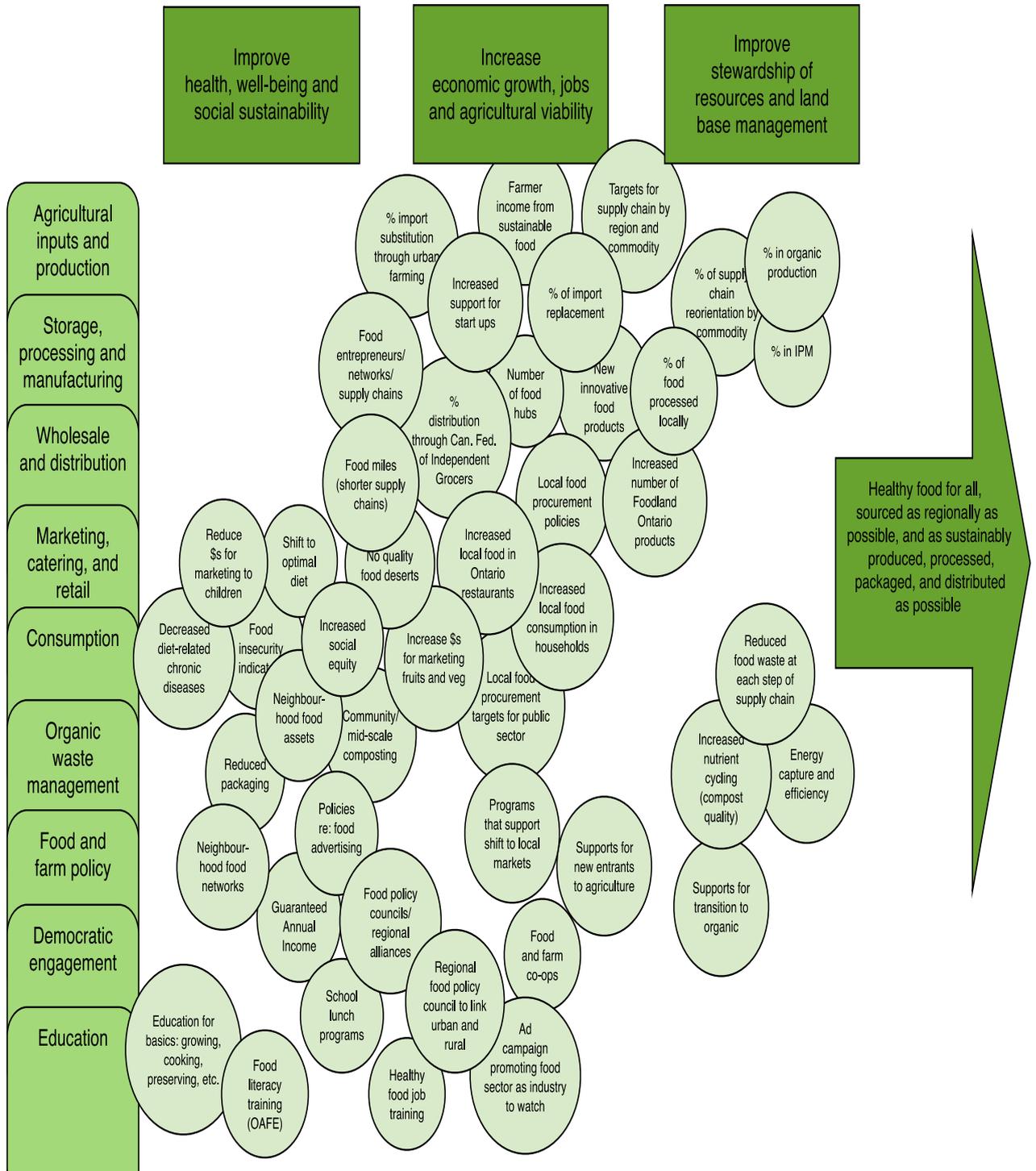


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(Source: Toronto Public Health)

