

CITIES AS AGENTS OF CHANGE IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

THE ROLE OF INCLUSIVE MULTISTAKEHOLDER GOVERNANCE FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL LEVEL

Urban agrifood systems feed most of the global population. They are essential to the wellbeing, health and prosperity of communities and the environment. There are multiple points of leverage within urban agrifood systems to transform food systems inclusively, equitably, and justly into ways that are locally meaningful and owned. Cities, with their routine governance relationship with communities and the surrounding landscape, are key to accelerating and effectively accessing these opportunities. They can respond agilely to changing circumstances and bring together multiple actors, for transformation. However, the goal of sustainable, resilient urban agrifood systems is challenged by the complex intersection with other systems like climate, biodiversity and administratively, for example: technical and financial constraints, competing mandates, and lack of coordinated, coherent policies within city administrations and across multiple levels of government.

Urgent action, led by national and local governments, is needed to build institutional capacity, and foster inclusive governance.

This event critically discusses the pivotal role cities play in urban agrifood system transformation. Examples of multi-stakeholder action in the areas of food loss and waste, public food markets as well as national government support for food and nutrition urban challenges, are presented. The need for a global collaboration of urban agrifood systems actors—uniting governments, city networks, international organizations, NGOs, and research institutions to drive collective action and sustainable urban agrifood systems, will also be introduced.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, 24 October 2024
- **Time:** 08:30-09:45 CEST
- **Organizers:** FAO, ICLEI, GAIN
- **In person present:** Sheikh Zayed Centre (FAO Headquarters)
- **Online participation:** Register [HERE](#)

Agenda

Moderator: Corinna Hawkes, Director, Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
8.30	Introduction	Corinna Hawkes , Director, Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO
8.35	Opening remarks	Zhimin WU , Director, Forestry Division, FAO
8.45	Local authorities' role and multi-stakeholder governance for food loss and waste reduction	Jacques Kossowski , Mayor, City of Courbevoie, France
8.55	Public food markets (how city supports the food market to meet citizen demands, lessons learnt and expectation from partners)	Grace Kaziya , Director, Department of Housing and Social Services, Lusaka City, Zambia
9.05	Public food markets and Food Systems Pathway local delivery	Abel Dabula , Head of Programmes, GAIN: Mozambique
9.15	National support on urban agrifood systems transformation-Brazilian experience and the new challenges of Food and Nutrition agenda	Lilian dos Santos Rahal , National Secretary for Food and Nutrition Security, Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil
9.25	Q & A section	All
9.40	Wrap-up	Corinna Hawkes , Director, Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO

The side event will be held in English with Portuguese translation.

Please join us for coffee outside the Sheikh Zayed Centre at 08.00 CEST.