



SE25 - GOVERNING SUSTAINABLE, CLIMATE RESILIENT & EQUITABLE URBAN AND PERI-URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATIONS

FIELD INSIGHTS AND POLICY INNOVATIONS FROM BRAZIL, SPAIN & ETHIOPIA

Cities and urban regions are increasingly recognized as key actors in driving food systems transformation, especially in the face of climate change.

Following the launch of the CFS HLPE-FSN Report 20 on Building Resilient Food Systems in September 2025, this side event will explore how cities and urban regions can be leaders in advancing sustainable development and climate resilience. Building on the findings of HLPE Report 19 and contributing to the HLPE Report 20, the session will examine polycentric governance innovations for multi-level policy processes and pathways that enable and strengthen urban and peri-urban food systems transformations through inclusive, multi-level, and multi-actor approaches, featuring concrete examples from urban territories across the world. The session will be framed by an introduction connecting both HLPE reports, focusing on the need to strengthen vertical integration between national and local policy processes to build resilience. It will also consider the relevance of formal and informal institutions in structuring participation, decision-making, and accountability for improved food systems, while reflecting Global South perspectives on structural inequalities, and highlighting how civil society's innovative approaches to food security and climate change can contribute to driving food systems transitions.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, 23 October 2025
- **Time:** 13:30–14:45 CEST
- **Organizers:** FAO, BMLEH, IFAD, EU, IFPRI, University of Cape Town, University of Galway, Government of Brazil, CONSEA
- **In person present:** Iran Room, FAO Headquarters, Rome (Hybrid)
- **Online participation:** Register [HERE](#)

Agenda

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
13.30	Introduction	Guido Santini , Global Programme Coordinator, FAO
13h35	Opening remarks	Elisabetta Recine , IPES-Food, HLPE-FSN, CONSEA Danielle Resnick , IFPRI
13.45	Implementation of national strategy “Feeding the Cities” - to improve the access of healthy food in Brazil	Patrícia Chaves Gentil , Director of the Department for the Promotion of Adequate and Healthy Eating, Ministry for Social Development and Assistance of Brazil
13.55	Barcelona’s Multilevel Food Governance Spaces	Ana Moragues Faus , FARO, University of Barcelona
14.05	EcoFoodSystems approach to enable transitions towards sustainable, sustainable, healthier and affordable diets in city regions	Alemtsehay Sergawi , Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia (NSA)
14.15	Panel discussion Q & A section	Moderator Prof. Charles Spillane Agriculture, Food Systems and Bioeconomy Research Centre at the University of Galway
14.40	Wrap-up	Guido Santini & Elisabetta Recine

The side event will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and Portuguese.

Please join us for coffee after the event.



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