

World Urban Forum V – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The right to the city – Bridging the urban divide



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- Food for the cities: a multi-disciplinary initiative

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The World Urban Forum



- Organized every second year by UN-Habitat
 - “Established to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies and policies “
- Participation of mayors and national governments, academic, urban planners, civil society and NGOs, private sector, etc...

WUF Previous editions



1. Nairobi , Kenya (2002) - 1,000 participants
2. Barcelona , Spain (2004): “Cities : Crossroads of cultures, inclusiveness and integration? “ - 4,000 participants
3. Vancouver, Canada (2006): “Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action” - 12,000 participants
4. Nanjing, China (2008): “Harmonious Urbanization: The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development” - 8,000 participants and 20,000 visitors

World Urban Forum V



- Theme: « The right to the city- Bridging the urban divide »
- Hosted by Brazil
- 22 to 26 March in Rio de Janeiro
- 18,000 registered participants
- Participation of FAO (HQs + RLC) + partners



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The right to food in Brazil



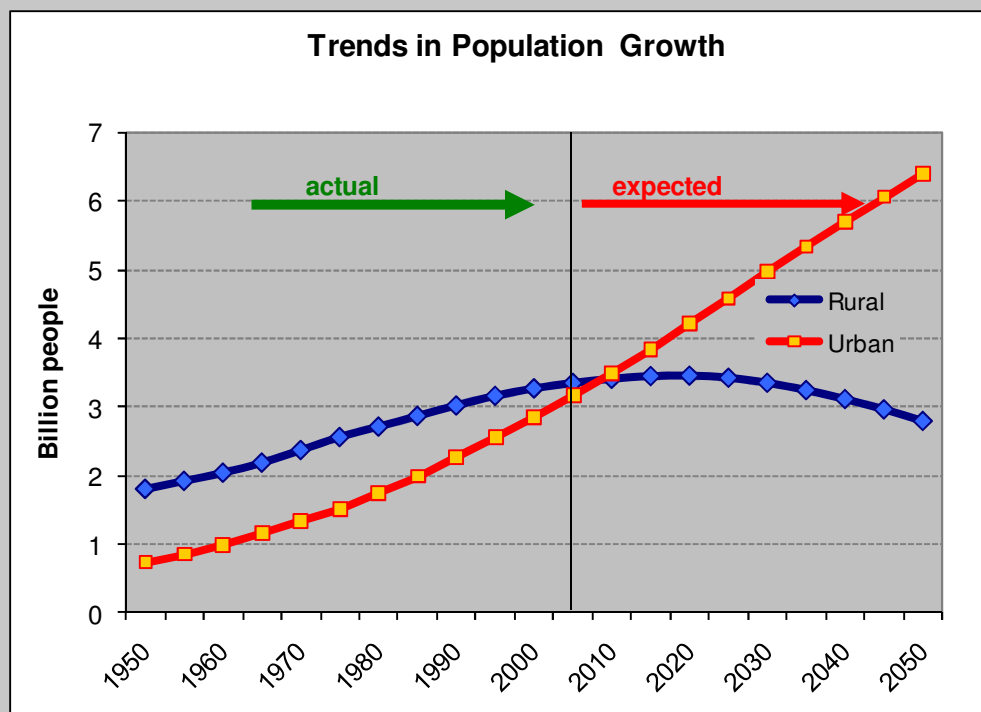
- "Food and nutritional security law (LOSAN)", a framework law adopted in 2006
- The “right to food” in the Federal Constitution
- The “Fome zero” programme
- Multi-stakeholder and participatory approach
- Role of local authorities and inter-ministerial work

A series of events



- Dialogue session 6 - *Sustainable Urbanization: Cities in a Changing Climate*
- Networking events
 - FAO : *Food security: bridging the urban-rural divide*
 - FAO (HQ+RLC)-IDRC-RUAF-WB- Brazilian Ministry of Social Development (MDS) joint / co-funded event: *Cities, Food and Agriculture: Towards sustainable and equitable urban food systems*
 - UN-Standing Committee on Nutrition: *Nutrition in cities*
 - Others, e.g. Heifer and USDA: *Enhancing Communities, Food-Security, Sustainable Agriculture Through Urban-Rural Linkages*

Context



- More than 50 % of the World population in cities
- Almost 5 billion people will live in cities in 2030
- In 2050, more than 6 billion, 70 %



How to provide food and healthy diets to the cities?

Crisis hit cities

- direct effects:
 - food, financial and economic crises impact the urban poor
 - impact of natural disasters
- indirect effects: migration from rural to urban areas increase urban population

Challenges in cities



- Food Security and Nutrition: enhancing rural-urban linkages
- Natural Resources management (including land, water, forests and trees):
 - Within urban and peri-urban areas
 - Territorial planning
- Crisis mitigation

What FAO is doing



- Technical expertise and assistance
 - food production; distribution and marketing
 - access to natural resources (water, land, forestry)
 - food safety and sanitation issues, etc...
- Advocacy and partnerships at global level (food and agriculture in the agendas)
- Multilevel activities and operations: linking ministers and local governments, partnership with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Decentralized Cooperation Programme

A multi-disciplinary initiative



- Chair: Paul Munro-Faure (NRC)
- Secretary: Florence Egal (AGN)
- Facilitator: Julien Custot
- Food for the cities multi-disciplinary group: 67 members from HQs and DOs

Key milestones



- 1997 Meeting of the Support Group of Urban Agriculture (SGUA) called by International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada
- CoAG 15th Session - 1999 (UPA document)
 - IDWG established as recommended by CoAG
- PAIA (Priority Area for Interdisciplinary Action) in 2000
- Sept. 2009 Technical Consultation “Food, Cities and Agriculture: challenges and way forward”

Food for the cities website



The screenshot shows the website's interface. At the top, there are language options: 中文, english, français, and español. The main header features the FAO logo and the text 'Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for a world without hunger'. Below this is a search bar and a navigation menu with items like 'FAO Home', 'Food for the cities - Home', 'Food security, nutrition and livelihoods', 'Production systems (UPA)', 'Food marketing and distribution', 'Food processing and street foods', 'Environment and health', 'Policy, planning and institutions', 'Cities: crisis and preparedness', 'Publications', 'Working documents', 'Calendar of Events', and 'News'. The main content area is titled 'Food for the Cities' and includes a banner image of people in a market. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'Food, Cities and Agriculture: challenges and priorities' with a quote: 'More and more the world's population is becoming concentrated in and around cities. Ensuring the right to have access to safe and nutritious food to the billions of people living in cities represents a global development challenge of the highest order'. This is followed by a paragraph about the FAO's commitment to the World Urban Forum V and a call for ideas and inputs. To the right, there is a 'BROCHURE' section with a thumbnail image of a brochure titled 'FOOD CITIES' and text indicating it is available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Below that is a 'FACTSHEETS' section with a thumbnail image of a factsheet.

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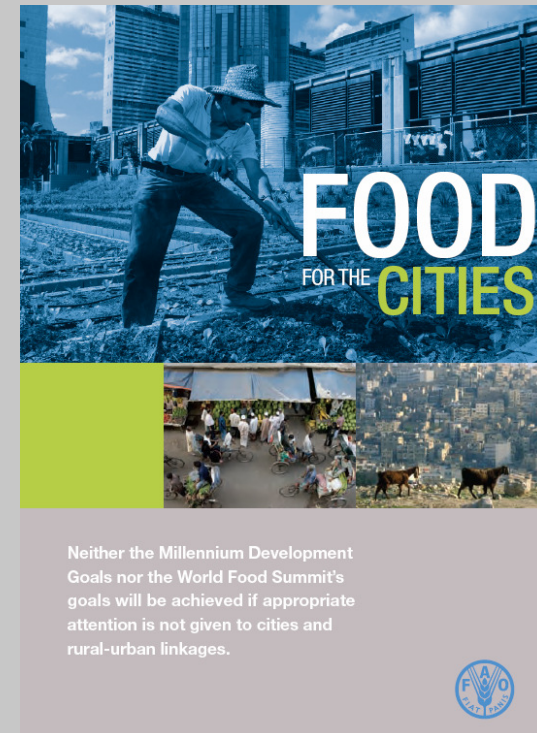
Publications and info materials



Multi-languages technical fact sheets



Multi-languages brochure

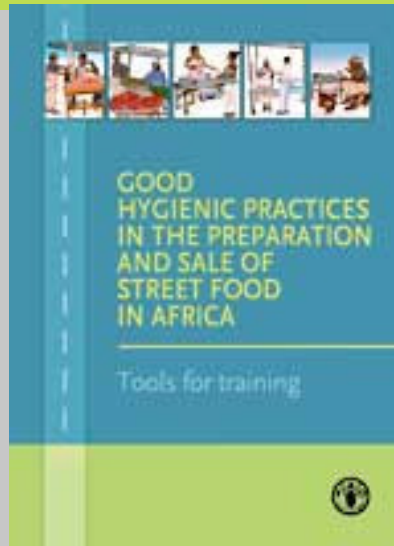


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Activities and cross-cutting issues



Street foods



Water management



Emergencies in cities

Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry



Decentralized cooperation UPA/UPH



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FAO Projects in urban and peri-urban areas



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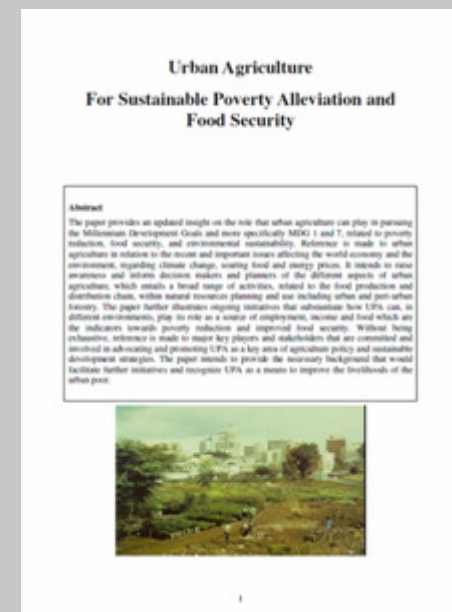
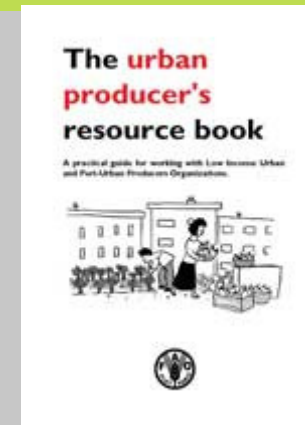
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|  | Unilateral Trust Fund / Decentralized Cooperation
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Ex.: Urban agriculture in Antananarivo proposal |
|  | Emergency and Rehabilitation Programme
Ex.: Haiti |  | Telefood projects
Ex.: Columbia |
|  | Special Programme for Food Security
Ex.: Venezuela |  | Other projects |

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Food for the cities activities



- Trust Fund project GCP/INT/955/CAN Urban producers' resource book
- Resource Centre on Urban Agriculture and Food Security Foundation (RUAF): projects, joint events
- World Bank : “Urban Agriculture For Sustainable Poverty Alleviation and Food Security” paper (Cooperative Programme / TCI)



Increasing partnership



- UN Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) – Task Force (Geneva) on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas (6-7 Sept 2009 FAO hosted IASC-TF workshop)
- Association of local authorities: Metropolis-United Cities Local Governments
- International meetings (Africités, World Forestry Congress, World Water Week, etc...)
- Food-for-cities@dgroups.org discussion list: recently launched, increasing, towards a global network
- Collaboration to the Milano Expo 2015 “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life”

Our message to the World Urban Forum



- Mayors and urban planners must incorporate food security and nutrition in urban policies and planning
- Natural resources management in urban & peri-urban areas is a key element of NRM national planning
- Urban-rural linkages are a key dimension of livelihoods and territorial planning, cities are key drivers and support rural development
- Food security is a critical issue for cities in the context of crisis and disaster risk management



Question and comments



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