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### *The right to the city – Bridging the urban divide*



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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 document provides a synthesis of the issues related to food, agriculture and cities and provides a set of recommendations for action at the global, national and local level (July 2010).

With different partners, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) is committed to the World Urban Forum V. "Call for Ideas and Input - Towards a statement on food, agriculture and cities for the World Urban Forum: an online discussion forum on food, agriculture and Nutrition forum is now available (link to the FSN-Forum) (March, 2010)

Since 2007 the world's population is predominantly urban. FAO has been following with attention the acceleration of urbanization over the last 20 years and its implications for the Organization. FAO's Strategic Framework 2010-2015 and corresponding Medium Term Plans therefore identified Food for the Cities as a Priority Area for Inter-disciplinary Action.

The task of feeding the world's cities adequately constitutes an increasingly pressing challenge, requiring the co-ordinated interaction of food resources, innovations, market orientation and a range of other reforms. It also

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