"Food and Nutrition Security in Urban Centers" 25 October 2023 – 13:30 – 14:45 h

Opening Remarks:

Melissa Pomeroy, member of National Council for Food and Nutrition Security (Brazil) (in person)

Speakers:

Mrs. Sara Granados, oficial de FAO Chile (virtual attendance);

Mrs. Patrícia Gentil, Director in Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger (in person);

Mr. Rodrigo Corradi, Representative of ICLEI – Local Government for Sustainable (virtual attendance) **Mrs. Dayane Bordignon Xavier,** Nutritionistat Municipial Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security (virtual attendance);

Mr. César Florian Muñoz, Management of Township, Mayor's Office of Medellín, Colombia (virtual attendance);

Mrs. Francine Xavier, representative from LUPPA – Food Public Policy Urban Lab

Moderator:

Melissa Pomeroy, member of National Council for Food and Nutrition Security (Brazil) (in person)

The Side event started with the introdution by Mrs. Melissa Pomeroy. She presented the event and the aims, and then highlighted speakers. She gave the floor to Mrs. Sara Granado, who presented the challenges of intermediate cities, who will grow and pressure the components of Food and Security Nutrition and how governments, civil society and international organizations can act to mitigate and create opportunities to reverse this situation.

Mr. Rodrgigo Corradi made a reflection about how ICLEI has been working to support local and regional governments to creating systemic change across entire urban system, addressing circular development.

Mr. César Florian Muñoz had the floor presented the experience of Medellín about urban-rural connections in which the set of townships intend to transform its agrifood systems, with a gender focus, toward a ecocity where the food can be access for all.

Mrs. Dayane Bordignon Xavier shared the experience of Curitiba, a knowing big municipality of south Brazil in which integrated local and national policies are able to create a favorable food system to produce healthy food to all.

The discussion continued by Mrs. Francine Xavier, who talk about LUPPA, as a collaborative platform and a continuous-learning program to support and facilitate cities to promote food policies with a systemic approach, in an intersectoral, coherent, and participatory way.

Finally, Mrs. Patrícia Gentil presented the Brazilian experience, sharing the last actions and thoughts of its government in terms of Food and Nutrition Security, and the focus on urban centers, their challenges and opportunities to strengthen the urban food systems.