

CFS CHAIR TALKING POINTS

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Key Messages and Talking Points

Message One: Call for shift towards deconstructing the rural-urban dichotomy, and reframing the policy environment around a more holistic approach to integrated policies

1. The food systems challenges and opportunities arising from climate action and the localization of the 2030 agenda call for a commitment to balanced territorial development approaches by promoting equitable growth across the rural and urban continuum of regions.
2. Historically, governments and the international community have tended to focus on urban and rural development as separate 'sectors' and challenges, and usually through the lenses of sectoral progress.
3. These sectoral policies will not suffice to eradicate poverty and hunger. Policy measures and incentives will need to be assessed from a food system-wide approach, and to take into account constraints determined by the interplay between geographic, social, economic and institutional factors.
4. There is need for integrated policies which address the specific food security and nutrition challenges and opportunities arising from urbanization and rural transformation -- a policy gap not currently being addressed.
5. The SDGs, the New Urban Agenda, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, have marked a significant and unprecedented shift towards deconstructing the rural-urban dichotomy, and reframing the policy environment around a more holistic approach to integrated policies. They should be strongly encouraged in this effort.
6. Bridging this divide requires integrated approaches with strong, inclusive governance, bringing together different sectors and relevant stakeholders (horizontal policy integration) and the integration of actors at local, national and international levels (vertical policy integration)

Message Two: CFS Policy products

Over the years, CFS has negotiated and endorsed policy products that can guide cities and urban leaders to design programmes, policies and investments for sustainable food systems.

1. CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food systems and Nutrition, recommend that...."*Governments should, where appropriate integrate urban and peri-urban agriculture and land use into national and local food systems and nutrition development strategies and programmes, as well as urban and territorial planning, as a viable input into enabling healthy diets through sustainable food systems and support stable supply of safe and nutritious food"*

2. CFS Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches contain a number of recommendations on bridging the rural and urban territories including their call to*strengthen local, national and regional markets to link urban communities and rural territories through sustainable food production systems that support rural livelihoods*
3. CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests In the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS RAI Principles) are also key in their role facilitating more integrated land use planning while safeguarding tenure rights and promoting more responsible investment in agriculture and food systems.
4. The policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets encourage governments to employ public policy to support “territorial markets”.
5. CFS is also working on a number of other policy products including on gender, youth, data, and inequalities that are directly relevant to cities, as well.
6. Urge all urban and city food system leaders to utilize CFS products.