Synergies between the FAO Framework for the Urban Food Agenda and the EU Farm to Fork Strategy

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FARM TO FORK: Aiming at fundamental food system transformation

Make sure Europeans have access to healthy, affordable and sustainable food.

Tackle climate change.

Protect the environment and preserve biodiversity.

Ensure a fair economic return in the supply chain.

Increase organic farming.
URBAN FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION
KEY TO FOOD SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY

The Farm to Fork Strategy recognize the key role of Cities and the importance of Sustainable Urban Food Systems

KEY MESSAGE 1
Urban Food Systems are key for Food Systems Transformation
1. Rural-urban synergies  
   -Space matters/ influence agriculture-
2. Social inclusion and equity  
   -Leave no one behind-
3. Resilience and sustainability  
   -Safeguarding the future/climate change-
4. Food systems (inter)connections  
   -Integrated perspective matters-
Focus: Urban Food Systems
THE FAO URBAN FOOD ACTION PROGRAMME AND THE COMPREHENSIVE AREAS OF SUPPORT (CASs)
FAO Urban Food Agenda & EU Farm 2 Fork refer to the same key entry points for promoting Sustainable Food Systems transformation.
SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE URBAN FOOD AGENDA AND THE FARM TO FORK (2)

- Both strive towards achieving the SDGs
- They are inter-linked: **Vertical** (among different level of governments, from farm to fork) and **Horizontal** (links among the various food systems at national and global levels) integration
- They call for a **Multi-Stakeholder Approach**, including Governments, Private sector across the food value chain, Non-Governmental Organizations, Social Partners, Academics and Citizens

**KEY MESSAGE 3/2**
Even if they refer to limited geographic areas, they are both fundamental for national food systems transformation

**KEY MESSAGE 3/3**
Even though Urban food systems are not the main focus for the Farm to Fork Strategy, food system management in cities will have reverberation on the entire sustainable food systems transformation
FAO 2020 Survey to Assess the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Systems in Cities

- **861** responses
- **77** countries
- **57%** - respondents from local & subnational governments

**KEY MESSAGE 4**
Great potential of local governments to innovate and support livelihoods

- **80%**: Direct food distribution particularly to vulnerable population
- **69%**: Coordination with private sector and other non-governmental actors
- **60%**: Monitoring food availability and prices in urban markets

Measures taken by local governments to mitigate the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Systems in Cities
THE COMMON CHALLENGE: ADULT OBESITY IS INCREASING WORLDWIDE (2)

Developing countries are facing serious challenges moving towards a sustainable food system

Key Message 5
The city to city exchange: European cities can be crucial for addressing food security and nutrition challenges in developing countries
• Promote evidence generation on urban food systems, mapping the most vulnerable and understanding the root causes of vulnerability

• City-to-city links: Sister cities programmes with European cities can be promoted on capacity development and other technical support

• Research and innovation for building back better sustainable food systems beyond the emergency

• Promote the global transition to sustainable urban food systems in international events including the Nutrition for Growth Summit in 2021 and the Food Systems Summit in all of which we can seek ambitious policy outcomes

WHAT COULD BE THE POSSIBLE JOINT NEXT STEPS TO MAKE THESE FRAMEWORKS A REAL LEVERAGE FOR CHANGE?
FOR MORE INFORMATION

FAO framework for the Urban Food Agenda:

FAO Urban Food Agenda Website:
http://www.fao.org/urban-food-agenda

The Urban food Actions Platform:
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