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Program

International seminar: Local Urban Food Policies in the global food sovereignty debate, Ghent, 11-12 June 2015.

Local food systems are being developed all around the world. But what is their contribution to global food sovereignty and (how) do these local options influence each other? This international seminar **takes the policy option to build urban local food systems as the starting point** for analysis and debate. Its goals are:

- 1) to enhance the knowledge on **how local food systems can contribute to sustainable cities worldwide** and what role it can take in the global challenge **to increase food sovereignty**,
- 2) to build usable concepts to understand **how local food systems are globally linked to the same objectives**,
- 3) to gather inspiration and advice for policies at local, EU and global level that can maximize **local urban food systems' contribution to food sovereignty and sustainability worldwide**.

Thursday 11 June: field visits to neighbourhood 'Rabot'

13h00	Welcome and registration. Department of Culture, Veldstraat 11, 9000 Gent
13h30-17h30	Field visits to neighbourhood 'Rabot' <ul style="list-style-type: none">- urban farming project 'De Site' http://www.rabotsite.be/en- social restaurant "Toreke": http://www.eetcafetoreke.be/ (transport by public transport and walking)
19h00	Dinner: Le Petit Botanique, Kammerstraat 19, 9000 Gent http://lepetitbotanique.be/

Friday 12 June: international seminar

8h30	Coffee and registration Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent http://www.ugent.be/het-pand/en/accessibility
9h00	Opening comments by Deputy Mayor Tine Heyse
9h15-12h45	Seminar key notes and open forum discussions
12h45 – 14h00	Lunch and networking
14h00 – 16h30	Seminar key notes and open forum discussions
17h00	Closing remarks
19h00	(optional) Informal dinner at Stadscafé, Emile Braunplein

The program will follow three tracks of discussion in which all participants will be able to contribute in an open forum setting.

Governance of local urban food systems

How do local authorities deal with this challenge of multi-actor and multi-level governance? What do the processes needed to establish local urban food systems contribute to government legitimacy, citizens participation and government effectiveness?

Key-note contributions from city realities:

- ° **Cape Town**, South Africa: dr. Jane Battersby-Lennard, African Centre for Cities
- ° **Montreal**, Canada: Aaron Vansintjan, McGill University

With responses from: Leuven University, City of Torino, Stalford University, City of Quito, University of Pretoria, VVSG, Ghent University

Urban-rural continuum

If it is true that local food systems should rely on a stronger relation between peri-urban food production and urban market, what kind of interventions are needed to adapt markets and/or production systems?

Key-note contributions from city realities:

- ° **Lisbon**, Portugal: Cecilia Delgado, Laboratoria Nacional de Engenharia Civil
- ° **Tegucigalpa**, Honduras: Fausto Rodriguez, VECO-MA

With responses from: Nairobi County, Flemish Government, Sri Lanka Western Province, City of Ghent, Ghent University

Food security – food sovereignty

How can local food systems contribute to food sovereignty? Will establishing local food systems help the creation of fair food chains? Do choices to establish local food systems in one region have a positive impact on opportunities for cities in other regions or are global trade relations more defining?

Key-note contributions from city realities:

- ° **Havana**, Cuba: Maria Caridad Cruz, Fundación Antonio Nuñez Jiménez
- ° **Chennai**, India: Krishnadasan Palaniswamy, Tamilnadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (tbc)

With responses from: City of Medellin, Fair Trade movement representatives, Food Smart Cities for Development network

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