Leveraging Urbanization for Food Systems Transformation
Monday, 24 July, 16.30 – 18.00 (CET) – Red Room

Background and objectives
Urban populations are expected to reach 68% by 2050 compared to approximately 56% today. Cities consume 70% of total food production and they are significantly contributing to Greenhouse Gas emissions, food waste and environmental degradation. These megatrends threaten the sustainability of the entire food systems, but cities can also be centres of innovation, creativity, and learning. Many cities are taking action to sustainably transform food systems. One area of progress since the UN Food Systems Summit, is that champion cities are increasingly joining forces with national governments to ensure that national food systems policies reflect local concerns.

This event aims to heighten awareness, to inspire, advocate and learn together as cities and countries share their tangible initiatives and experiences of how they are working towards shared food systems goals.

Expected outcomes
The role of cities as key entry points to ignite national and global level food systems transformation will be showcased. Collective follow-up actions will be identified including capacity building on how city, local and national governments can better work together for achieving sustainable and resilient food systems transformation. The need for many more cities and local governments to be given the space and agency to engage in the design and implementation of policies and programs developed at national level will be highlighted.

Moderator
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Programme
16:30 Opening Remarks
16:40 Keynote Speech
16:45 Panel
17:30 Q&A and Discussion
17:55 Closing