Event Details

Title of event
Integrating food systems into local planning

Organization Details
Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to end hunger. Its goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. http://www.fao.org/

Organization Country: Global

Summary
The training event is primarily intended for National and Local Government Officials and urban actors from different disciplines involved or aspired to be involved in food related issues at city and / or regional level. It is structured into four stages: First, three instructors will introduce and discuss critical dimensions of urban food system planning: multiple spatial, multiple sectors, and multi-actors, and how to integrate urban food system-thinking into urban planning taking into consideration their intricate linkages and interactions. Three innovative experiences are then introduced to deepen, nuance, and illustrate the concepts further: Tamale, Ghana, Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Quito, Ecuador. They will show how basic principles need to be tailored and adapted to each reality and to each urban scale: metropolitan regions; capital cities and their hinterland, intermediate and small-scale cities and villages embedded in a rural region. The participants will then work in smaller groups to practice food system planning approach and will share their findings in plenary.

As a result of the training course, participants will: [a] Acquire conceptual and practical knowledge on Food Systems Planning; [b] Be exposed to leading cities of different sizes and types, that practice urban food planning; [c] Gain critical knowledge on instruments and tools to better integrate food into urban planning; [d] Better understand the comparative advantages, limits, and risks of the tools and methods that can be used.

The instructor’s team is composed of Y. Cabannes (UCL/DPU), C. Marocchino (FAO) and R. van Veenhuizen (RUAF/Hivos), completed by three case presenters: K.B. Chowdhury (Dhaka), A. Rodriguez (Quito) and P. Amoah (Tamale). Resource persons associated with the case and the methods will be actively involved in working groups: J. Taylor (FAO Bangladesh), M.R Abedin (Paraa Dhaka) and G. Santini (FAO).

An evaluation form will be distributed and filled out individually by each participant, in order to better identify current needs and further expectations for better Integrating food system into urban planning.

Other Organization name
The RUAF Global Partnership. The RUAF Secretariat is hosted by Hivos. www.ruaf.org / www.hivos.org
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit at University College London. www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/development