



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

# F4 Building inclusive urban food governance: local food council in Lusaka, Zambia

## Facilitated Discussion

**Date:** Friday, April 27, 2018

**Time:** 16:30-18:00

**Rooms:** tbc

**Language:** English

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## OBJECTIVE

In 2017, Zambia was ranked as one of the 10 hungriest countries in the world. This is despite Zambia registering “bumper harvests” for the previous 3 year farming seasons. These two divergent pictures of the Zambian food security situation indicate that more needs to be done within the food system to translate into healthy livelihoods for the population. The local authority in Lusaka has signed up to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) pledging to take an active part in food security issues for the city. The City Region Food Systems study by FAO/RUAF states that “the current fragmented governing bodies for food systems do not normally work in collaboration; a multistakeholder and inter-institutional mechanism or body responsible to define food strategies and policies would be key to reinforce the food system, in order to ensure food and nutrition security, including food safety” .

Furthermore, the recently launched decentralization policy offers a good platform for setting up a food council because certain national government functions such as agriculture and health have been devolved to local government. This means the local authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health are already working hand in hand but only need other stakeholders in the food system to join in to create well-adjusted strategies and policies to reinforce the Lusaka food system.

This Facilitated discussion brings together civil society and municipal representatives around the topic of building inclusive urban food governance. Practitioners will present the case of Lusaka, Zambia and present the entry point of building these local food councils from different perspectives, while key experts will provide a broader input and perspective on the topic.

The aim of the session is to learn from different approaches to build inclusive urban food governance, which will be done by addressing the following questions:

1. Why and how can an urban food council be a solution for food and nutrition security?
2. When is a local food council inclusive?
3. What is the difference between councils that are initiated by local government versus councils that are initiated through civil society organisations?



## OUTCOMES

Description of what participants will take away from the session in bullet points.

Participants will leave the session with:

- A good understanding of the concept of urban food councils and how they may contribute to better food and nutrition security
- The pros and cons of urban food councils being initiated by civil society or local authorities
- Some first insights into how to initiate a process to build inclusive urban food governance

## METHODOLOGY

Facilitator(s) Nout van der Vaart, *Advocacy Officer Sustainable Diets for All, Hivos, The Netherlands*

14:30 - 14:40 The facilitator introduces the aim and the format of the session and introduces the speakers

14:40 – 15:00 The session presents two entry points to activate change towards inclusive urban food governance in Lusaka, Zambia: citizen driven change and local government driven change

*Mangiza Chirwa, Advocacy Officer, Hivos, Lusaka, Zambia*

*Guido Santini,, FAO, Rome, Italy*

15:00 - 15:20 Key experts will provide their input to the Zambia case: they will share what went well and what can be done to improve the current process.

Femke Hoekstra RUAF, (confirmed)  
Mr. Araujo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique (confirmed)  
and a civil society expert (TBC).

15:20 - 15:55 Audience and representatives from other municipalities provide their input in the Zambia case and respond to the three questions

15:55 - 16:00 Summary of key outcomes and recommendations for follow up

With thanks to: *Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

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### ***Further recommended reading***

City Region Food system Situational Analysis, Lusaka, Zambia  
[www.fao.org/3/a-bl822e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/3/a-bl822e.pdf)

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