



## CLAIM YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE

### Food Wave at the MUFPP Regional Training in Dakar – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Are you between 18 and 35 years old? Would you like to discover more on how to build a sustainable food system while meeting with people from more than 16 different countries? Registrations for the Food Wave North-South exchange are open! We are looking for 10 African activists who want to lead the change in fair and sustainable global food systems.

#### Context

Launched by the Milan Municipality in 2015, the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is a non-binding international agreement among cities from all over the world, committed "*to develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, that provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human rights-based framework, that minimize waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change*".

Its main aim is to support cities wishing to develop more sustainable urban food systems by fostering city-to-city cooperation and best practices exchange. As of December 2022, it gathers over 255 cities worldwide, of which 39 are located in the African continent

Its vibrant community is engaged in the regionalization process, aiming at gathering cities belonging to the same geographical area, to share experiences, gather and discuss their challenges in the field of urban food policies. In fact, cities and their metropolitan areas face similar challenges and seek appropriate solutions for their specific geographical and socio-economic contexts. Signatories, national and international players meet and exchange regularly within their respective regions through MUFPP Regional Fora, taking an important step in localizing the MUFPP recommended actions. From this perspective, the MUFPP Regional Fora are a formidable expression of the diversity and regional vivacity of Milan Pact cities.

#### Methodology

In the context of the Food Trails Project, a specific methodology for mapping and analyzing urban food systems has been developed: **Food Policy Action Canvas (FPAC)**, developed by Politecnico di Milano in close collaboration with the other project partners. It serves to **guide cities in selecting food policy's priority goals**. It has the advantage of easily providing cities with an immediate and holistic overview of the **key building elements for developing food policy actions** and assessing their feasibility and potential of transformative impact. The FPAC is a **conceptual and practical instrument aimed at supporting urban policy makers to translate most relevant food-issue related policy areas into detailed and concrete policy actions**. The FPAC is composed of two major components, which reinforce each other and develop in an iterative manner. The first component relates to defining the food policy's priority goals of most relevance. The definition of the food policy's priority goals is guided by the policy priorities and categories set by the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) and the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development with its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The second component of the FPAC aims at developing the food policy action and consists of nine key elements, deeply intertwined with each



other in a synergic mode. The other key building elements of the FPAC will be assessed and defined: **key beneficiaries to address, type of relationship and channels to engage them, activities to be performed, relevant stakeholders and resources to mobilize. Potential and actual drivers and barriers** will be considered to assess the risk and feasibility of the planned food policy actions.

## The event

The MUFPP Regional training will be organized in Dakar, Senegal, in July 2023 (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July).

It will last 3 days (2 days presentations and mapping exercise + one day of field visits).

The training is ascribed within the **MUFPP Regionalization process** and is a further step of the previous MUFPP Regional Fora pathway (Dakar 2016, Brazzaville 2018, Niamey 2019, Ouagadougou 2021).

The MUFPP Regional training in Africa will be a crucial moment for the capacity building of African city officers and the development of their expertise in transforming the food system.

The initiative is also part of the MUFPP **Fellowship Programme**, a set of **capacity building activities**, organized by the MUFPP Secretariat and Fondazione Cariplo, running throughout 2023 and 2024, and engaging all MUFPP cities interested in developing and strengthening their skills and capacities, acquiring tools and knowledge to achieve their food policy objectives.

## Objectives

- **Build a positive discourse** on youth participation in food policies, through the highlight of practical experiences described within the research “Empowering urban youth for food and climate action” by Està.
- **Acquire the FPAC methodology** to identify priorities and actions to improve the city’s food systems;
- **Strengthen the network** of Food Wave activists’ and Ambassadors, exchanging and transferring expertise within the participants.
- **Engage in networking** and in the exchange of knowledge within local and international stakeholders.
- **Create a training pathway** to ensure the Food Wave project’s legacy.
- **Strengthen the capacity and engagement** of the participants in the food policy movement of their city of origin

## Participants

The event is open for activists, students, professionals, and young citizens involved in the fight for sustainable food systems, against climate change, for food security and in youth participation for food policies, already active within local organizations, groups and Municipalities.



Participants have to be **between 18 and 35 years old** and should be from the following cities:

1. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
2. Niamey, Niger
3. N'Djamena, Chad
4. Dakar, Senegal
5. Ziguinchor, Senegal
6. Quelimane, Mozambique
7. Antananarivo, Madagascar

Each candidate must send to the e-mail [foodwave@acra.it](mailto:foodwave@acra.it) (object: African Activists – MUFPP Dakar) :

- **CV**
- **Copy of ID**
- **Motivation letter** (max 2 pages Calibri 10) with motivation, personal background and specific training and/or education, all aspects related to food policy interests. Please, specify also how you will disseminate the results of the training to your organization/community
- **Reference letter** from: Youth National Council or Youth Networks/associations or Focal Point of Youth Ministry or civic society organisation with a proved experience in food systems/food security related issues

The project's Core Team will carry out participants' selection and it will take into consideration age, gender and geographic balance within the group.

### **Logistical information**

Participation in the event is free of charge. The costs covered are:

- Visa (with receipt)
- Medical assurance for the days of the event
- Round trip flight 01 City of the list/Dakar
- Board and lodging.

### **No other costs will be covered.**

Selected participants will be asked to sign a commitment to participation stating that, upon confirmation of participation:

- They commit to take part in all the sessions;
- They will fill out the evaluation questionnaire of the event;
- They will inform ACRA and Mani Tese of the cancellation of their participation due to force majeure. Any other cause of cancellation will incur in the reimbursement of the fees covered by the project.

In addition, participants will be responsible to check and finalize all bureaucratic arrangements for their travel and participation, such as:



- COVID-19 restrictions;
- Passport requirements;
- Visa requirements;
- Medical and vaccination requirements.

ACRA and Mani Tese will not be able to provide such information nor guidance.

**Deadline for registration: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 23:59 CEST (11:59 PM)**

### Contacts

For any question or doubt, you can contact us at [foodwave@acra.it](mailto:foodwave@acra.it)



The event is part of, in synergy with and benefits from the following projects



**FOOD WAVE - EMPOWERING URBAN YOUTH IN CLIMATE ACTION** is a project promoted by the Municipality of Milan with ACRA, ActionAid Italia, Mani Tese and 26 other partners (18 Local Authorities, 8 Civil Society Organizations). Food Wave has the aim of increasing knowledge, awareness, and engagement of young people on sustainable patterns of food consumption and behavior. The project is co-funded by the European Commission in the framework of the programme DEAR - Raising public awareness of development issues and promoting development education in the European Union. The project is developed in over 21 locations across 17 countries (16 within the European Union and 1 in the Global South - Brazil). The global network C40 is also an associate of the project.



AfriFOODlinks

**AfriFOODlinks**, launched in December 2022, is an EU funded project that aims to improve food and nutrition security, while delivering positive outcomes for climate and the environment, and building social and ecological resilience in 65+ Cities in Africa and Europe. Coordinated by ICLEI Africa, the project gathers 26 partners across the African and European continents.



**FOOD TRAILS** is a four-year EU-funded Horizon 2020 project, bringing together a consortium of 19 European partners, including 11 cities, 3 universities and 5 organizations. The project aims to enable cities to reimagine, develop and implement sustainable, healthy and inclusive food policies. The project is rooted in the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), an international mayors' agreement. It translates the Pact's commitments into concrete progress toward more resilient, safe, fair and diverse urban food systems in Europe.