

DECLARATION

Feeding Cities in the Horn of Africa

We the ministers, mayors, city managers, representatives of governments, cities and local authorities in the Horn of Africa, meeting together with participants from international and non-governmental organizations, at the sub-regional workshop on “Feeding Cities in the Horn of Africa”, organized by the Addis Ababa City Administration in conjunction with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Addis Ababa on 7 – 9 May 2002,

recognize:

- the right of access to adequate and healthy food for all in our rapidly growing cities;
- that cities and local authorities play a key role in enhancing access to food for vulnerable groups;
- that food supply and distribution involves many actors whose responsibilities are currently fragmented and uncoordinated and suffer numerous constraints;
- that partnerships and networking with and among stakeholders at the local, national and international levels offer significant opportunities for the transfer of knowledge and technologies for improved urban food security;

further acknowledge the need to:

- enhance food security in our cities;
- provide an enabling environment for sustainable livelihoods in our cities;
- give greater priority to urban food security in regional, metropolitan and urban planning;
- gain information on food supply and distribution activities in our cities, including the role of women, youth and neighbourhood associations;
- develop multi-sectoral policies, strategies and programmes for urban food security;
- involve the private sector and other actors in the design and implementation of urban food security policies;
- review and revise laws, by-laws and regulations to promote effective food supply and distribution activities;

- increase and encourage effective public and private investments to promote access to safe and adequate food;
- encourage income-generating opportunities to increase the incomes of the urban poor;
- monitor environmental and health risks related to food production, marketing and processing and take appropriate action to reduce them;
- engage in effective collaboration and partnerships with all concerned institutions and actors, including inter-city exchanges;
- ensure that urban food security is adopted as part of the agenda of international *fora*, particularly the forthcoming “World Food Summit – five years later”.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 10 May 2002.

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