

# African Food Security Urban Network

10-12 JUNE 2009  
EKURHULENI CITY  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
KEMPTON PARK

AFSUN, SACN, MDPEA Present

## URBAN FOOD SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: STRATEGIC POLICY DIMENSIONS

The purpose of the Urban Food Security project is to understand and plan for food security in South and Southern Africa. Urbanized society needs to be concerned with sustainable development and in particular food security.

This conference will allow city officials to share knowledge about the extent of food insecurity amongst the urban poor; and workshop participants will develop strategies for addressing these challenges.



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Municipal Development Partnership  
Eastern and Southern Africa

## Urban Food Security in Southern Africa: Strategic Policy Dimensions

10-12 June 2009

Ekurhuleni City Council Chambers, Kempton Park

### Conference Reception and Opening

Wednesday 10 June 2009

***Registration and Reception*** 17.30-18.30

***Opening Addresses*** 18.30-19.30

Master of Ceremonies	Dr. Chileshe Mulenga, University of Zambia
Welcome and Opening	Mayor, Ekurhuleni Municipality
Guest of Honour	Archbishop Thabo Makgoba Anglican Church
Keynote Address	George Matovu, Regional Director, Municipal Development Partnership for Southern and Eastern Africa

Thursday 11 June 2009

8.30 – 10.00 **Session One** Chair Dr. Nomcebo Simelane, University of Swaziland

***Introduction to the African Food Security Urban Network (AFSUN)***

Panel Prof. Jonathan Crush, Co-Director, Queen's University  
Prof. Susan Parnell, Co-Director, University of Cape Town  
Mr. George Matovu, Regional Director, Municipal Development Partnership  
for Southern and Eastern Africa  
Mr. Sithole Mbanga, South African Cities Network

***Key Findings of AFSUN Urban Food Security Baseline Survey from 11 SADC Cities***

Speakers Dr. Bruce Frayne, Queen's University  
Prof. Wade Pendleton, University of Cape Town

10.00-10.45 Tea/coffee

10.45 – 11.45 **Session Two** Chair Prof. Peter Mvula, University of Malawi

***Levels of Food (In)Security amongst Poor Urban Households***

Panel Prof. Ben Acquah, University of Botswana  
Prof. Rob Fincham, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Mr. Akiser Pomuti, University of Namibia  
Mr. Godfrey Towadzera, University of Zimbabwe  
Mr. Shaun Ruysenaar, University of the Witwatersrand

11.45-12.45 **Session Three** Chair Mr. Percy Toriro, Municipal Development Partnership  
for Southern and Eastern Africa

***Sources of Food and Related (In)Security for Urban Households***

Panel Dr. Peter Mvula, University of Malawi  
Dr. Clement Leduka, National University of Lesotho  
Mr. Florian Kroll, University of the Witwatersrand  
Dr. Jane Battersby-Lennard, University of Cape Town

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 **Session Four** Chair Prof. Asiyati Chiweza, University of Malawi

***Relationship between Health and Urban Household Food (In) Security***

Panel Dr. Dan Tevera, University of Swaziland  
Prof. Miriam Grant, University of Calgary  
Dr. Ines Raimundo, Eduardo Mondlane University  
Prof. Michael Rudolph, University of the Witwatersrand  
Dr. Leah Berkowitz, CARE International

15.00-15.30 Tea/coffee

15.30-17.00 **Session Five** Chair Dr. Bruce Frayne, Queen's University

***Case Studies from the Field***

Food Security Programs in Belo Horizonte, Brazil Prof. Cecilia Rocha, Ryerson University

Siyakhana Food Garden Project (SFGP) Prof. Michael Rudolph, University of the Witwatersrand

Friday 12 June 2009

8.30-10.30 **Session Five** Chair Dr. Jonathan Crush, Queen's University

***Setting the Policy Priorities for Urban Food Security in SADC: Towards an Urban Food Security Strategy***

**Group 1** Chair Dr. Leah Berkowitz, CARE International  
Rapporteur Dr. Chileshe Mulenga, University of Zambia

Policy Question #1 What role should social security play in addressing urban food insecurity?

**Group 2** Chair Mr. Percy Toriro, Municipal Development Partnership For Southern and Eastern Africa  
Rapporteur Mr. Akiser Pomuti, University of Namibia

Policy Question #2 How can livelihoods be supported to improve health and food security outcomes for vulnerable people?

**Group 3** Chair Prof. Asiyati Chiweza, University of Malawi  
Rapporteur Prof. Miriam Grant, University of Calgary

Policy Question #3 How can gender inequalities be addressed to improve the food security outcomes for vulnerable households?

**Group 4** Chair Dr. Scott Drimie, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)  
Rapporteur Prof. Cecilia Rocha, Ryerson University

Policy Question #4 What is the role of government (city, province, national) and civil society organizations in promoting food security?

10.30-11.15 Tea/Coffee

11.15-1.00 Report Back by Groups

**1.00 Close and Lunch**