

# Improved rural-urban linkages towards regional food systems and security



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# Rural Urban Linkages: global policy benchmarks 2012-2017

- 2012: Future We Want: paragraph 110
- SDG 11.a: calls for integrated urban and rural planning in national development policy
- 2015: New Urban Agenda: paragraph 123
- 2016: UN General Assembly Resolution on Agriculture (incorporating NUA para 123)
- 2017: HLPF Ministerial Declaration paragraph 14 related to SDG2

# Rural Urban Linkages and SDGs

If SDG 2 (end hunger and malnutrition, improve nutrition and achieve sustainable agriculture) is a *driver* for integrating other SDGs , then rural urban linkages are the *road* to integration from the local to global level





13 CLIMATE ACTION



15 LIFE ON LAND



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



1 NO POVERTY



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



2 ZERO HUNGER



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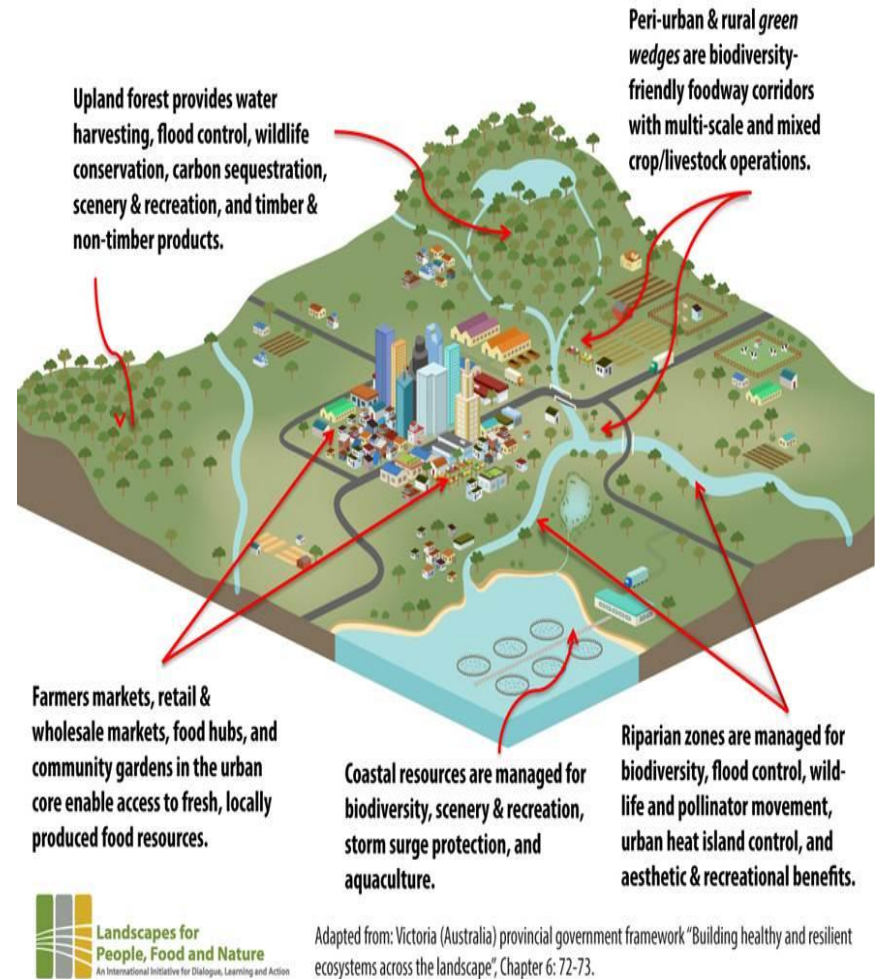


3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



# City Region Food Systems

- ✓ Food production, processing, marketing and consumption
- ✓ Cities, towns and villages, surrounded by peri-urban and rural hinterlands i.e. the “foodshed” for settlements
- ✓ Exchange and flows of food, people, goods, nutrients/waste and ecosystem services (urban metabolism)
- ✓ Urban-rural linkages; nexus between people, agriculture, biodiversity, water and energy



# Rural urban boundaries and food system flows

- ✓ Jurisdictional boundaries: municipality, sub-region, province
- ✓ Natural boundaries: rivers, sea, mountain ridges, watersheds
- ✓ Influences of urban on rural and vice versa (political-cultural-economic)
- ✓ Transport systems for people/goods
- ✓ Production potential/capacity in relation to the city' food demand (for at least fresh products)
- ✓ social/cultural exchange, patterns of movement for business/leisure/housing linking urban and rural



## **New Urban Agenda, paragraph 123:**

“We will promote the integration of food and nutrition needs of urban residents, particularly the urban poor, in urban and territorial planning, to end hunger and malnutrition. We will promote coordination of sustainable food security and agriculture policies across urban, peri-urban, and rural areas to facilitate the production, storage, transport, and marketing of food to consumers in adequate and affordable ways to reduce food losses and to prevent and reuse food waste. We will further promote the coordination of food policies with energy, water, transport, waste, and other policies in urban areas to maximize efficiencies and minimize waste.”



Linking ending poverty to food, health, women, infrastructure and oceans (HLPF 2017) and then, linking to water, energy, land, cities, consumption and production (HLPF 2018), and then....(to 2030)

