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CUP Project and Affiliated Project Resources

- Battersby, J. and Watson, V. 2019. [The planned 'city-region' in the New Urban Agenda: an appropriate framing for urban food security?. *Town Planning Review*. 90 \(5\): 497-518](https://doi.org/10.3828/tpr.2019.32) <https://doi.org/10.3828/tpr.2019.32>

In this paper, the authors argue that although the NUA acknowledges the importance of urban food and nutrition security as a key component in sustainable urban development, the use of the city-region model disregards critiques of the concept. Further, the city-region model, with foundations in both regional economic planning and food policy, ignores the current economic, social and institutional realities as well as the diversity of urban centres and regions across the world.

- Battersby, J. and Muwowo, F. 2019. [Chapter 9: Planning and governance of food systems in Kitwe, Zambia](#). In, *Urban Food Systems Governance and Poverty in African Cities*. J. Battersby and V. Watson, Eds. Routledge: New York. 128 – 140.

This chapter refers to one of the case studies used in this episode. Through the example of Kitwe, Zambia, Jane Battersby and Francis Muwowo argue that the centrality of the governance of food as integral to the management of markets has been lost.

- Battersby, J. 2017. [MDGs to SDGs – new goals, same gaps: the continued absence of urban food security in the post-2015 global development agenda](#). *African Geographical Review*. 36:1. 115-129. DOI: 10.1080/19376812.2016.1208769

In this paper, Battersby argues that despite hunger and food insecurity holding prominent positions in the framing of the Millennium Development Goals, and the Sustainable Development Goals, the approach towards achieving food security as outlined through these goals, is flawed.

- Consuming Urban Poverty Project. 2018. [How local is the local food system?](#) [Video file].

In this animated short video, the question of how local the local food system is, is explored. Using the example of Kisumu, Kenya, this video uses findings from the Consuming Urban Poverty project to uncover a surprising answer to the age old question: what came first, the chicken or the egg?

Policy Related Resources

- Carey, J., & Cook, B. 2021. [The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact monitoring framework: A practical handbook for implementation](#). FAO. Rome.

The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Monitoring Framework Handbook, provides a practical guide for any city wishing to develop and adopt a monitoring framework for their urban food policy. The handbook includes practical steps, simple tools, and top tips for other cities to follow.



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- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. 2018. [*Our world is urbanizing. Is food on your agenda?*](#)

This document, produced by the FAO, outlines how local governments are at the forefront of creating sustainable food systems, as well as provides steps and opportunities for local governments to place food on their urban agenda.

- [Food Action Cities](#)

This website provides a platform for users to explore the ways in which cities can shape urban and food systems for improved nutrition. Included on this website are useful policy related resources and growing number of case studies from cities around the world.

- Pieterse, E., Cirolia, L.R., and Cartwright, A. 2020. [*Reframing the Potential of Sustainable Urbanism for Africa*](#). Cape Town: African Centre for Cities.

In this debate primer, the authors argue that cities can drive Africa's economic imperative to achieve structural transformation, and that sustainable infrastructure is one critical catalyst for green industrialisation and thriving settlements.

- Tefft, J., Jonasova, M., Adjao, R., and Morgan, A. 2017. [*Food Systems for an Urbanizing World: Knowledge Product*](#). World Bank Group.

This report provides a first step in the World Bank's process of determining how it could assist national, local and metropolitan governments to address urban food issues.

Additional Resources in Popular Media

- Banda, M. 2021. [*Food dialogue: Sustainable systems are vital to South Africa*](#). Daily Maverick. 21 June.

This article provides a report of a recent food system dialogue in South Africa that was hosted by Minister of Agriculture Thoko Didiza.

- Crush, J. 2019. [*Romantic visions of pastoral Africa won't solve urban food insecurity*](#). Daily Maverick. 30 January.

In this opinion piece, Jonathan Crush argues that given that one of the greatest challenges that Africa currently faces is a rapidly growing population and a lack of access to sufficient, affordable and nutritious food, systemic interventions must be made to address this multidimensional crisis.



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- Haysom, G., Crush, J., and Frayne, B. 2021. [*Food security in African cities needs a fresh approach – our book sets out the issues.*](#) The Conversation. June 3.

In their latest book the Handbook on Urban Food Security in the Global South, Haysom, Crush and Frayne seek to understand the complex and linked challenges of urban development and food systems in the global South. This article provides an overview of some of the key points that this book aims to address.

- Oni, T. 2021. [*Why we need to make planetary health part of city design.*](#) UCT News. 24 June.

Prof Tollulah Oni argues in this article that in order to achieve planetary goals such as the African Unions Agenda 2036, requires a transformational change in how we build cities.

- Ngcuka, O. 2021. [*Indigenous crops: local is not only lekker, it's also a weapon in the climate crisis battle.*](#) Daily Maverick. 1 July.

This news article focusses on the role that indigenous crops can play in mitigating the effects of the climate crisis in South Africa, despite currently being absent from South Africans' plates.