

“Workshop on Food and Nutrition Security: Developing Local Government’s Capacities to Enhance Resilience to Food Crisis and Food Self-Reliance”

Jeju, Republic of Korea, 20-22 March 2013 (Wed-Fri)

“In a world of plenty, no one, not a single person, should go hungry. But almost 1 billion still do not have enough to eat. I want to see an end to hunger everywhere within my lifetime.”¹

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

Event Background and Introduction

According to the 1996 World Food Summit definition of food security, people are considered food secure when they have all-time access to “sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preference for an active and healthy life.” However, in 2008 and 2011, food riots occurred globally as cereal prices spiked, leaving many hungry.

Over the past decade, food prices have risen three times as fast as inflation worldwide, and the Food Price Watch expects food prices to remain high and volatile for long time. One of the key factors behind such rapid, huge and long-term food price rises is the growing population’s higher demand as countries become affluent. No less important are the following factors: grains being used as fuel for cars, soil erosion, aquifer depletion, farmland deprivation to nonfarm uses, crop withering or destroyed due to extreme weather conditions, high oil prices, and changing diets. These factors bring food insecurity to both developed and developing countries, but the difference is whether it’s transitory or chronic.

Aiming at promoting awareness about the importance of food security as part of human security at the local level, this workshop will provide:

- i) an opportunity for local authorities to build capacities to enhance resilience to food crisis and food self-reliance
- ii) a platform to exchange lessons learned and good practices in local and national efforts to fulfil MDG 1 (End Extreme Poverty and Hunger)
- iii) a venue for city-to-city cooperation in implementing local action plans for food security

Event Type

Workshop

Date

20-22 March 2013

Venue

CIFAL Jeju/Jeju International Training Center,
Seogwipo-City, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea

Organizer

CIFAL Jeju and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

¹ Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 2012

Targeted Audience

High-Level Authorities and Experts from Local Governments, Representatives from NGO and Community-Based Organizations, Academic Institutions, and other Local Actors within the Asia-Pacific Region

Website

www.cifaljeju.org

Content:

The workshop contents are composed of the following:

- Introduction of the concept of food security as human security / right to food
- Overview of food security and factors of food crisis
- Improved planning approaches for making local food security resilient
- Good Practices and Key Case Studies in local government planning to build resilience to food crisis and to attain food self-reliance
- A review of challenges and lessons learned in implementing policies
- Successful multi-stakeholder and partnership approaches to increasing food security locally

Learning Objectives

- Participants will recognise the importance of food security as part of human security in the local government agenda
- Participants will explore local planning and best practices in building resilient and effective food system and improving food self-reliance
- Participants will apply UNITAR self-assessment tools to rate and compare each others' local food security policies and strategies for their local implementation
- Participants will efficiently manage local food security strategies and action plan to be developed in a practical manner

UNITAR-developed CityShare methodology will be used during the workshop.

The CityShare methodology aims at optimizing peer learning between local officials. It consists of various processes of self-assessment, distillation and transmission of experiences and good practices. It is also composed of several tools which provide a common framework for the evaluation of experiences made by the participating cities and countries and offer a common language for the exchange and assimilation of contextualised experiences, as well as a roadmap for action and progress.

Structure:

The workshop structure consists of the following four pillars:

- Keynote presentations and participatory discussion
- Case Studies from local governments and group analysis
- Overview of good practices, key challenges, and lessons learned
- UNITAR CityShare methodology
- Site visits

Requirements

Participants are required to attend and actively participate in all workshops, complete assignments and interact with resource persons, and complete pre-workshop readings/assignments and come with prepared questions.

Fluency in English, spoken and written.

Course Certificates

CIFAL Jeju and UNITAR will jointly issue a certificate to participants upon completion of the full program.

How to apply

- Application form can be downloaded from www.cifaljeju.org.
- Please send the application form, CV, case study description, letter of nomination and letter of commitment (form attached to 'application form') by **February 11 (Mon) 2013** to: cifaljeju.jitc.1@gmail.com.

Note

- Participation is subject to approval of the application by CIFAL Jeju.
- Notification will be sent once the selection process has been finalized.

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Assistance with Travel Cost

- Self-sponsored (airfare and accommodation) participants are welcome.
✂ Accommodation: approximately \$118 per night
- Participants will be reimbursed in accordance with UNITAR CIFAL Jeju's travel reimbursement policy (see the table below).

Travelling from:	Air fare limit
Eastern Asia ²	\$200 (participants travelling from Mongolia will receive \$300)
South-Eastern Asia ³	\$400 (participants travelling from Lao PDR and Myanmar will receive \$600)
Southern Asia 1 ⁴	\$500
Southern Asia 2 ⁵	\$700
Pacific Islands ⁶	\$1,000

* *Other points of departure – please consult the CIFAL Jeju Office.*

- All local expenses (transportation, accommodation – except for self-sponsored participants, and meals) will be covered by CIFAL Jeju and partner institutions.

² China, Hong Kong, Macao, Japan, Taiwan

³ Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

⁴ India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

⁵ Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

⁶ Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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Day 01 – Wednesday, 20 March 2013		
08:45 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 10:00	Opening of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcoming Remarks by Ambassador Dal-ho CHUNG, Director of CIFAL Jeju/JITC ● Presentation on UNITAR and CIFAL Jeju 	Introduction to UNITAR & The CIFAL Network as a platform for building local governments’ knowledge and skills
10:00 – 11:20	Session I: Introduction of Human Security and Food Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Prof. Brendan HOWE, Ewha University</i> 	Introduction to the concept of human security with food security as part of it and right to food
11:20 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:50	Session II: Overview of Food Security and Factors Causing Food Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dr. Chel-Ho LEE, Korea Food Security Research Foundation</i> 	Overview of food in/security, various factors leading to food crisis, and how it’s linked to human security
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 14:40	Visit to ‘Joo-Sang-Jeol-Li’ (Columnar-Jointed Lava)	Guided Walk by Seaside
14:50 – 16:10	Session III: Improved Planning Approaches for Building Local Resilience in Food Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>TBD</i> 	Disaster and emergency preparedness and mitigating the impact of food price volatility
16:10 – 16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20 – 18:30	Session VI: Local Government Planning to Build Resilience to Food Crisis and to Attain Food Self-Reliance: Sharing Good Practices <i>Case Study Presentations</i>	Participants share specific experiences, challenges and identify training needs
19:00 – 20:00	DINNER	Hosted by Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

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Day 02 – Thursday, 21 March 2013		
09:00 – 09:15	Report of Day 01	
09:15 – 10:25	Session V: Embedding National Food Security Efforts into Local Governance ● <i>TBD</i>	Model(s) of national food security knowledge, efforts and initiatives being transferred into local agendas
10:25 – 10:40	Coffee Break	
10:40 – 11:50	Session VI: Local Governance and Attaining Food Self-Reliance ● <i>Prof. George KENT, University of Hawai’i</i>	Model(s) of local initiatives/strategies of attaining food self-reliance
11:50 – 13:00	Session VII: Round Table Discussion ● <i>Prof. George KENT, University of Hawai’i</i>	Informal discussion on how Food Policy Councils could be created and operated
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:00	Transfer to Site Visits	
15:00 – 17:30	Session VIII: Site Visits	Visiting tourist attractions of Jeju
17:30	Transfer to the Hotel	Dinner will be served in the hotel

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Day 03 – Friday, 22 March 2013		
09:00 – 09:15	Report of Day 02	
09:15 – 09:45	Session X: CityShare Methodology- Step 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on CityShare Methodology 	Auto-Evaluation by participating cities and interactive session on mapping key challenges and successes
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break	
10:00 – 11:00	Session XI: CityShare Methodology- Step 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Self-Assessment Results 	Participants present their matrix assessment results and these are mapped in a grouped ranking
11:00 – 12:30	Session XII: CityShare Methodology- Step 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Fair (City-to-City Exchanges) • Preparation of Action Plans 	Participants are divided into working groups according to key challenges and learning priorities
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	Session XIII: CityShare Methodology- Step 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Action Plans 	Post Evaluation: Participants prepare and selected participants present action plans for respective institutions
15:30 – 16:15	Session XIV: Sharing Lessons Learned & Evaluation	Participants present lessons learned from overall training and complete evaluations
16:15 – 16:45	Closing Awarding Certificates of participation Closing Remarks Official Photos	Wrap-up and closing of the workshop