Virtual Session: Urban Food Security During Crisis

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About Connective Cities

Connective Cities (https://www.connective-cities.net/en/) is a joint programme between the Association of German Cities (Deutscher Städtetag), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Engagement Global / Service Agency Communities in One World. The International Community of Practice for Sustainable Urban Development is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Our mission is to promote the exchange of municipal expertise around the globe, disseminate proven practices for sustainable urban development, and support peer-to-peer learning among regional and international practitioners including the join development of project ideas.

Urban Food Security During Crisis

In the last three years, the world has faced over-stretching and devastating events including the Covid-19 pandemic, war and climate related events like drought and floods. These events have interfered with the business-as-usual food supply systems. The urban areas largely depend on the rural and peri-urban areas for the supply of food.

Several factors affect accessibility to food in the urban areas including but not limited to:

- Availability of/access to land or alternative medium for agricultural activities.
- Economic status; the over 50 per cent of the urban population living in the informal settlements often live hand to mouth and this limits their access to food let alone afford to have balanced diets.
- Knowledge required for basic food production.
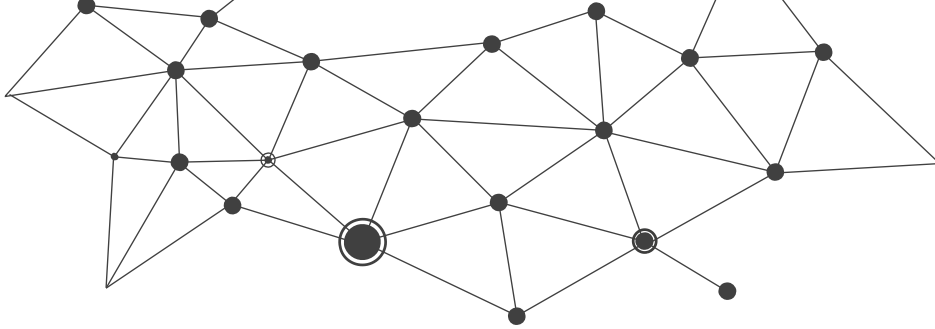- Legal framework governing food production in the urban areas.

- Availability of supporting services e.g water.

Connective Cities is providing a platform for exchange on opportunities/ forms of urban agriculture that can be explored, and the enabling factors for urban dwellers to produce some of their foods. The input will include experts' inputs from practice and research.

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Agenda

Time (CEST)	Agenda	Content
12:45	**Technical check-in**	**Tech support team**
13:00	**Introduction & opening remarks**	**Sophia Kamau** Regional Network Coordinator Connective Cities SSA
13:10	**Presentations**:	
	Post Covid-19 Opportunities for Growth, Regional Value Chains & Mediterranean Integration	**Constantin Tsakas** Senior Programme Officer- Sustainable Development Policies CMS-UNOPS
	An integrated food system approach to addressing food and nutrition insecurity in urban areas	**Rebeccah Wanjiru** Urban Food System Expert FAO
	Improving food security: The importance of designing for urban agriculture	**Katrin Bohn** Principal Lecturer & Researcher School of Architecture, Technology & Engineering University of Brighton
14:15	**Q & A**	**Dr. Muna Shalan** Regional Network Coordinator Connective Cities MENA
14:45	**Wrap up**	**Sophia Kamau**