



Virtual Insight Session Urban Food Security: Collaboration for Sustainability

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Time: 13:00 – 14:30 CET

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Speaker: Sarah Alsen, Director, Bioregional South Africa

Maged Al Sayed, Habiba community, Egypt

Language: English and Arabic (simultaneous interpretation)

Overview

As the world recovers from the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, more innovative ideas to ensure food security are being discovered. In this virtual insight session, **Sarah Alsen**, the Director of Bioregional South Africa shares a good practice of a food garden started by homeless men during the lockdown at the end of 2021. Using the Sisonke Garden as a pilot project, Bioregional is collaborating with the local municipality to work on developing the business plan to be applied in more gardens to promote local production as well as composting. The second good practice will be presented by Maged Al Sayed, who will share his experience in [Habiba community](#), which is an oasis of community and ecological cultivation in South Sinai, Egypt.

In the second instalment on **Urban Food Security**, we get nuggets on circular economy along the food supply chain and collaboration between non-state actors and local governments to contribute towards food security. Bioregional is working with the municipality to transform this project into a scalable, replicable system to be applied and create a whole market, providing employment opportunities and a localized solution for food waste that would limit greenhouse gas emissions from landfills as well as transport involved in disposing of food and garden waste.

Objectives

- Introducing “One Planet Living” action planning tool.
- Highlighting the importance of localizing economies and the benefits of circular economies.
- Sharing the good practice to motivate other municipalities to replicate such initiatives.

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