Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition

Guidance to Participants

Overview: This is a technically focused, informal, working meeting designed with the objective to narrow down the focus of the CFS workstream on ‘Urbanization and rural transformation’. It will be in English only.

Preparation:

• **Recommended resources:** The agenda includes an indication of some of the recent studies and publications on the topics covered. This is by no means an exhaustive list or a required reading list, but aims to indicate some of the relevant publications which have been released on this subject since 2013, and may be discussed by a number of the participants.

• **Key Questions:** With the primary aim of narrowing down the focus for CFS attention, we ask all participants to come prepared with thoughts on the questions which will be discussed in the small working groups on Day 2 (below). For those participating remotely in Day 1, we ask you to send your input on these questions in writing by February 19th, so that they may be considered in each of the small working groups on Day 2.

  - What are the current/changing trends and how do they impact or result in a need for changing or new policies for food security and nutrition?
  - Where has the focus of the research/initiatives been to date? Bulked in one area or another?
  - Where are there gaps and why?
  - How can we build on other initiatives and outcomes?
  - How can CFS add value within its mandate as a global policy convergence body for food security and nutrition?

Format: All participants are encouraged to intervene on any of the points in the agenda and engage directly with one another in a roundtable discussion. All interventions should relate directly to the topics outlined in the agenda. The discussion questions are meant to serve as ideas to facilitate input on the topic at hand, and additional questions are also welcome.

Any participant desiring to include a short presentation (under 5 min) as part of any of their interventions is welcome to do so, but we ask that you send us any presentations or material you would like shared with other participants by February 17th so that we can test and load everything ahead of time.