

Working Group

Urbanization and Rural Transformation

implications on food security and Nutrition

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We already said we are not comfortable with this methodology. We wouldn't have problem to present one of our experiences if requested at due time. I am a farmer and livestock keeper from Senegal, member of Roppa (network of peasant organisation and agricultural producers from West Africa) which, in turn is member of PAFO. I have to specify that PAFO is not member of the WFO (by decision taken in Feb 2017). We have two themes selected for this workstream, now we should see how to feed them with the different existing experiences. We are worried because we are losing the control over our basic resources, as land. The experience I would have brought here today, would have shown how we are linking rural and urban areas through short food chains in Africa. I would have brought the example of bread, in a region where wheat is not grown, as urban consumer are getting used to eat bread we are trying to make bread using maize flour using our "food intelligence". We create links between consumers and producers at different levels but would need legislation that allow us to improve local economies. We have many examples that may fit under the two themes, we should accept at global level this kind of intelligence.