Final Declaration
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Building on a decade of joint success: envisioning the future of Urban Food Systems

Ten years after its signature in Milan, the **Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)** has grown into the **world's largest community of cities** working to make food systems more **sustainable, inclusive, and resilient**.

The **2025 Global Forum** brought together **over 500 delegates**, from **130 cities**, for five days of dialogue, collaboration, and field visits across the city.

A decade of urban food leadership

Since 2015, cities have shown that food is a **strategic driver of sustainable development**.

Through the MUFPP Framework for Action, cities have advanced policies on governance, sustainable diets & nutrition, social & economic equity, food production, food supply & distribution, food waste, aligning local strategies with the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, the **Paris Agreement** and **The 2025 EAT-*Lancet* Commission**.

Over the past decade:

- More than **330 signatory** cities representing over **520 million citizens** worldwide **signed the MUFPP**, making it the global reference for urban food system transformation.
- More than **950 policy practices** have been collected through the **Milan Pact Awards**, creating the most extensive living library of innovation for replication.
- The **Fellowship Programme**, organised concrete training opportunities to **over 2,600 city officers** from **130 cities**, strengthening individual and collective capacities worldwide.
- **9 Global Fora and 23 Regional Fora** have built bridges across continents, translating international principles into local action.
- Through **25 international projects and partnerships**, the MUFPP has mobilised **€87 million** in collective investments, supporting **132 signatory cities**.
- Through joint work with the **School Meals Coalition** and the **Cities Feeding the Future Initiative**, the MUFPP has positioned cities as key actors in linking local food policies with global efforts on child nutrition, education and social protection.
- Thanks to the **extensive advocacy** at all levels, cities' perspective and needs have been recognised and addressed in national and international policies, organisations and platforms.

Towards the Next Decade

As cities face new and interlinked challenges, such as **climate disruption, social inequality, conflicts and food insecurity**, the Milan Pact community looks ahead with renewed determination, **confident in the strength of the path built together**.

The next decade must be one of **implementation, integration and inclusion**.

Therefore, the cities gathered in Milan for the **2025 Global Forum:**

1. **Acknowledge the deep connection between climate crisis and food systems** by endorsing the new and adapted MUFPP Framework for Action and Monitoring Framework to better integrate climate mitigation and adaptation into urban food policies.

2. **Recognize school meals as a key instrument of social protection**, ensuring that every child has access to a nutritious and equitable meal every day. Cities commit to strengthening and expanding school meal programmes as an effective pathway to advance food security, social inclusion and child well-being.

3. **Invest in people, infrastructures and partnerships**, improving the skills of the urban food policy teams with learning programmes, promoting technical assistance and mobilising resources from governments, UN agencies, academia, the private sector and civil society.

4. **Reaffirm the role of research to develop evidence and ambition**, guided by data and measurable impact, to transform the health, economic and social dimensions of urban food systems.

5. **Act regionally, connect globally**, strengthening regional cluster to turn shared principles into local results, engaging in global and regional processes to ensure that the voice of cities is increasingly heard.

The founding principles of the MUFPP recognize access to adequate, healthy and safe food as a fundamental human right, to be guaranteed under all circumstances: we reiterate that **hunger can never be used as a weapon**. Together, we believe that the **right to food for all** is our shared responsibility to build food systems that **nourish people, restore the planet and sustain peace.**

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