

Farmers Partner Constituent Group Response to Draft New Urban Agenda (18 July 2016)

1. In paragraph 10(h) restore the words "food systems". Food systems were in this paragraph in the last draft (18 June). Food systems include primary producers, especially smallholder family farmers, who are critical actors in food value chains and are the foundation of food systems that include by definition urban and rural production, processing, distribution, marketing (formal and informal, consumption and food waste management).
2. In Paragraph 16 Insert "smallholder family" before farmers and fishers. Smallholder family farmers across the urban rural continuum constitute the majority of the 500 million farmers in the world and it will be smallholder family farmers that continue to provide the majority of food for human settlements in the future.
3. In Paragraph 84 remove "regional and global" before value chains. UN Habitat, FAO and IFAD, along with a majority of farmers' organizations and supporting civil society organizations have called for a refocusing on sustainable value chains for all, which requires a balanced approach to local, territorial and domestic as well as regional and global value chains.