

Project “Meeting urban food needs”

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CALL FOR PAPERS (02/2014)

“Improvement of food-related infrastructure at wholesale and retail levels”

(good practices and lessons learnt)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) and the Sustainable Society Network (Imperial College London) have agreed to collaborate to identify and disseminate interesting **good practices** and **lessons learnt** in any country on developments and/or improvements in food-distribution infrastructure (assembly, wholesale, retail including storage facilities) of any size.

We are interested in learning about a wide range of activities, interventions and projects: new markets, storages and slaughterhouses infrastructure and facilities, relocations as well as approaches to solve operational and logistic constraints, integration of food production by small farmers into urban markets, facilitated access by consumers, improved compliance with rules and regulations, provision of better services, adoption of new technology, etc.

We are also interested in individual technical chapters that could constitute chapters of the final publication, on the following topic (list not exhaustive):

- Role and functions of wholesale and retail markets today and future.
- What are the criteria to consider for deciding when is a wholesale market is needed?
- Wholesale and urban retail markets interconnections and their insertion into urban development plans.
- Why do food products flow out and back into the same region and what can be done?
- Promotion of public-private investments in urban market infrastructure.
- (Digital) technology in food market management and operation.