

Food Cities 2022 Launch Event

The Food Foundation's Food Cities 2022 initiative aims to mobilise and support city authorities in ODA countries to develop and implement food policies, strategies and multi-stakeholder partnerships that aim to increase access to healthy diets and generate a positive impact of urban food systems as they respond to the COVID-19 emergency.

Food Cities 2022 is a learning partnership that facilitates peer-to-peer exchange and offers an online platform with tools to guide cities in developing urban food systems solutions. It draws extensively on lessons from the successful partnership between Birmingham and Pune in India, which among others secured political support for a city-wide food policy in Pune and informed both cities' COVID-19 emergency food response. It also led to the Government of India funding an expansion of this model across the whole country.

At the initiative's launch event FCDO Director General, Vijay Rangarajan and Senior Advisor to Food System Summit Dialogues, Dr David Nabarro discussed the key role that cities play in tackling food system issues.

Chair

- Anna Taylor OBE, Exec Director Food Foundation

Keynote Speakers

- Vijay Rangarajan, FCDO Director General, (Americas and Overseas Territories)
- Dr David Nabarro, Senior Advisor to Food System Summit Dialogues

Panel Speakers

- Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member Health and Social Care, Birmingham City Council
- Addl Commissioner Rubal Agarwal, Pune Municipal Corporation
- Director Inoshi Sharma, Food Standards and Safety Authority of India
- Keith Stokes-Smith, Chair of Birmingham Commonwealth Association
- Catherine Mzumara, National Director of Research and Monitoring
- Wade Lynn, Honorary Consul for Jamaica and CEO/Founder of Cleone Foods
- Dr Tinashe Mushayanyama, Director Integrated Policy Planning, Research and Partnerships in the city of Johannesburg