



## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN FOOD AND FOOD SECURITY

An International Conference of the  
The Hungry Cities Partnership (supported by the IDRC and Social Sciences and Humanities  
Research Council of Canada) and the Commonwealth Geographical Bureau

Maputo, Mozambique July 4-5, 2019

### THIRD CIRCULAR

#### Background

Foods of many types and nutritional value are produced and consumed in varied ways and different amounts across the world. The patterns of the stability of both production and consumption are affected by a wide range of bio-physical and socio-economic drivers, and these are further conditioned by political and cultural contexts. Who produces and who consumes what types and amounts of food are reflections of existing levels of assets inequity at all scales – from the global and national to the community and household. The people with least assets and, therefore, the most vulnerable in terms of regular access to adequate food, are the poor in countries of the Global South. In some cases the vulnerability of poverty is compounded by prolonged military conflict, disease epidemics, as well as the inequitable competition for agricultural land and water in rural areas, and for affordable retailed food in urban centres.

The strategies employed by people to secure food further reflect variations based on gender roles, knowledge base, technological capabilities, perceptions and issues of governance. Additionally, a food transition is currently in process with traditional diets frequently being replaced by new options. The trend is towards higher consumption of calories, fats and animal products, as populations become influenced by the globalized marketing strategies of 'big food' which is changing food preferences, including those of the poor.

In light of global population growth, increasing levels of urbanization and changing patterns of migration, the robustness of food systems is of paramount importance. Although sufficient food is currently produced in the world for all, an estimated billion people go hungry, whilst another billion people over-consume. Both situations have significant implications for nutrition and health.

A household's food system incorporates all the food chains in which it participates to meet its consumption requirements and culturally-conditioned dietary preferences. Even in relatively simple food systems, there

is a need for some items that are produced outside the local area, and these have to be purchased or otherwise obtained through social networks. Urban populations, in particular, are highly dependent on the cash economy to secure food, which makes them vulnerable to the effects of rising food prices. It appears that a blend of formal and informal livelihoods and food systems in both rural and urban contexts increases the resilience of the poor to access food with limited assets. Vulnerability and resilience are manifest in a variety of situations, and the aspects of vulnerability to which populations fall victim tend to be location- and society-specific.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **Conference Themes**

Papers are invited on themes relating to food and food security, including:

1. Food production, global and local challenges and cases of good practice
2. Food consumption, rural and urban challenges and solutions
3. Food, nutrition and health
4. Gender roles in food systems
5. Food in the formal and informal sectors
6. The role of migration in food production and consumption patterns and preferences
7. Food security in the context of natural disasters and in the face of armed conflict and disease pandemics
8. The politics of food, food policy and governance.

## **Conference Logistics**

**The venue for the Conference: Radisson Blu Hotel, Maputo**

**Registration: USD 150**

Includes: Conference facilities

Arrival Coffee in the morning

Break (tea/coffee/juice/sandwiches)

Lunch

Afternoon Break (tea/coffee/juice/pastry)

## **Accommodation**

**It is** advisable to make hotel bookings along with ground transport arrangements from the airport, and obtain advice on the best options if you do not select the Radisson Blu, through the conference agent, Lutfiyyah, who can be contacted at: [lutfiyyah@mozambiquetravel.com](mailto:lutfiyyah@mozambiquetravel.com)

As a guide, the Radisson Blu conference package rates for standard room, including breakfast and WiFi:

Double occupancy – USD 112 per person per night

Single occupancy - USD 197 per person per night

**Other hotel options at lower rates are indicated below**

	Hotel	Address	Telephone	e-mail/web page	Price in MTs	Price in USD
1	Hotel Africa Residencial	Av. Agostinho Neto 1103	+258 21319191/2	<a href="http://www.hotelafricaresidencialmoz.com">www.hotelafricaresidencialmoz.com</a>	5,000 <sup>1</sup>	83
2	Hotel Kahina	Av. Emilia Dausse 480	+258 21326404	<a href="http://www.hotelkahinamoz.com">www.hotelkahinamoz.com</a>	1,700 <sup>2</sup> 2,000 <sup>3</sup>	29 34
3	Hotel Kapital	Av. Mao Tsé Tung 695	+258 84 865 555  +258 83 215 555	<a href="mailto:reservas@hotelkapitalmoz.com">reservas@hotelkapitalmoz.com</a>  <a href="http://www.hotelkapitalmoz.com">www.hotelkapitalmoz.com</a>	4,900 <sup>4</sup> (double room)	82
4	Hotel Hoyo-Hoyo	Av. Francisco Orlando Magumbwe 837, Maputo 1100, Mozambique	+258 21 491 500		WiFi in public areas	\$60 - \$70

- Taxi: from \$5-\$7 per trip
- Restaurant and pizzerias nearby.

**VISAS.** Visitors of all nationalities are required to purchase a Visa for Mozambique at the entry point, at a cost of USD 50.

**Prospective participants are invited to submit abstracts of papers by April 26, 2019.**

These should be sent to Professor Elizabeth Thomas-Hope, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica: [elizabeth.thomashope@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:elizabeth.thomashope@uwimona.edu.jm) and Dr. Ines Raimundo, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique: [inesmacamo@gmail.com](mailto:inesmacamo@gmail.com)

<sup>1</sup> Includes breakfast and internet

<sup>2</sup> With individual/or in room toilet, but no internet neither breakfast. Internet available in lobby.

<sup>3</sup> Shared toilet/bathroom and no internet in rooms neither breakfast. Internet available in lobby.

<sup>4</sup> Breakfast, internet and TV cable



Social Sciences and Humanities  
Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en  
sciences humaines du Canada

Canada



IDRC | CRDI

International Development Research Centre  
Centre de recherches pour le développement international

Canada

\*\*\*\*\*