

# CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: MIGRATION, URBANIZATION AND FOOD SECURITY IN CITIES OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH



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The African Food Security Urban Network (AFSUN), the African Centre for Cities (ACC), the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC), the Municipal Development Partnership and the International Metropolis Project are jointly hosting a research and policy workshop in Cape Town, South Africa, to explore the nexus between migration, urbanization and food security in comparative context.



Global and regional discussions about the relationship between migration and development cover a broad range of policy issues but strikingly absent from these discussions is any systematic reflection of the links between migration and food security. If the global migration and development debate sidelines food security, the current international food security agenda displays a similar disregard for international and internal migration. Furthermore, that agenda's rural agricultural focus completely sidelines the food security challenge in cities of the Global South which are growing rapidly through mass rural-urban migration. There appears, therefore, to be a massive institutional and substantive disconnect between these two development agendas.

The purpose of this workshop is to initiate a research and policy conversation between migration and food security researchers and policy-makers. In addition to exploring the linkages between urbanization, migration and food security in the Southern African region, the workshop will broaden the discussion to include comparative examples from other regions of the Global South.

Papers and presentations are invited on any of the following, and related, issues:

- ⌘ Rapid urbanization and the implications for food security in Africa/Asia
- ⌘ The dimensions, causes and remedies for food insecurity amongst migrant households and communities in cities
- ⌘ The food procurement strategies of migrant households in the city
- ⌘ The role of informal rural-urban food transfers in the food security of migrant households
- ⌘ International and internal remittances and food security
- ⌘ The role of migrants in the operation of informal urban food systems
- ⌘ Social protection and the food security of migrant households
- ⌘ Gender, migration and urban food security
- ⌘ Migration and inter-city informal trade in foodstuffs
- ⌘ The impact of internal and international migration on urban and rural food security

PLEASE SUBMIT PAPER TITLES AND AN ABSTRACT (OF 250 WORDS)  
NO LATER THAN 20 AUGUST FOR CONSIDERATION TO:

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A small amount of funding will be available to assist participants from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. Please address any queries about travel funding or other aspects of the conference to: **JONATHAN CRUSH** at **[crushj@queensu.ca](mailto:crushj@queensu.ca)**



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