

Experts Vandana Shiva, Mark Watts, Brend Loken, Jane Battersby, Francesco Branca, and Michael Fakhri, keynotes at MUFPP21

- » The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Forum will hold its 7th edition the on 19-21 October in Barcelona.
- » The event will focus on how to avoid urban food emissions.
- » Barcelona is the 2021 World Capital of Sustainable Food.

The 7th Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Forum has confirmed the first keynotes speakers for the three-day event to be held on 19-21 October. Among the experts that will **analyze the best way to change food systems to tackle the climate emergency** and what is the role of cities in this scenario are Vandana Shiva, Mark Watts, Brend Loken, Jane Battersby, Francesco Branca, Michael Fakhry and Danielle Nieremberg.

Vandana Shiva is a Climate Activist, a philosopher, ecologist, feminist, and author of more than 20 books and 300 articles in the most well-known science magazines of the world, who brings a unique perspective on how to promote biodiversity in agriculture to increase productivity, nutrition, and farmer's incomes.

Mark Watts is the Executive Director of C40, a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change. From 2013, he has led the growth of this network from 60 to 97 affiliated cities and more than 200 employees. Prior to joining C40 Cities, Mark was Director at pioneering engineering and design firm, Arup, and before that, he was a senior adviser to the Mayor of London.

Brent Loken is the Global Food Lead Scientist for WWF. His work focuses on feeding everyone on the planet healthy diets within planetary boundaries. Previously, Brent worked for EAT, the science-based global platform for food system transformation, where he was a lead author on the EAT-Lancet report on Food, Planet, Health.

Jane Battersby is the Research coordinator of the ESRC/DFID-funded Consuming Urban Poverty Project in the African Center for Cities, which focuses on governing food systems to alleviate poverty in secondary cities in Africa.

Moreover, Francesco Branca is also one of the keynote speakers of the event. He is the Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development in the World Health Organization



(WHO). He has been a Senior Scientist at the Italian Food and Nutrition research Institute where he was leading studies on the effects of food and nutrients on human health at the different stages of the life cycle and on the impact of public health nutrition programs.

Michael Fakhri is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Right to Food. He is also a professor at the University of Oregon School of Law where he teaches courses on human rights, food law, development, and commercial law. Moreover, he serves as the director of the Food Resiliency Project in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center.

Finally, Danielle Nierenberg is the President of Food Tank, and an expert on sustainable agriculture and food issues. She has written extensively on gender and population, the spread of factory farming in the developing world and innovations in sustainable agriculture.

Speakers will share their knowledge both with physical and online participants as the Forum will be live-streamed through event's website and commented through social media. Beyond how to develop **integrated food policies for healthy citizens on a healthy planet** and what is the best **food infrastructure to feed cities**, the three-day event will address **how to communicate these issues** and the concept of **Food Justice**. Moreover, it will highlight **the lessons learned about food insecurity during the pandemic** and the **role of wholesale markets to transform the food system**.

Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, which was launched in this Italian city in 2015, is an agreement between cities around the world to "develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, to provide healthy and affordable food to all people within a framework based on human rights, which minimizes waste and preserves biodiversity by mitigating the impacts of climate change." Its main goal is to support cities that wish to develop more sustainable urban food systems by encouraging cooperation and the exchange of good practices.

Barcelona World Capital of Sustainable Food 2021

Barcelona is one of the main European centers of food consumption and distribution.

Barcelona's year as the World Sustainable Food Capital in 2021 wants to be a lever for a food transition towards sustainability to strengthen sustainable local economies and improve both people's and the planet's health. It includes the development of more than 90 projects and policies to promote sustainable food and a program that began in January 2021 and will conclude in December with the launching of the process for the establishment of the **Food Strategy 2030** horizon, which should become the roadmap for food policies to be followed in the city for the coming years.



Press contact:

7th MUFPP Global Forum
barcelona-milanpact2021.com/
pressglobalforum@bcn.cat
Phone: +34 649 031 349

Barcelona World Sustainable Food Capital

alimentaciosostenible.barcelona premsaCMAS@bcn.cat
Phone: +34 657 515 361

@mufpp

#BCNMilanPact21

<https://www.instagram.com/alimentaciosostenibleBCN/>