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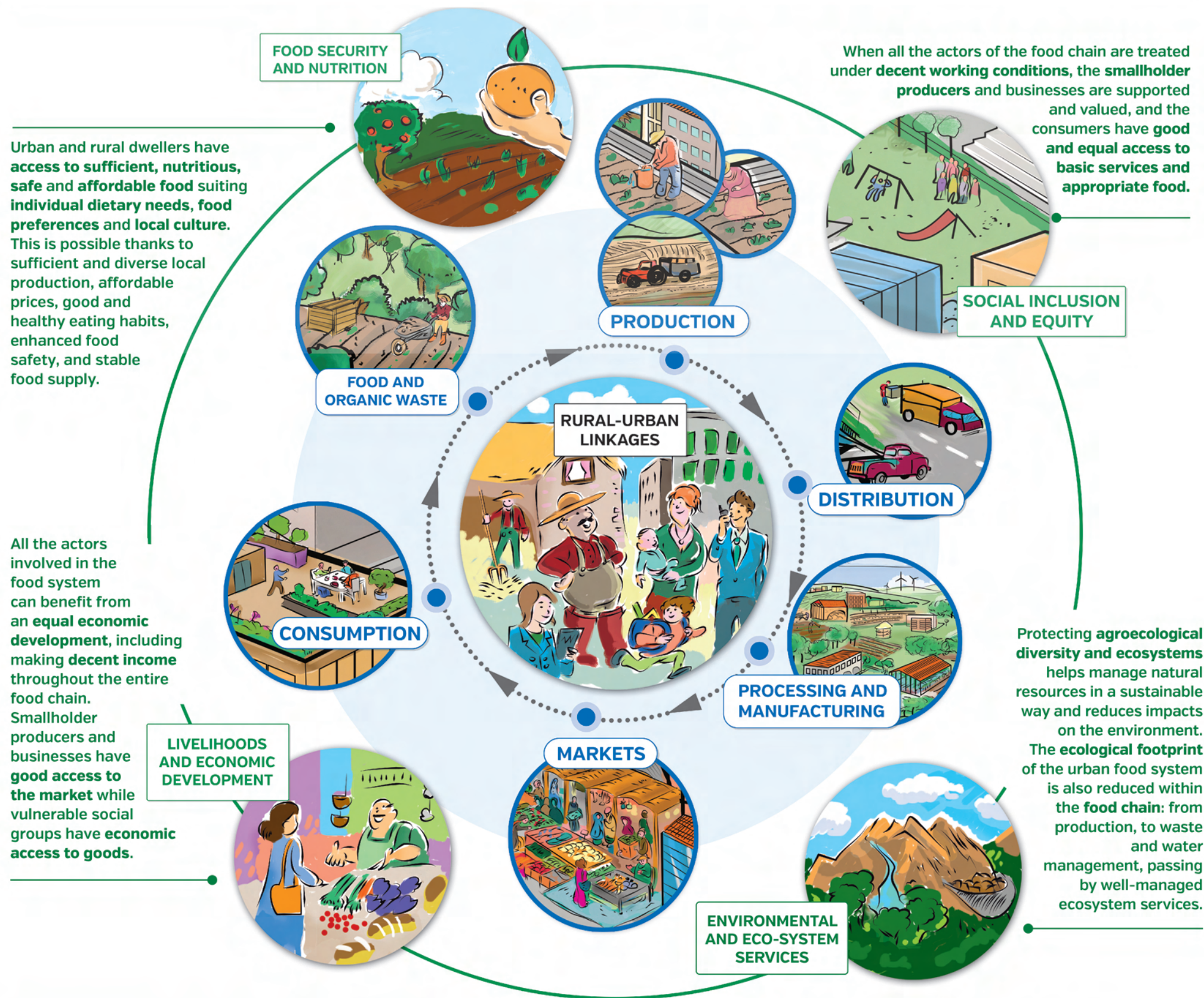
RUAF FOUNDATION
RESOURCE CENTRES ON URBAN AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

CITY REGION FOOD SYSTEMS

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT CITY REGIONS

In an urbanizing world, dynamic food systems are affected by changes in social, physical and ecological factors. Food insecurity and malnutrition concerns need to be addressed in urban areas as much as in rural areas. City region food systems (CRFS) encompass the complex network of actors, processes and relationships involved in food production, processing, marketing and consumption in a given geographical region. A flow of people, goods and ecosystem services exists across this regional landscape. This rural-urban continuum fosters interdependence of rural and urban economies. The CRFS approach is cross-sectoral, multi-level, multi-dimensional and participatory.

IDEAL CITY REGION FOOD SYSTEM



:: WHAT WE DO

FAO aims to create more resilient and inclusive food systems within city regions and to build a basis for action. In partnership with RUAF, FAO assists governments in identifying and understanding gaps, bottlenecks and opportunities for sustainable planning, informed decision making, prioritizing investments, designing sustainable food policies and strategies to improve local food systems.

:: IN PRACTICE

We work jointly with cities around the world to assess their local food system in a participatory way. We do this by engaging the local authorities, the civil society, businesses and all other stakeholders in a multi-stakeholder dialogue. The aim is to support policy planning for a better food system that works well for both urban and rural areas. Quito, Medellín, Toronto, Colombo, Amsterdam, Lusaka, Kitwe, Dakar are already engaged in the process.



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