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**FOOD GOVERNANCE: THE ROLE OF THE CITY COUNCIL “ THINK GLOBAL ACT LOCAL”.**

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The Sustainable Development Goals aim to “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture” and “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. One in 9 of our planet’s citizens still go to sleep hungry. In the West many of us cope with obesity.

Overall, because of the growth of the number on our planet, a substantial increase in food production is needed. To get there, we need to zoom in on the local area and the local solutions and contributions to a healthy food system.

Together with relevant societal and economic partners the Municipality of Ede developed an integrated food governance approach. Our goals is healthy sustainable food for all our citizens, taking into account the entire food system. By doing so, we take our responsibility in improving the food system locally. But more is needed: consumptions patterns need to change, a guaranteed high level of food quality and the impact from food production on the environment are major subjects for a sustainable and healthy future.

During this session, three different rounds will discuss and talk about the things needed to achieve these goals on local level and to bridge the gap between the food challenges worldwide and the practical solutions which are needed. The themes of discussion are among other things short food chains. preventive care and urban agriculture.

Discussion round 1

There will be a political discussion named “Governance and cooperation with impact”. Deputy of Province Gelderland and some local Alderman/Councilors will talk about food policies, challenges in daily practice and, successes made for an integrated food policy.

Discussion round 2

This round will be a scientific one. Some recognized scientists will give a scientific view on food systems and reflect on local policies.

Discussion round 3

This round is a mixture of societal and industrial representatives, they will talk about their vision. How they see their role in cooperation, best practices to share and lessons to learn. The themes of discussion are among other things short food chains, preventive care and urban agriculture.

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