

“Waterloo Conference”: Contributing to the debate on urbanization, food systems and sustainability in the global south



Dr. Samuel Owuor of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies was invited to participate and present a paper during a conference on “Urbanization, Food Systems and Sustainability in the Global South” on 3-4 July 2018 at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA) in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The conference was hosted by the Hungry Cities Partnership (HCP), the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Queen Elizabeth Scholars (QES-AS) and funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the BSIA, Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The first day of the conference addressed the challenges posed by rapid urbanization and the transformation of food systems in the cities of the global south in relation to the goals and targets of the 2030 Sustainable Development agenda and the New Urban Agenda of Habitat III. The second day of the conference was devoted to the increasingly important informal food sector in cities of the global south, and featured a series of presentations of original research by QES-AS scholars and others. Dr. Samuel Owuor is a research partner in the Hungry Cities Partnership <http://hungrycities.net/>, as well as the Team Leader of the Nairobi City Case Study.