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Sustainable
Food Systems

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Overcoming the Barriers to Food Systems Transformation



Learning Journeys

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8:00 AM



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

 **Date & Time:** May 28, starting at 8:00 AM.

 **Bus Departure Location:**

Lets Idea Brasília Hotel ([Map](#))

SHN Q 5 Bloco B - Asa Norte, Brasília - DF, 70705-020

 **Recommendations:** Bring water and a snack if needed.

 **Dress Code:** Wear comfortable clothing & shoes.

 **Lunch:** Will be served at the conference venue starting at 12 PM.



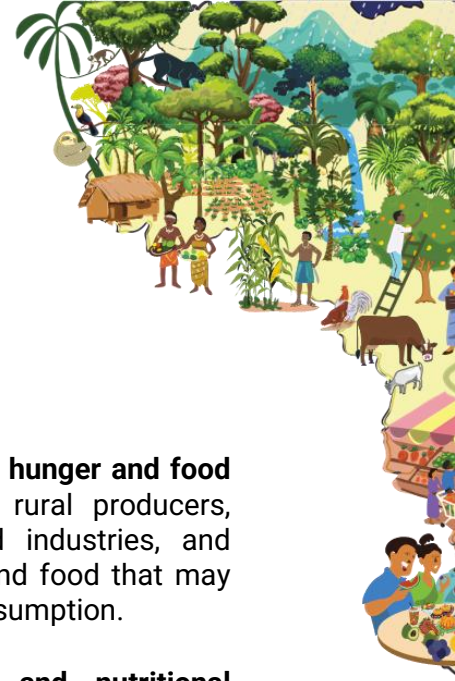
1.

SESC Mesa Brazil

“Food Bank”

Sesc Mesa Brasil is a **national network of food banks that combats hunger and food waste**. It comprises more than 3,000 donor partners—including rural producers, wholesalers and retailers, distribution and supply centers, food industries, and companies from various sectors—who donate surplus production and food that may not meet commercial standards but are still safe and suitable for consumption.

The program **primarily supports people experiencing social and nutritional vulnerability, through registered social organizations**. Additionally, it responds to emergency situations with humanitarian logistics, mobilizing partners to collect and distribute donations to people affected by disasters across the country.





2.

Sunflower Garden Institute “Urban agriculture”

Horta Girassol, the **largest urban garden in the Federal District**, supports five families in São Sebastião. Established in 2005, it was created to prevent waste accumulation in a 5,000 m² public area. With support from Emater-DF and parliamentary funding, the garden expanded from just two beds into **a large-scale operation producing vegetables and fruits**. The project also receives donations of fertilizers, seeds, and other supplies, and welcomes volunteer contributions.

Farmers earn income by selling their produce, which is available for purchase either at retail or through a quota system. The initiative has been recognized by the United Nations (UN), and the Horta Orgânica Comunitária Girassol was selected for the first annual Feed Your City exhibition in 2016.





3. The Central Cooperative of Recycling of the Federal District CENTCOOP-DF “Waste management”

Currently, CENTCOOP-DF brings together 26 enterprises. **Its mission is to expand selective waste collection, particularly within public institutions,** and to operate with ethics and responsibility.

In addition to promoting environmental education and shared waste management, CENTCOOP is currently developing a composting project focused on organic waste from Brasília's street markets. **The cooperative also hosts two solidarity kitchens at its facilities, further expanding its role in social inclusion and food security.** Its core values include supporting and coordinating actions to strengthen the waste pickers' movement, improving their working conditions, and increasing the commercialization of recyclable materials produced by affiliated cooperatives.





4.

Embrapa Cerrados
“Agricultural Research Center –
Cerrado Ecosystem”

The Embrapa Cerrado is a unit of Embrapa focused on **agricultural research in the Cerrado biome, with an emphasis on developing technologies for crops adapted to the region**, such as soybeans, corn, and beans. It works on genetic improvement of these crops, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, soil management, and environmental conservation. Additionally, it offers **innovations in technologies such as irrigation and precision agriculture**, and supports agribusiness through consultancy and training, contributing to productivity and sustainability in agriculture in the region.



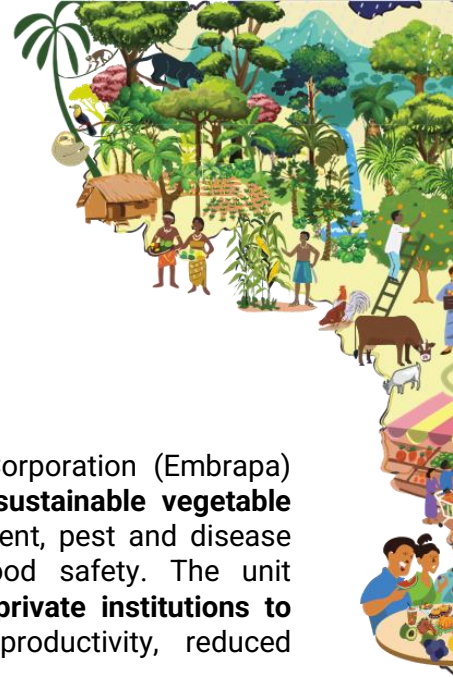


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Embrapa Hortaliças “Agricultural Research Center – Vegetable Crops”

Embrapa Hortaliças is a unit of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa) dedicated to **developing technologies, innovations, and research for sustainable vegetable production in Brazil**. Its main areas of focus include genetic improvement, pest and disease management, cultivation techniques, post-harvest processes, and food safety. The unit **collaborates with farmers, cooperatives, universities, and public and private institutions to strengthen the national horticulture sector**—promoting increased productivity, reduced environmental impact, and improved food quality.

The SEAGRI Seed Bank supports local farmers by providing seeds, fertilizers, limestone, technical assistance, and equipment free of charge. Seeds are collected at Granja Modelo do Ipê, located in Park Way, where the Community Seed Bank is based. Each producer can withdraw a certain quantity of seeds for planting and is expected to return twice the amount in seeds after harvest, ensuring the bank’s sustainability.





6. Solidarity Kitchen of Sol Nascente

“Social Technology”

Social technologies to combat food and nutritional insecurity, based on grassroots, non-state initiatives, are structured by local communities through collectives, social movements, and civil society organizations. **These initiatives aim to produce and provide adequate and healthy meals, preferably for people in vulnerable situations and at social risk**, including the homeless population. Additionally, they support the community through other activities of collective interest.

