

## **Strategies for Change: How do we get to the vision?**

*From the CFSC Membership Meeting, Sunday Nov. 11, 2007. See <http://www.foodsecurity.org> for more information about the meeting.*

Small groups discussed what steps to take regarding specific issues within the movement.

### **Farm to Institution**

#### ***3-5 yr recommendation:***

1. increase the % of local food sourced by state governments through strategic use of state legislation – to increase food sourced within that state
2. Develop guidelines not necessarily driven by state or institutional guidelines to encourage local purchasing. Areas to look at: geography, labor, environment, animal welfare, social responsibility.
3. Develop tools for baseline data collection (could include some of the above areas) to inform public and policy makers about the benefits of buying locally sourced products.

Support development incentives for farmer production processing and implementation.

### **Local and Regional Food Systems 1**

#### ***Most significant changes***

More local food served in institutions

Increase in number of farmers

Local foods sold in grocery stores

#### ***Drivers of change***

Organizational network to create change?

Collective voice to build a base

Infrastructure in the supply chain

Grocery Stores and contract management

#### ***Key things we need***

Small developing farmer program

Infrastructure for ideas

### **Food Systems 2**

1. Address expanding farmer network
2. Create common Visions
3. Progress and successes with building infrastructure for regional distribution

### **Health**

#### ***Macro***

1. Food issues: quality & access central to organizations working to improve public health

#### ***Forces and drivers***

2. Public health campaign that mimics tobacco with children as entry point
3. Documenting to change the school diet...

### **Federal Policy**

1. All people have access to healthy fair, green, affordable food of farm bill victories
2. Inclusion of CFS priorities in Child nutrition reauthorization
3. Securing federal dollars for key programs
4. Need to build capacity and dollars to maintain and expand alliances for upcoming opportunities
5. Need to develop pilot projects to demonstrate on the ground practices to inform policy

### **Climate Change**

1. Leadership education – national and international – areas most impacted
2. Training materials - for our own leadership, elected officials
3. Purchase carbon?
4. Cross cutting risk factors –
5. Put on conference for food water climate
6. 150 cities working with focus on local food sustainable may be start
7. CFS approach to biofuels.

### **Race, Equity, and Justice**

Will require a 20-year approach

#### ***3-5 yrs:***

1. Creating leadership/fellowship program
2. funding to allow broader participation
3. statement of anti-oppression and inclusively
4. heightened awareness of farmer issues - - African American farmers in part
5. Regionalization of CFSC – sometimes people at the community level can often better relate and source for leaders
6. policy change that affects people of color – notions around economic and community development – relationships between urban and rural communities – money spent on food outside of community – leakage
7. Community organizing asses based approach – respecting assets in community – knowledge base
8. Creating a different type of space for a meeting – e.g. open space – created agenda on site based on interest
9. Common analysis of race in the food system