

An article from the **Cape Times on “Feeding the Mother City”**

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led me to the Food Dialogues Report.

The Oranjezicht City Farm conceived of and produced a 10-part series on the food system in Cape Town called the **Food Dialogues**. This series was a platform for sharing ideas about creating a healthier, more conscious and just food system in the Mother City.

Food Dialogues sessions brought together a wide range of speakers involved in shaping the food system, providing an opportunity for food growers, academics, activists, writers, nutritionists, food lovers and anyone interested in a sustainable approach to engage in key issues intimately connected to the food we eat and the future of food in Cape Town.

The proceedings were recorded (see below) and edited into the **Food Dialogues Report** by award-winning South African science writer, [Leonie Joubert](#), author of *The Hungry Season: Feeding Southern Africa’s Cities*. The Report draws out the narratives, extracts the themes expressed by the various speakers, and unpacks opportunities and ideas that emerged as trends through the discussions. The report was workshopped with the Food Dialogues presenters, through a Cape Town Partnership Green Clusters event, and is published by the [Oranjezicht City Farm](#), with support from the [Cape Town Partnership](#).

Launched on World Food Day 2014, the **Food Dialogues Report** is packed with local insight and recommendations for action, and is essential reading for anyone who cares about food, nutrition, public health, food security, urban planning, environmental issues and the state of our Mother City.

Following on from the 10-part OZCF Food Dialogues series hosted in Cape Town from May to July 2014, the Food Dialogues Report offers an overview of the state of the food economy in Cape Town – its strengths and weaknesses in terms of culture, urban design, politics, economics, nutrition and environmental impact – and provides a guide to action for private and public entities directly engaged in our food system, and for consumers as well.

Food Dialogues was a 10-part series of talks that brought together some of the freshest minds to discuss aspects of the food system in Cape Town. It was created and produced by the Oranjezicht City Farm as a platform for sharing ideas to foster a healthier, more conscious and just food system in the Mother City. Learn more and access archives, podcasts and videos at www.ozcf.co.za/food-dialogues.

We can probably learn from this Report.....