



City Practitioners Handbook: Circular Food Systems

Overview of stakeholders mapping tools



This comparative overview of stakeholders mapping tools is part of the supporting resources of the [City Practitioners Handbook: Food Systems](#). It provides city practitioners with a comparison of online and offline tools which can be used to depict stakeholder relationships in a visual manner.

- [Netmap](#)
Developed by Eva Schiffer, supported by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
Pro: no computer needed, provides users with a 3-D visualization of connections between stakeholders as well as power relationships
Con: Physical presence required
- [Importance/Influence Matrix \(template\)](#)
CLEVER Cities template based on [Five-Step Approach](#) developed by BSR™
Pro: only a flipchart is needed, generates insights on the importance and influence of each stakeholder
Con: less dynamic than an online tool
- [Social network visualizer \(SOCNETV\)](#)
Created by Dimitris Kalamaras
Pro: social network visualization software with a clean interface and customization options that allow for both simple and highly advanced analyses of actor relationships
Con: software is not self-explanatory, large variety of features might be overwhelming for less tech-savvy users
- [CompendiumNG:](#)
Originally developed by the OpenUniversity, open-source software maintained by community contributors
Pro: open-source tool for extensive issue-based stakeholder mapping
Con: application is not self-explanatory, complex installation and set-up procedure which might be overwhelming for less tech-savvy users
- [USAID Collaboration Mapping:](#)
Originally developed by Preston Sharp (USAID/Rwanda), supported by USAID
Pro: automatically generates a map showing actor relationships from the perspective of one main actor positioned at the center of the map, users simply enter stakeholder information into downloadable Excel worksheet
Con: requires Excel, only includes four overarching categories, designed for USAID (but can be customized for use by other organizations)