

Translation Statement by the City of Amsterdam

Signing of the Plant Based Treaty

The board of mayor and aldermen of the municipality of Amsterdam decides,

considering:

- article 160, first paragraph, subsection a of the Municipalities Act;
- the Implementation Agenda Food Strategy 2023-2026

to sign the Plant Based Treaty.

Justification:

The way we produce, distribute, process, and consume food has a significant impact on the health of people and animals and contributes to the climate crisis. With its Food Strategy, the municipality of Amsterdam takes responsibility to drive changes in the food system, ensuring that all residents of Amsterdam have access to healthy, fair, sustainable, and affordable food and drinks. This also aligns with the principles of the Paris Agreement from 2015 for a climate-neutral and circular food system. One action line to achieve this is the shift towards more plant-based food.

The consumption of more plant-based proteins is better for our health. It can lead to fewer conditions such as cardiovascular diseases and colorectal cancer. It is also better for our climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and decreasing land use and depletion of oceans. Moreover, less industrial livestock farming is better for animal welfare. The ambition is to shift the protein ratio in the city's diet from 40 to 60 percent plant-based by 2030.

By signing the Plant Based Treaty, the municipality of Amsterdam supports the global call to cities, organizations, businesses, and residents to contribute to combating the climate crisis by changing dietary patterns. Only by working together can we help achieve the three goals of the Plant Based Treaty: stopping new land use for industrial livestock farming, promoting more plant-based food, and restoring crucial ecosystems.

Through this support of the Plant Based Treaty and its Implementation Agenda Food Strategy, Amsterdam aims to set a good example and inspire everyone to participate, thus contributing to a healthy and sustainable future.

Amsterdam, date,

On behalf of the board of mayor and aldermen of Amsterdam,

[signature on the original document]

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