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Happy New Year!

Our efforts in January have led to some exciting developments for urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam! Additionally, it has brought some changes to our SCINAP office. Perhaps the most notable change is the introduction of a new Urban Agriculture Officer.



Nicole Fornelli comes to us from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. She has a background in Political Science and previous international work experience in Ghana. She is excited for the opportunity to be involved in Urban Agriculture in Dar es Salaam.

We would like to officially welcome Nicole to the SCINAP team. In addition to her other activities related to urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam, Nicole will be taking over the monthly Dar es Salaam Urban Agriculture Newsletter. Please feel free to be in touch with Nicole on issues related to urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam from this point forward.

SCINAP Peer-exchange event (20–24 February 2012)

From 20–24 February 2012, the SCINAP office in Dar es Salaam will be hosting a peer-exchange event to share information and experiences on solid waste management and urban agriculture among SCINAP programs in Dakar, Senegal, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Durban, South Africa. A number of local delegates will be participating in the event, including: members from each of the three municipal councils; the Dar es Salaam City Council (DCC); Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development (MLHHSD); as well as other local and international organizations and epistemological institutions involved in solid waste management and/or urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be joined by members from the Mazingira Institute, located in Nairobi, Kenya. The Mazingira Institute “extends relevant knowledge and practices, promotes learning and cooperation and enhances ethical solidarity and advocacy” (www.mazinst.org). The Institute will be presenting on the Nairobi and Environs Food Security, Agriculture and Livestock Forum (NEFSALF).



Legitimization

We are also pleased to announce that Kinondoni Municipal Council has progressed to an advanced stage in the legitimization process. The municipality met with the MLHHSD last week and confirmed its intent to submit Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture in time to be included in the New Master Plan for the City of Dar es Salaam. The documents will be submitted this week and the MLHHSD has agreed to approve them and incorporate them into the New Master Plan.

We are waiting for further feedback from Ilala Municipal Council and Temeke Municipal Council. We are striving to assist these municipalities in submitting their Strategic Plans to the MLHHSD in time for incorporation into the New Master Plan.

Research

Afton Halloran (Master's of Science student from the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen) will be conducting research on urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam. Afton is also an affiliate researcher with Sustainable Cities International. She will be in Dar es Salaam from February – April 2012. Please contact us if you wish to communicate with Afton on issues related to urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam.

In closing...

Heading into the New Year, we are excited by a number of opportunities that lay ahead for urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam. The incorporation of the Municipal Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture into the New Master Plan for the City of Dar es Salaam will provide opportunities for SCINAP to engage with key stakeholders to discuss the implementation process. Please feel free to contact us with any comments, suggestions or general feedback related to urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam or the Monthly Urban Agriculture Newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN URBAN AGRICULTURE IN DAR ES SALAAM.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT.

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