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Greetings Urban Agriculture Followers!

Our efforts towards the legitimization of urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam have been rewarded with an encouraging month! We have seen some promising developments take place and we look forward to many exciting opportunities in the near future. Here is a brief update of our activities for September 2011.

## LEGITIMIZATION

Each of the municipalities is in the process of submitting strategic plans on urban agriculture to their respective Management Teams and Urban Planning Committees. Once approval has been granted at the municipal level, the plans will be submitted to the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development (MLHHSD). Once approved by the Ministry, the plans will be ready for inclusion in the new Master Plan for the City of Dar es Salaam!

During the previous urban agriculture stakeholder consultation, municipalities were tasked with the strategy to develop site suitability assessment proposals for the demarcation of land zones for urban agriculture activities. Kinondoni Municipal Council recently had its site suitability assessment proposal approved by the municipality. We are pleased to announce that Kinondoni Municipal Council has officially designated the following zones for urban agriculture activities: 1) Kawe, 2) Malolo, and 3) Mpiji River Basin.

We look forward to receiving similar good news from both Ilala and Temeke this month!

## DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Mikocheni 'A' Post Primary Vocational School continues to operate a waste separation and compost project in tandem with a school gardening project. The final funds for the demonstration project were released to the school earlier this week. The school has agreed to supplement these funds, which are designated for the development of infrastructure that will provide a more reliable source of water for the school gardening projects. The school is also in search of developing market linkages for compost and vegetables produced by home economics students participating in the projects.

The school has developed a strong project profile and we will continue to support them as they seek funding from other sources.

## THE TANZANIA FOOD & GARDEN NETWORK (TaFoGa Net)

TaFoGa Net has received its certificate of registration!

The last month has been a time of rejoicing for TaFoGa Net, as the organization recently received its registered status! Since then, an annual plan has been developed, which will be discussed and finalized by TaFoGa Net members at an upcoming meeting. The meeting will also address issues related to: networking, fundraising and other outreach activities with the aim of increasing the visibility of TaFoGa Net among urban farmers and other relevant stakeholders in Dar es Salaam.



PHOTO: Waste separation bins at Mikocheni 'A' Post Primary Vocational School/Sustainable Cities International Network Africa Programme (SCINAP)

## LOOKING FORWARD

October is a month we are all looking forward to! Our reports indicate that each of the municipalities will approve their strategic plans on urban agriculture by month's-end! Once the plans are approved, they will be submitted to the MLHSD. The MLHSD is organising a feedback session on the inception report from the consultancy preparing the Dar Master Plan in October 2011. Our hope is that the Municipal Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture will be approved in a timely manner, so that formal incorporation into the new Master Plan can occur this year. Once the plans have been submitted to the Ministry, we will begin to prepare for a workshop to explore and discuss the details of implementation. The participation of urban agriculture stakeholders will be invaluable to the implementation process.

October should also be a positive month for TaFoGa Net, as the organization will meet to finalize its annual plan, as well as discuss other outreach activities. Stay tuned for next month's update.

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

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