

Dar es Salaam Urban Agriculture Stakeholders' Monthly Newsletter: May 2011

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Letter to Stakeholders

As you have likely noticed, we are developing a new format for the newsletter to make it easier to read and to highlight special features. This is a work in progress so your comments are welcome.

Enjoy!

Welcome

We are happy to announce there have been more changes in the Dar es Salaam Sustainable Cities – Network Africa Program (SCI-NAP) office this past month. At the beginning of the month we welcomed a new staff member,

Nicole Lulham. Nicole is the new Sustainable Tourism Project Officer. She will be dividing her time between our office and the office of the Dar es Salaam Tourism Executive Board.

Karibu Nicole!

Featured Project

Mikocheni A Vocational School Waste Separation and Composting Project

Since September 2010, SCI-NAP has been working with Mikocheni A Vocational School on an innovative project linking waste management and food security in Mikocheni A Ward, Kinondoni Municipality.

The project seeks to close the nutrient loop by converting food scraps into high quality compost. Thanks to training provided by Mr. Kizito, Solid Waste Management Officer with Temeke Municipal Council, and under the guidance of Mr. Kilongo, Headmaster, and his staff, the school now produces high quality compost.

The project makes effective use of the wide skill set and manpower on hand among students and faculty. Students regularly take turns

collecting and separating food scraps from other waste materials produced and are involved in tending to the compost in the chambers.

The project shows considerable innovation in that composting and gardening activities have been



Organic waste separation bins.

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Composting chambers constructed by students and staff at Mikocheni A Vocational School.

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incorporated into the different program curricula and school activities. Masonry and carpentry students were tasked with building the specialized compost chambers, while home economics students use the compost to grow vegetables in the school's garden plots.

Currently, the school is in the process of scaling up the project. In recent months, the school increased its number of vegetable garden plots to be able to involve more students and produce more vegetables to meet the requirements of its home economics department.

Since February, the project has been producing compost in excess of the school's gardening needs. Staff is now working to scale up production so that they can sell the surplus. This means expanding production, ensuring quality, and identifying markets. In order to do this, the school will expand its collection efforts to gather food scraps from nearby canteens and institutions. The group is purchasing wheeled bins so students can collect waste from various locations in the area.

One of the goals is to increase the sustainability of the project. This will involve developing a market for the school's compost. Part of this will be ensuring that the compost meets clients' safety and quality expectations. To support this goal,

SCI-NAP has begun researching options for testing and certifying the compost.



The final product: compost!

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Vegetable garden bed fertilized with compost.

Photo credit: Olive Bailey

To visit the project and learn about converting food scraps into compost, contact Mr. Kilongo at +255 0754 434 493.

News from the Field

Legitimization of Urban Agriculture

Response to the Summary Report on the Stakeholders' Consultation has been very encouraging, with many of you requesting copies of the report following the last newsletter. In addition to the soft copies distributed to the stakeholders, we have also circulated hard copies for the records of the Dar es Salaam City Council, Ilala Municipal Council, Temeke Municipal Council, Kinondoni Municipal Council, the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development (MLHSD), the Ministry of Food Security, Agriculture and Cooperatives and National Environmental Management Council.

A Kiswahili edition of the summary has been produced and will be circulated to all stakeholders.

In April, we paid a visit to Mr. Mhagama, Deputy Director of Physical Planning at MLHSD. During our discussions about the master planning process, he emphasized the importance of accurately mapping the spaces suitable for urban agriculture in the Municipal Plans. This will help ensure the plans make it through the approval process.

The consultant for producing the Dar es Salaam Master Plan has been engaged and started work. We are in touch with the MLHSD on the

progress of the Master Plan to determine timelines for submissions of Municipal Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture. We promise to pass along that information as soon as it becomes known to us.

Coming Up Next

- We are currently finishing the summary report of the Farmers' Consultation from early March and will circulate that at the beginning of May.



Participants at the Farmers' Representative Consultation Meeting on the Draft Municipal Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture, March 4, 2011.

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- In terms of progress, we are currently waiting on the Municipal Agriculture and Livestock Departments of each municipality to finalize the Strategic Municipal Plans on

UA. Once these plans are finalized they will be submitted to the Municipal Planning Departments of each municipality for approval. We will keep you informed once the plans have been approved.

- Once the plans have been approved, we will be holding

another stakeholders meeting to discuss the implementation of the plans. This meeting will serve as a workshop to develop protocols for assessing sites within the UA zones and to develop criteria for selecting who has access to demarcated plots for UA

Community Demonstration Projects

In April we completed our mid-year reporting on community demonstration projects.

The start-up of new projects has been placed on hold until we are able to complete close-out reports on projects that have ended or are in their final stages.

Coming Up Next

- In May, we will be visiting the 6 open space urban farmers' groups we have worked with since September 2010, namely Drive In Group, Temeke

Wamboga, Tazara Farmers, Oysterbay Police Station, Msimbazi Farmers and , Muhutasari wa Kikao Cha Mamboki Kilichofanyika to complete final evaluations and prepare close-out reports.

- The school will be holding a training workshop on compost production for local community leaders, nearby schools, and members of community solid waste collection groups already working with us in the next month.

Tanzania Food Garden Network

This month we began refocusing our attention to the Tanzania Food Garden Network (TFGN). We have been speaking with TFGN members who are pursuing the formalization of the network. One member of the network, Freddy Njegeja from Strategic Community Assistance Network (SCAN) has started the registration process.

Coming Up Next

- We have begun organizing a workshop on strategic planning for network members to provide them with training in developing a 1-year strategic plan for the TFGN. A draft program for the workshop has been produced and is currently

under review. The 3-day workshop is likely to be held in early June. We will keep you posted on the exact dates of the workshop.

Funding and Building Linkages

We are still mobilizing funding to scale up our activities and the activities of the TFGN. We are very excited by the potential linkages that we are building with other organizations in our various program areas, including composting and urban agriculture.

Coming Up Next

- We will be following up on contacts made during the Durban Peer-Exchange and through our regular activities and networks.

If you know of any grants that the Network can apply for or any urban agriculture groups who may one day be interested in joining the network, please let us know!

As always, please let us know of any opportunities for funding so that we can continue our efforts in formalizing urban agriculture as well as support promising groups like the TFGN.

Likewise, if you see some way in which our organizations might work together and would like to collaborate on a joint funding or project proposals, please be in touch.

Mpaka mwezi ujao!

Contact Us!

We are always looking to meet interesting groups, potential partners, and to hear suggestions and feedback. Likewise, if you have any information that you think would be of use to stakeholders contact us about including it in the next issue.

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