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Legitimization

The Kinondoni Municipality has allocated an area in Kawe for Urban Agriculture. SCINAP will be working with the KMC to assist in the implementation of their strategic plans for the zone. While visiting the Kawe zone, SCINAP met with the Jitihada Farmers' Group, who currently manages a plant and vegetable nursery in the zone.

The Dar es Salaam City Council will be hosting a feedback workshop on the New Dar es Salaam Master Plan later in May. The workshop will provide different stakeholders the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns about the legitimization process for UA. This workshop will also provide the consultants, who drafted the Master Plan, the opportunity to collect valuable feedback in which to improve on the final draft and implementation of the New Dar es Salaam Master Plan.

NEFSALF Learning Exchange 2012

Fred Njegeja, Secretary of TaFoGa Net, is currently attending the Nairobi and Environs Food Security, Agriculture and Livestock Forum (NEFSALF) Learning Exchange on Urban Agriculture. The Learning Exchange is taking place in Nairobi, Kenya. Experiences from Freetown, Sierra Leone, Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania will be shared. Participants will also participate in field visits, to learn from local urban farmers in Nairobi. Mrs. Elde Kimaro, from the Temeke Municipal Agricultural Department, will also attend the forum; representing the three Municipalities of Dar es Salaam.

Compost for Agriculture

Mikocheni 'A' Primary Vocational School currently produces compost for garden use. As part of the school's curriculum, the horticulture students maintain garden beds and a compost container. The compost produced is then used for the school gardens. Any excess is then sold to individuals in the community. If you would like to inquire about buying compost from the school, please contact Mr. Kilongo, the principal of the school: 0754434493; mikochenipost@yahoo.com.

Research

Sadly, are good friend Afton Halloran will be heading back to Copenhagen to finish up her Master's Program. Afton was the UA Project Officer with SCINAP back in 2010. She returned to Dar es Salaam this past January to work as an affiliate researcher with Sustainable Cities International. It has been a pleasure to work with Afton these past few months. We wish you all the best with your future endeavours. However, it would not surprise me to see Afton planting vegetables in the urban gardens of Dar es Salaam someday in the future. Safari Njema! If you wish to contact Afton, you can reach her by email: <u>aftonhalloran@dsr.life.ku.dk</u>

In closing

We hope to make these newsletters informative and insightful. If you have any suggestions for ways in which the newsletter could be improved, or have any information on urban agriculture you would like to share, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued interest and support for urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage with you.

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

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