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**Yay to February!**

We have had an exciting month this past February. With new interns arriving, as well as our 2012 Sustainable Cities International Network – Africa Programme (SCINAP) Peer Exchange!

Firstly, I would like to formally introduce myself as the new Urban Agriculture Project Officer with SCINAP. My name is Nicole Fornelli. I am from Vancouver, Canada and I am very excited for the opportunity to work in Urban Agriculture here in Dar es Salaam with the SCINAP Team. Brock has done an exceptional job as previous Urban Agriculture Project Officer, and I am looking forward to continuing on with all the work he has done. Thank you Brock!!!

### **Research**

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

### **SCINAP Peer Exchange (20-24 February 2012)**

Last week, the SCINAP Dar es Salaam office hosted the 2012 SCINAP Peer Exchange. It was a huge success!!! The focus of the Peer Exchange was on the sharing of information and experiences on solid waste management and urban agriculture amongst SCINAP programs in Dakar, Senegal, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Durban, South Africa. A number of local and international delegates attended the Peer Exchange. Diana Lee-Smith and Esther Maina of the Mazingira Institute from Nairobi, Kenya, ([www.mazinst.org](http://www.mazinst.org)) attended the workshop and presented on the governance of the Nairobi and Environs Food Security, Agriculture and Livestock Forum and how it promotes farmers livelihoods. The information and knowledge they shared was extremely valuable for the discussions on urban agriculture.

The Secretary for TaFoGa Net, Fred Njegeja, presented a paper on Local Public Engagement Policy Mechanisms for Stakeholder Participation and was able to connect with the Mazingira Institute. They have plans of keeping in contact and sharing experiences, so to continue learning from one another.

We are in the process of completing a report on the Peer Exchange. Once the report is complete, it will be available for those who are interested in reading it. If you are interested, please contact me and I can send you a copy once it is finished.

### **Legitimization**

We are thrilled to say that the Kinondoni Municipal Council has submitted their Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture to the MLHHS to be included into the New Dar es Salaam 2010 – 2030 Master Plan. Ilala and Temeke Municipal Councils are also in the process of submitting their Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture to the MLHHS in time for incorporation into the New Master Plan. Once the Plans have been submitted and approved, we will work with Dar es Salaam City Council on producing a City Wide Strategic Plan on Urban Agriculture and collaborate with the 3 Municipal Councils on implementing the strategies beginning with assessment of zones.

### **Community Projects**

SCINAP will be working in collaboration with the Mikocheni Vocational School Gardening and Composting project to market their compost. We will link the school project with our ongoing recycling and composting project with the Kisiwani Environmental Group in Buguruni ward.

### **In closing**

We hope to build from the knowledge and energy shared at the Peer Exchange with all our stakeholders on opportunities for improving urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam in the coming months. 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.

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT

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