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Welcome Tanya Hubbard!



It is my pleasure to welcome Tanya Hubbard to the SCINAP team! Tanya is the incoming UA Project Officer here at SCINAP. Tanya comes from the small town of Merritt, British Columbia, Canada. She grew up always wanting to move to a large city with new opportunities and understand the need and appeal of moving to an urban centre. After a year of college Tanya decided to pursue an acting career and spent the last fifteen years in Vancouver working as an actor in various film and television projects.

Four years ago Tanya traveled to Tanzania as a volunteer and fell in love with the country. It was that experience that prompted her to return to the University of British Columbia to complete a degree in Women's and Gender Studies because of its focus on social justice issues.

It was in her final semester when the position with Sustainable Cities presented itself. Tanya is thrilled to take on the position of Project Officer: Urban Agriculture and looks forward to contributing her knowledge of gender equity while learning more about urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam.

As for myself, I am grateful for my experience here in Dar es Salaam. It has been a pleasure to work with SCINAP, as well as with promoters of UA here in Dar. I have learned so much these past six months as UA Project Officer and am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with you. I will always remember my experience here in Dar es Salaam. Tupo pa moja!!

Legitimization

Currently, the UA Strategic Plans of Temeke, Ilala, and Kinondoni Municipalities, have been incorporated in to the preliminary draft of the New Dar es Salaam Master Plan. Though some amendments still need to be made, this is very exciting news for the Municipalities, SCINAP and the City of Dar es Salaam!! The final draft of the Master Plan is proposed to be completed by October of this year.

The Kinondoni Municipal Council has started implementing their UA Strategic Plans for Kawe. Training on record keeping, irrigation, organic farming and marketing has been completed for members of the Jitihada Farmers Group. Training was conducted by the KMC. The Jitihada Farmers Group will soon begin cultivating the plots allocated for them in Kawe.

SCINAP will be facilitating an UA Stakeholders Workshop later in August. The hope is to create a platform for stakeholders to share their experiences in UA in Dar es Salaam. Activities in Kawe will also be featured at this workshop.

TaFoGa Net

TaFoGa Net is currently preparing for the Nane Nane Exhibition, which begins August 1st. SCINAP, as well as the Ilala Municipality, have been assisting TaFoGa Net in making preparations for the exhibition. The Ilala Municipality has kindly offered a pavilion for TaFoGa Net to promote their activities and material.

This is a great opportunity for TaFoGa Net to promote themselves and to network with other UA practitioners. We wish TaFoGa Net, as well as all municipalities, all the best at this year's Nane Nane Exhibition.

Later this month, TaFoGa Net will be hosting Professor Alphonse Kyessi, from Ardhi University. Professor Kyessi will conduct a meeting on UA and Land Policy, as well as share strategies on how to advocate for urban farmers in Dar es Salaam.

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.

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