



**REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS**

**Networking – Side – Training events**

**City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN events**

**Deadline: 30 April 2014**

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**Reporting Format for Partners**  
(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

<b>Name of Reporter:</b>	Makiko Taguchi
Event title/number:	Growing Greener Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean
Date:	Tuesday 8 April
Venue:	Urban Library
Time:	13:30-14:30
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	FAO
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Italy
Approximate number of participants:	100 (full room)

**Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):**

- A new FAO report on the status of urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA) in Latin America and the Caribbean was launched.

In 2009, representatives of 12 Latin America and the Caribbean countries met in Medellín to develop strategies for reducing high rates of urban poverty and food insecurity across the region. Their Medellín Declaration urged national, state and local governments to incorporate *urban and peri-urban agriculture*, or UPA, into their programmes for eradicating hunger and poverty.

Five years later, this FAO report reviews the progress that has been made toward realizing Medellín’s vision of “greener cities” – ones in which urban and peri-urban agriculture is recognized by public policy, included in urban development strategies, supported by agricultural research and extension, and linked to sources of training, technological innovation, investment and credit, and to urban markets and consumers.

It also explores the important role of UPA in building resilient, sustainable “city region food systems” that are incorporated fully into urban planning and ensure food security, contribute to urban and rural livelihoods, and protect the environment.

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*

**URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE**

All reports received will be included in the WUF7 final report to be published after the closing of the Forum. We kindly urge you to send the report of your session to us **before 30 April 2014** following this format. Please be aware that not delivering the report within the deadline will be taken into consideration when applying for future events at the World Urban Forum.





**URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN**  
**URBAN ECONOMY**  
**URBAN BASIC SERVICES**  
**HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING**  
**RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION**

It is also relevant to all cross cutting issues

**Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):**

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

In the region, UPA is characterized in two dimensions. First, urban agriculture, or backyard gardening (in the Caribbean) within the city, is typically small scale and more for home consumption. Secondly, peri-urban agriculture is practiced more at commercial scale (mainly in Latin America) including large scale livestock production. UPA is widespread in the region. For example, 40% of Cuban households are engaged, 8500 households in Bogotá produce food for home consumption, and in Haiti, 25,500 households are cultivating in and around cities. Most of them involved in UPA are low income households, and earn some income from the activity, but the main benefit is improved access to nutritious food. There are challenges also faced, such as land and water competition with other sectors, environmental concerns over large scale peri-urban agriculture, etc. Only 12 out of the 23 countries surveyed have a national policy to promote UPA. In some cases local governments are actively supporting UPA development. A number of cities have a mandated specialized agency to manage UPA activities. Still, UPA and food and nutrition security is often excluded from urban planning.

Mexico City

Agricultural and planning land use processes are indispensable for designing policies and activities in urban and peri-urban areas, above all because of the possibility of reducing poverty and assuring the food supply. In Latin America, there are a limited number of studies which discuss institutional involvement and proposals for participative and multi-sector planning with the aim of generating viable conditions for urban agriculture in megacities, within the framework of sustainable development. This presentation analyzes the principal components of a planning process which promotes the development of agricultural production zones in Mexico City. The experience was conceptualized with the integration of data obtained through fieldwork, interviews, ethnographic techniques and geomatics, in order to intervene in policies and strategic activities. The positive aspect of this presentation includes promoting the idea that it is critical to support urban agriculture, by district or metropolitan authorities, in order to address various issues on the city's development agenda, from the perspective of strategic planning and the practice of their implementation. It is concluded that it is also necessary to re-assess the aspect of socio-territorial organization in the study region, in order to achieve an integrated, habitable and sustainable city by organizing agricultural activities in the urban and peri-urban areas of Mexico City.

Medellín





La Secretaría de Inclusión Social y Familia de la Alcaldía de Medellín a través de la Unidad de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional aborda las problemáticas sociales relacionadas con la alimentación y nutrición en la población más vulnerable de la ciudad, como respuesta a las políticas municipal y nacional de seguridad alimentaria y nutricional. El objetivo de la Unidad es “Contribuir al cumplimiento de la garantía de derechos para la población del municipio de Medellín y sus corregimientos en cuanto a alimentación y nutrición se refiere, partiendo de un principio garantista, respetuoso de las dinámicas sociales, culturales y territoriales de la población”. Se busca dar un enfoque integral y estructural y fortalecer los procesos hasta la fecha realizados. También se busca empoderar de manera directa a la comunidad, las organizaciones sociales, públicas, privadas, academia, empresa y demás actores claves en la dinámica sistémica de la alimentación y la nutrición.

La Administración Municipal ha implementado programas y proyectos - entre los cuales la implementación de huertas urbanas y periurbanas - que brindan atención a los diferentes grupos poblacionales (gestantes, primera infancia, escolares, adulto mayor y familias con vulnerabilidad alimentaria y social), desde los cuales se aporta a la lucha contra el hambre y la malnutrición con acciones de educación alimentaria y nutricional, programas de nutrición y alimentación fortalecidas con procesos de seguimiento y conformación de redes sociales para la veeduría ciudadana y la participación comunitaria. Los beneficiarios de estos programas superan 300.000.

## 2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:

- *Habitat III*
- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

## 3. Recommendations made during the discussion

*(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)*

Agriculture and food and nutrition security needs to be further incorporated into urban planning and policy to improve resilience of the city and its citizens, and improve ecosystem management of the landscape for sustainable urban development, increasing the system resilience towards climate change and other risks.

## 4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

*(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)*





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If there were more speakers/presenters/moderators in your events, please feel free to add the above tables.

### UN-Habitat Thematic areas

All events are identified by UN-Habitat priority substantive areas as below.





## **URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE**

*Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety*

## **URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN**

*Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market Town & Intermediate City Planning*

## **URBAN ECONOMY**

*Urban & Municipal Finance, Urban Productivity, Youth and Job Creation*

## **URBAN BASIC SERVICES**

*Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management*

## **HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING**

*Housing, Slum Upgrading, Shelter Rehabilitation*

## **RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION**

*Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, Resilience*

## **RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

*Global Urban Observatory, Flagship Reports, Capacity Development*

*Cross-cutting issues:*

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