


Appendix 9. Introduction to RUAF


Introduction

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- International Partnership Programme.
- Programme funding by IDRC (Canada) and DGIS (the Netherlands)
- Co-funding for specific activities by GTZ, DSE, SIDA, ACIAR, CGIAR, FAO, CTA, IWMI, CORDAID, MISERIOR, OXFAM-NL,, a/o
- 1999-2004



RUAF Objectives

- To create **awareness** regarding the potentials and risks of urban agriculture
- To improve **access** of local stakeholders **to information** (research data, project experiences, policy evaluations)
- To **facilitate** identification and **analysis of critical issues** regarding urban agriculture
- To **support local capacity development** and **networking**



Objectives (cont.)

- ? To **facilitate the integration of urban agriculture in the policies and action plans** of national and local stakeholders
- ? To **secure embedding** of functions of RUAF in the regular programmes of regional and international organisations in order to ensure continuity



Project organisation

- **Context:** SGUA-action plan 1996
- **Project coordination:** ETC, Netherlands
- **Regional partners:**
 - Latin America and the Caribbean: **UMP-LAC**, Quito
 - Francophone West Africa: **IAGU**, Dakar
 - Anglophone West Africa: **IMWI - Ghana**, Accra
 - East and Southern Africa: **MDP**, Harare
 - S-E-Asia: **IWMI-India**, Hyderabad
 - Middle East and Northern Africa: **CEDARE**, Cairo
 - China: **IGSNRR**, Beijing
 - Liaison North America: **TUAN**, Washington
 - Liaison Europe: **ETC**, Leusden



Activities

- RUAF Website www.ruaf.org
- Urban Agriculture Magazine
- Electronic Conferences
- International Workshops
- Bibliographic database and Annotated bibliography
- Contacts and expertise database
- Publication "Growing Cities, Growing Food" (5 languages)
- Regional Needs Analysis
- Video on Urban Agriculture (4 languages)
- CD-Rom with bibliography and other RUAF materials
- Development of Training Materials (also for Internet)
- Assistance to policy development and action planning

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RUAF: E-Conferences and international workshops

- 1999 International workshop "Urban agriculture on the policy agenda" in Havana, Cuba with DSE, CTA, GTZ and Sida
- 2000 Electronic Conference with FAO on "UPA, Food Security and Health"
- 2001 International workshop in Nairobi and Electronic E-conference with CGIAR-SIUPA, CTA and ACIAR on "Appropriate Methodologies for Urban Agriculture"
- 2002 Regional workshop in Ouagadougou with CREPA and CTA on "Use of Wastewater in Urban Agriculture"; E-conference with IWMI on the same issue
- *Planned:* E-conference with UN-Habitat on "Access to Land"

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UA-Magazine

In 5 language versions; 5000 subscribers

Thematic issues (3 per year):

- # 1 Maiden issue: urban agriculture
- # 2 Urban **livestock**
- # 3 **Health** aspects of urban agriculture
- # 4 Integration of agriculture in **urban planning**
- # 5 Appropriate **Methodologies** for urban agriculture research, planning, implementation and evaluation
- # 6 Transition to **ecological farming**
- # 7 The **economics** of urban agriculture
- # 8 Use of **wastewater** in urban agriculture

Planned:

- # 9 **Financing** urban agriculture
- # 10 Micro-**technologies** for urban agriculture
- # 11 **Access** to land and water

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Urban Aquaculture

- RUAF wants to give the topic more attention
- Critical issues:
 - link with urban poverty alleviation and enhancing urban food security
 - recycling of wastewater and organic wastes
 - management of public health and environmental risks
 - micro-enterprise development for processing and marketing

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Role of RUAF in PAPUSSA

Planned:

- Aquaculture discussion platform and Papussa homepage on the RUAF website
- Production of CD-rom with materials produced by the Papussa-partners

Proposed (if funds allow):

- an UA-Magazine on Aquaculture
- an Email-conference on Aquaculture
- a Policy brief on aquaculture

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Questions?

