

International Conference on the Global Food Crisis: Promises and Prospects of Urban and Periurban Agriculture

(Nairobi, Kenya)

2009

A group of organisations that are involved research and promotion of urban and periurban agriculture at the national, regional and global levels has proposed that an international conference. They have formed a convenors' group, with representatives of Mazingira Institute (Kenya), Urban Harvest and University of Nairobi, linking to RUAF NAUPA (North America), and NRI (UK). More information on themes and exact dates will follow on the RUAF website.

ICLEI World Congress 2009, Connecting Leaders - Advancing Local Action for Sustainability

(Edmonton, Canada)

14 - 18 June 2009

The World Congress is key gathering of ICLEI members, strategic partners, and experts. The event will facilitate exchange and capacity-building among local governments and other stakeholders who play leading roles in the path towards sustainability. Registration will open soon, but you may visit: world.congress@iclei.org

2nd International Conference on Landscape and Urban Horticulture 2009

(Bologna, Italy)

9-13 June 2009

The conference will explore the advances being made in a wide range of topics, among which plant management in urban environment, garden design and urban agriculture.

The conference will be the hosted by the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), and include food and flower production, urban horticulture meets architecture and social and psychological role of horticulture in the urban environment. For further information, please visit: <http://www.luh2009.org>

5th World Water Forum

(Istanbul, Turkey)

15-22 March 2009

"The World Water Forum is the main water-related event in the world, aimed at putting water firmly on the international agenda. A stepping stone towards global collaboration on water problems, the Forum offers the water community and policy-and-decision-makers from all over the world the unique opportunity to come together to create links, debate and attempt to find solutions to achieve water security."

<http://www.worldwaterforum5.org/>

Sanitation for the Urban Poor, Partnerships and Governance

(Delft, the Netherlands)

19-21 November, 2008

Organised by the IRC, International Water and Sanitation Centre, this symposium will be the closing event for the International Year of Sanitation for the Dutch water sector and a celebration of IRC's 40th anniversary.

More information: www.irc.nl/symposium2008

Transboundary Water Management for the MENA Region: Advanced international training programme

(Jordan, Sweden)

Jordan 2-13 November 2008 and Sweden 16-20 February 2009

The overall objective of this training programme is for the participants to identify the advantages of collaborative transboundary water management strategies and improve their ability to apply these strategies in their respective organisations. The training programme comprises a wide range of management and institutional aspects of Transnational Water Management." Please visit: <http://www.sida.se>

Market access for sustainable development

(Wageningen, The Netherlands)

3 -21 November 2008

This international course, organised by Wageningen University is an introduction in using markets in a sustainable manner to alleviate poverty. The course, a.o. discusses market analysis, identification of pro-poor development opportunities, and practical tools and instruments to develop appropriate market-driven policies. For more information go to <http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda>

Expert Think-Tank "Wastewater risk assessment and mitigation"

(Accra, Ghana)

6-9 October 2008

As a follow-up to the 2002 Hyderabad meeting which resulted in the 'Hyderabad Declaration' on wastewater use in agriculture, IWMI, IDRC and WHO are organizing a workshop on "Wastewater irrigation: Consumer health risk assessment, on-farm and off-farm options for health risk mitigation, and wastewater governance in low-income countries". The meeting is for invited participants only. More information can be obtained with Dr. P. Drechsel:

12th annual Community Food Security Coalition conference "Restoring Our Urban and Rural Communities with Healthy Food"

(Philadelphia, USA)

4-8 October, 2008

This year's event focuses on access to healthy by local communities, health and economic impacts, and policy and grassroots-based solutions. The meeting will also include sessions on climate change and the global food crisis, as well as over 50 workshops, 12 field trips and 5 short courses. Prior to the conference on Saturday 4, the North American Urban and Periurban Agriculture Alliance (NAUPAA) and the Penn Planning Institute for Urban Research will organise an afternoon event "Metropolitan Agriculture in North America: From Planning to Development".

Urban Agriculture, Environment and Society

(Coimbra, Portugal)

23 September 2008

The Municipality of Coimbra and other partners (ACTUAR, ACTIONAID International), the Grupode Apoio ao Desenvolvimento Sustentável da Agricultura Urbana (GRAU) at the Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra Becantawe organise this seminar, which aims to capitalise and to share experiences on urban agriculture, both in Portugal and internationally. More information: www.webgrau.blogspot.com

IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition

(Vienna, Austria)

7-12 September 2008

Through a combination of scientific and technical sessions, practice-oriented workshops and an industry forum, the IWA World Water Congress will provide water professionals with opportunities to interact with the world's leaders in water research and practice. Please visit <http://www.iwazoo8vienna.org/i8/>

Landscape Ecology and Forest Management: Challenges and Solutions

(Chengdu, China)

16-18 September 2008

The conference includes a symposium titled 'Urban forest landscapes in the context of developing countries and rapid urbanization'. More details at: <http://research.eeescience.utoledo.edu/lees/IUFRO/2008MTG/>

Sanitation Challenge, international conference on new sanitation concepts and models of Governance

(Wageningen, the Netherlands)

19-21 May 2008

More information at www.sanitation-challenge.wur.nl/UK

World Water Week

(Stockholm, Sweden)

17-23 August 2008

For the enormous amount of presentations, seminars, events, and other interactions, please visit <http://www.worldwaterweek.org>. Both SWITCH and SuSanA organised events at this meeting. Another interesting event was: the Middle East Northern Africa Seminar, organised by SIWI, Sida, BGR, BMZ and UNESCO, focused on innovations in all aspects of groundwater in the MENA region.

International Master 'Urban Forestry and Urban Greening'

(Alnarp, Sweden, and Copenhagen, Denmark)

25 August 2008

The programme Urban Forestry and Urban Greening is focused on the training of communicative approaches and the combination of landscape architecture and forestry. Moreover it looks at the urban green resource as a whole; this involves working closely with research and practice, using interdisciplinary tools and methods in order to create a sustainable and more vivid society. Visit: <http://www.nova-university.org/ufug/>

Water and Sanitation in international Development and Disaster Relief

(Edinburgh, UK)

28-30 May 2008

More information at www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/water_and_sanitation_2008

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