

Nyanga Declaration on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture in Zimbabwe

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We, the delegates to the Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe's 61st Annual Conference, comprising of the Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing and his Deputy, the Minister of State for Informal Sector, Executive Mayors and Chairpersons, Town Clerks, Chairpersons of Council Committees, Councillors, Heads of Departments, representatives from the Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, International, Regional and Local Non - Governmental Organisations, meeting at Montclair Hotel, Nyanga, from 4-7 June 2002, acknowledge that Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture contribute to urban food security, poverty reduction, local economic development and sustainable urban development

Are urging

Local authorities to; promote Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture in their cities, develop appropriate incentives and other policies necessary for its growth, mainstream urban food security within their operations and promote the collection and dissemination of information on Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture activities in their territorial planning areas,

The Government to include Urban Agriculture in its programmes to alleviate poverty and economic empowerment, food security, promotion of local economic development and environmental and health improvement,

Non-Governmental Organizations and Donors to support financially and materially urban and peri-urban agriculture projects for the benefit of the urban poor

The private sector to invest in high value intensive urban and peri-urban agro-industries in order to create employment opportunities and promote local economic development.

Are encouraging

Urban local authorities to recognize the significance of the contribution of Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture to social development approaches, generation of jobs and income, self esteem, environmental improvement and urban food security and to add them to their key development goals.

Are re-affirming

Our commitment to improve urban management through the promotion of peri-urban agriculture in our cities so as to enhance urban food security, address urban poverty, improve urban environmental and health management as well as to protect the urban and peri-urban bio-diversity.

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