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<http://www.linkinglearners.net/>

Linking Local Learners supports groups of local learners around the world to share both their expertise and their challenges in a virtual knowledge exchange.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/009/a0218e/a0218e00.htm>

This online FAO Manual entitled 'Setting up a School Garden' is intended for teachers, parents and communities. It draws on experiences and best practices of running school gardens all over the world.

<http://puvep.xu.edu.ph/index.php>

The Peri-urban Vegetable Project (PUVeP) is a research and outreach unit of Xavier University College of Agriculture (XUCA), Cagayan de Oro City in the Philippines and provides research, training and education related to urban natural resources management and food production in the city.

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

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a bi-national non-profit membership organisation of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening in urban and rural communities.

<http://www.foodsecurity.org/index.html>

The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is a non-profit, North American organisation dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food for all people at all times.

<http://www.foodsecurity.org/list.html>

The COMFOOD listserv is run by the Community Food Security Coalition and functions as a primary link between individuals and organisations addressing community food security in the US, Canada and globally.

<http://www.new-ag.info/07/02/focuson.php>

New Agriculturist online provides an update on the latest news and developments in tropical agriculture for a global audience. The latest issue (February 2007) focuses on horticulture in the city.

For more relevant websites, see www.ruaf.org.

ECOPOLIS Awards Program

Deadline October 18, 2007

The ECOPOLIS Awards Program for Graduate Research and Design of IDRC's builds on the experience of the former AGROPOLIS Awards Program, broadening its scope to include the integrated themes of urban agriculture, urban water and sanitation, solid waste management, vulnerability to natural disasters, land tenure, and housing. IDRC's ECOPOLIS Awards Program also includes support to applied research in innovative design within disciplines such as architecture (housing), engineering, urban planning, waste management, and water and sanitation. See:

http://www.idrc.ca/upe/ev-101266-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Web2forDev Conference 2007 (Rome, Italy)

25-27 September 2007

This is the first conference on participatory web for rural development. The Conference is a joint venture by CTA, FAO, IICD, GTZ, APC, ACP Secretariat, Université Cheikh Anta DIOP, University of British Columbia Okanagan, Euforic, DGroups, CGIAR, IFAD and will take place on, at the FAO head quarter in Rome, Italy. Soon more information can be found here on how to register at <http://www.web2fordev.net/about.html>

International Conference on Sustainable Cities and Villages (Dongsheng, China) 27-31 August

International Conference with a focus on Urban and Rural Ecological sanitation, Organic Waste Management and Agricultural Reuse. The conference will have three-and-a-half days of sessions, both plenary and parallel, plus a day for technical study excursions. The conference will also showcase the new Erdos ecotown. The ecotown, now nearing completion, is the largest urban project of its kind in China and when fully operational, all fractions of waste from the households will be collected and treated onsite using an ecostation and greywater treatment plant. The organic products and water will be reused in agriculture. For more information visit <http://www.ecosanres.org/dongsheng2007.htm>

The African Green Revolution Conference (Oslo, Norway). August 29-September 1, 2007

This conference will convene diverse groups of people involved in developing sustainable agriculture for Africa, from farmers and activists to heads of state and senior executives. The community will review progress and build new partnerships. More information at: <http://www.africangreenrevolutionconference.com>

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International Conference on Sustainable Sanitation "Food and Water Security for Latin America" (Fortaleza, Brazil) 26-28 November 2007

The International Conference on Sustainable Sanitation is being organised to increase the communication and knowledge exchange. In particular, the conference is meant to provide a forum for Latin American representatives to share their experiences, while having direct exposure to the state-of-the-art in other regions of the world.

For further information visit: <http://www.ecosanlac.org/ecosanlac/default2.php?siteid=html/page58.php>

28th Annual Conference, American Community Gardening Association, Northeastern University, Boston 9-12 August, 2007

The ACGA Annual Conference brings together hundreds of individuals from across the United States, Canada, and abroad, engaged in all aspects of gardening and greening. The conference includes hands-on workshops, keynote speakers, a film festival, and visits to parks, school gardens, community gardens, urban agriculture sites and other green spaces in Boston and New England.

<http://www.communitygarden.org>

**2007 Rooted in Community Conference
(Philadelphia, USA) 18-22 July 2007**

Rooted in Community (RIC) is a national grassroots network that empowers young people to take leadership roles in their communities. RIC began as a national conference for groups engaged in community gardening, urban agriculture and community food security, convened by the American Community Gardening Association, The Food Project and Literacy for Environmental Justice. But now RIC has evolved into its own network of groups, focused on positive change, through food and food systems. The Urban Nutrition Initiative is the local host for the event.
<http://www.rootedincommunity.org>

**Towards Global Food Systems:
Food Policy for Developing Countries
(Wageningen, The Netherlands) 2-13 July**

A two-week PhD Summer School focusing on Governance, Institutions and Markets in Global, National and Local Food Systems. The Mansholt Graduate School of Social Sciences (Wageningen) studies social changes and control processes in rural areas and agri- and food chains and their institutional surroundings. Course given by Per Pinstrup Andersen and Arie Kuyvenhoven. For more information visit: <http://www.sls.wau.nl/mi/mgs/courses/index.htm>

**Global Studio Johannesburg 2007
(Johannesburg, South Africa) 25 June - 19 July**

Global Studio and People Building Better Cities are now in their third year and focus on the way in which the city building professions can assist in creating more sustainable environments, with and for the urban poor. Global Studio is an on-going research and teaching project which aims to positively contribute to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. For more information visit the project website at <http://www.theglobalstudio.com> or contact Anna Rubbo at rubbo_a@arch.usyd.edu.au.

**Horticulture: An economic engine for urban and rural
balanced development. Growing Healthy Food and Healthy
Communities in Connecticut**

**A Community Gardening Conference in Elm City
(Connecticut, USA) 16 June 2007**

This conference aimed to provide new insights on how community gardening contributes to the health of people and neighborhoods. For more information, contact: Cordalie Benoit, President, CCGA, +1-203-770-0146; cordalie.benoit@aya.yale.edu or Diane Wright Hirsch, UConn Cooperative Extension; +1-203-407-3163; diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or visit www.ctcommunitygardening.org

**Special side event at FARA General Assembly
(Johannesburg, South Africa) 11 June 2007**

This workshop aimed at sharing experiences, establishing networking bases and preparing a programme of projects and initiatives like the first International Symposium on Urban Horticulture in Africa (2008). This side event was sponsored by FARA and GlobalHort (the Global Horticulture Initiative) and will focus on issues such as how to highlight the horticultural sector as an engine for urban development, or how to promote horticulture as a link to the other agricultural and economic sectors, and as a link between rural and urban areas.

Food Security Certificate Program

Five courses in Ryerson University's Food Security Certificate Program are being offered through Internet starting 5 May 2007 (to August 11, 2007). Food Security: Concepts and Principles; Food Security: Applied Research Methods and Evaluation; Food Security: Special Topics in Food Security - Field trip to Belo Horizonte Brazil; Nutrition: Nutrition for Nursing Practice; How Safe is Our Food? For details and links to registration information visit <http://www.ryerson.ca/ce/foodsecurity>. Course overviews are available at <http://www.ryerson.ca/ce/de> (click on course overviews and scroll down to the course of interest). Contact Rod MacRae (food@ryerson.ca) for further information.

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