



URBAN GROWTH: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN KENYA

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Background - general



- urban agriculture in Kenya dates back to 1899
- Urbanization 4% per annum
- Urban population 22%

Urban & Peri - Agriculture



- important source of livelihood
- employs 29% of all urban households
- up to 77% of produce for their own consumption
- for middle & high income households - commercial

Urban & Peri - Agriculture



- short cycle crops – urban – tomatoes, leaks, lettuce etc
- longer cycle crops - Peri-urban - fruits
- nurseries for ornamental plants, herbs and spices
- nurseries for vegetable seedlings
- Nairobi - more than 650 Ha is under urban agriculture

Challenges



- contamination by heavy metals – lead
- inadequate technologies hence limiting crop choices
- insufficient technical capacity to keep abreast -changes
- limited access to potable water for irrigation & land
- conflicting legislations hinder growth - urban agriculture

Mitigations



- Draft National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture & Livestock Policy (2010)
 - ✓ National UPAL Steering Committee (NUSC) – overall implementation
 - ✓ UPAL Coordinating Committee - technical mandate
 - ✓ Municipal and Town Councils Agriculture and Livestock Committees (MCAL) - manage programs and projects

Mitigations Cont'



- Mazingira Institute – expertise in urban agricultural research
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
 - Mazingira institute
 - Farm Concern
 - Genetic Technologies
 - Africa Harvest
 - Green Towns
 - World Vision
 - Care Kenya
 - Green Belt movement
 - Practical Action
 - AGRA
 - CRS

Mitigations Cont'



- Development Partners – technical & finance
 - FAO
 - IDRC
 - GTZ
 - JICA
 - DFID
 - EU
 - USAID
 - SIDA
 - Ford Foundation
 - World Bank
 - GEF
 - UNEP
 - ADB
 - Rockefeller Foundation

Regional involvement



- Urban Agriculture Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (UANESA) - Nairobi, Kenya in 1998
- Mandate - Development, Research, and Training
- a accomplish its mandate through lead institutions
- this initiative is yet to be realized



Thank You!

