



Smart Green Infrastructure and Urban Forestry to Combat Poverty and Increase Food Security and Quality of Urban Life

7th April 2014
Time: 14.45-15.45
(One UN Room)

Modern urban growth models and urbanization processes have led very often to unsustainable patterns of land use as well as to a drastic depletion of urban forests, trees and green areas, thereby contributing to social, environmental and economic inequity among urban dwellers. However, well-designed and duly-managed green infrastructures can promote the resilient, sustainable and equitable development of urban regions. It is therefore important that cities invest in a “green vision” that, through the development and restoration of their urban forest and green areas, would make a significant contribution to solving a range of local and global challenges, such as nutrition and food security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, improvement of dwellers’ health and well-being, generation of jobs and income, conservation of biological diversity, positive management of watersheds and reduction of disaster risk. This event is an invitation to share views and experiences related to how well-developed and -managed green infrastructures and urban forestry can support sustainable growth, livelihood development, poverty alleviation, and partnerships between governments, private sectors and civil society.

Side-event’s objectives :

- increase awareness of the role of green infrastructures in addressing social, environmental and economic inequities, as well as in increasing food security and livelihoods in and around cities;
- share experiences and best practices on how municipalities, international organizations and governments are designing, implementing and managing green initiatives within an integrated approach;
- encourage discussion on efficient and effective ways to promote a sustainable and resilient model of city development by investing in a “green vision”.

Programme

Chair and moderator: Mr Jorge Meza, FAO Representative in Paraguay

14.45 – 14.50: Welcoming

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14.50 – 15.15: Presentations

- **Eco-services of green infrastructure and urban and peri-urban forests: strategies and perspectives**
(by Fabio Salbitano, University of Florence, Italy)
- **Indicators for the equitable management of urban tree heritage of Bogotá**
(Germán Tovar Corzo, District Secretary of Environment, Municipality of Bogotá, Colombia)

15.15 – 15.30: Panel session

- **Angela Molina**, Regional government of Antioquia (tbc)
- **Makiko Taguchi**, Urban and peri-urban agriculture/Food for the cities, FAO
- **Andrew Rudd**, Urban Environment and Planning Branch, UN-Habitat

15.30 – 15.45: Questions and discussion

Conclusions and closing remarks

by Mr Jorge Meza, FAO Representative in Paraguay

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