



World Urban Forum 7: Side event

Release of FAO report:
Growing Greener Cities
in Latin America and the Caribbean
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13:30-14:30
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In 2009, representatives of 12 Latin America and the Caribbean countries met in Medellín to develop strategies for reducing high rates of urban poverty and food insecurity across the region. Their Medellín Declaration urged national, state and local governments to incorporate *urban and peri-urban agriculture*, or UPA, into their programmes for eradicating hunger and poverty.

Five years later, a new FAO report reviews the progress that has been made toward realizing Medellín’s vision of “greener cities” – ones in which urban and peri-urban agriculture is recognized by public policy, included in urban development strategies, supported by agricultural research and extension, and linked to sources of training, technological innovation, investment and credit, and to urban markets and consumers.

It also explores the important role of UPA in building resilient, sustainable “city-region food systems” that are incorporated fully into urban planning and ensure food security, contribute to urban and rural livelihoods, and protect the environment.

The report is based on an FAO survey of UPA in 110 of the region’s towns, municipalities and cities. It includes in-depth profiles of agriculture as it is practised today in and around Havana, Mexico City, Antigua and Barbuda, Tegucigalpa, Managua, Quito, Lima, El Alto (Bolivia), Belo Horizonte (Brazil) and Rosario (Argentina).

Programme

13:30	Introduction and presentation of the publication	Makiko Taguchi (FAO)
13:50	Mexico city experience	Pablo Torres Lima (Universidad Autónoma de México - Xochimilco)
14:05	Medellín experience	Pedro Fernando Hoyos or Hector Fabian Betancur Montoya (Secretaria de Inclusión Social y Familia) to be confirmed
14:15	Questions and Answers	