

# International Conference on Urban, Peri-Urban Agriculture, Employment & Value Chain Management

(October 18-22, 2011)

## Preamble

Urban and Peri-urban agriculture is the practice of cultivating, processing and distributing a diversity of food and non-food products by using largely human and material resources from urban areas such as waste water, and in turn supplying human and material resources, products and services largely to that same area. Peri-urban agriculture not only includes growing of food crops but it also includes animal husbandry, agro-forestry and horticulture. Urban and Peri-urban farming has become an extremely visible economic activity all over the world.

Uncontrolled urbanization and land use change raises many issues which might have considerable impact on urban and peri-urban farming practices. Vegetable and livestock production in urban and peri-urban areas may face difficulties to survive in the long run due to the scarcity of land resources, unless sustainable management strategies are implemented.

Urban and peri-urban agriculture expands the economic base of the city through production, processing and marketing of consumable products. This results in an increase in commercial activities and the job opportunities. It also results in food costs reduction and affects supply of foodstuffs of better quality. It provides employment, income, and access to food for urban and peri-urban populations, which together give relieve to food insecurity. Food insecurity refers to less affordable food and growing urban poverty and breakdowns in the chain of food distribution. The energy used to transport food is decreased when urban agriculture can provide cities with locally-grown food.

Social benefits of improving peri-urban agriculture include environmental enhancement and protection through organic waste recycling and natural resource conservation. Localized food production in urban and peri-urban areas contributes to local economies by creating jobs and producing valuable products. In this way it can also work for poverty elevation.

Agriculture and urbanization are considered to be incompatible activities, competing for the access and use of limited land. As due to rapid urbanization space for peri-urban farming is reducing day by day and it is very difficult to stop urbanization, so there is need for more intensive urban, peri-urban farming and manage the value chains accordingly.

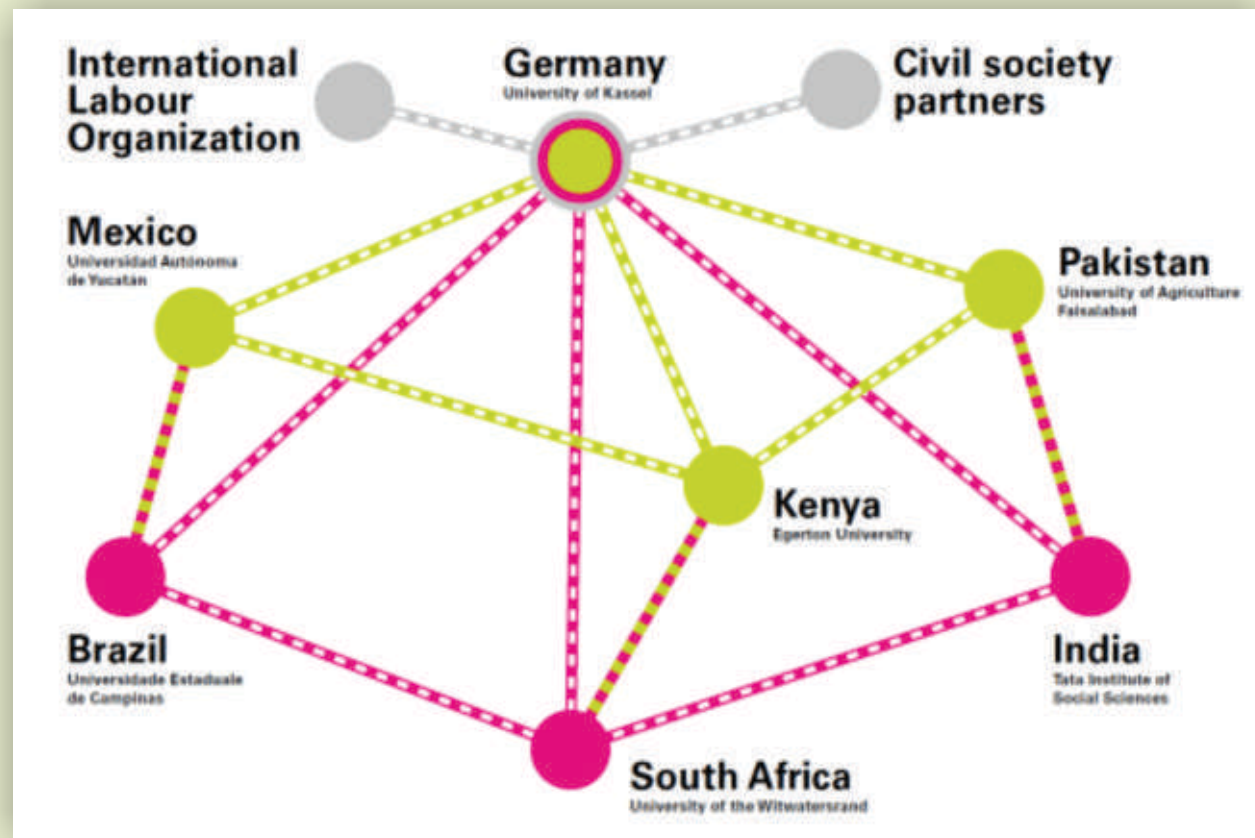
## Conference Aims and Objectives

The urban, peri-urban agriculture, and employment and value chain management and migration are important tools for development and decent living. In the developing countries like Pakistan this concept is not well developed and needs to benefit from developing countries to develop the compatible systems. This international Conference is organized under the realm of ICDD to spearhead with the scientific community to channelize the thinking process and build capacity on Peri-Urban Agriculture, and Employment Value Chain Management. Based on the recommendations it is planned to establish a Peri-urban Research Centre at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

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### Program of the Conference

#### DAY-0 (October 18, 2011, Tue)

Arrival of the guests, visit to various Departments and informal meetings

#### DAY-1 SESSIONS (October 19, 2011, Wed)

Registration 8-9 am

#### Inaugural Session

Time	Speaker	Topic
9-10:30 am		

Tea Break

#### Technical Session 1 (Urban, Peri-Urban Agriculture)

Time	Speaker	Topic
11-1 pm		

Lunch Break

#### Technical Session 2 (Urban, Peri-Urban Agriculture)

Time	Speaker	Topic
2-5 pm		

Tea Break

Reception Dinner at 8 pm

#### DAY-2 SESSIONS (October 20, 2011, Thu)

8-9 am Poster Session

#### Technical Session 3 (Migration & Urbanization)

Time	Speaker	Topic
9-11 am		

Tea break

#### Technical Session 4 (Employment and Migration)

Time	Speaker	Topic
11:30-2 pm		

Lunch Break

#### Technical Session 5 (Value Chain Management)

Time	Speaker	Topic
3-5 pm		

Tea Break

Dinner at 9 pm and Cultural Night

#### DAY-3 SESSIONS (October 21, 2011, Fri)

9-11:00 am **Concluding/Recommendation Session**

Tea 11:00 am

12:00 - 06:00 Field Demonstrations in Peri-Urban Areas

Farewell Dinner at 9 pm

#### DAY-4 TOUR, SITE SEEING AND FIELD VISIT (October 22, 2011, Sat)

Tour #1 City Tour

Tour #2 Visit to Postgraduate Agriculture Research Station (PARS), UAF

Tour #3 Visit to Lahore

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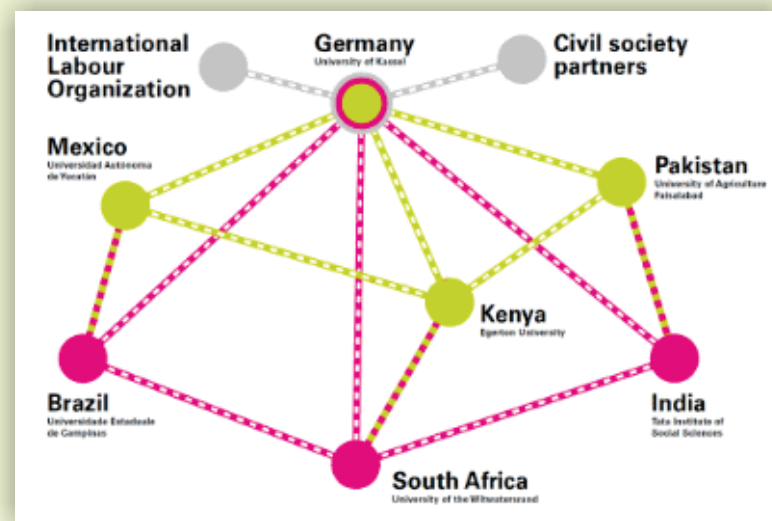
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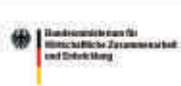
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