

## AWGUPA Members Receive Training

The Accra Working Group on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture (AWGUPA), recognizing its unique role in policy formulation and effecting change in support of urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA), has received a three day training on Advocacy and Networking. The training, organized by International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS), Accra, took place on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Participants were taken through the concept of public policy and how to influence it. They were also taken through the identification of the appropriate target audiences for any particular issue at hand and how to develop effective messages as well as how to communicate such messages to the identified audiences.



Some members of AWGUPA at the Advocacy training held at the Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS), with the training facilitator Dr. Esther Ofei Aboagye, Director, ILGS (photo: IWMI)

Participants at the end of the workshop developed an Advocacy strategy for promoting UPA in Accra for the rest of the RUAF-CFF (Resource centers on Urban Agriculture and Food Security-Cities Farming for the Future) programme phase.

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## AWGUPA Facilitates Participatory Review of Accra's Agricultural Byelaws

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA), the responsible agency for formulation and enforcement of byelaws, is currently reviewing its byelaws. This is being done in collaboration with AMA-MoFA (Ministry of Food and Agriculture) with input from AWGUPA in all sections related to UPA.

The current review process was initiated following the Assemblies deliberations and consultations with AWGUPA as the current byelaws were formulated 12 years ago. The whole process enhances participatory governance as it involves inputs from all categories of UPA stakeholders in Accra. Several stakeholder consultation workshops have therefore been organized by AWGUPA for farmers, traders, butchers, Assembly members, opinion leaders, technocrats and other identifiable groups, to share and validate the review and proposed amendments.

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