

A policy seminar organised in March 2007 following the 1st Multistakeholder Process for Action Planning and Policy formulation (MPAP) training workshop session on Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture in Ibadan became a viable platform to re-awaken the attention of policy makers to UPA in Ibadan especially government policy makers in agriculture, environment, and health.



Policy makers watch with attention a UPA documentary during the seminar in Ibadan.

Photo by Ibadan Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Project (IUPAP) implementation team.

Growing stakeholders interest in urban and peri-urban agriculture.

Today, there are over 20 stakeholder groups engaged in RUAF-Ibadan's Multistakeholder processes in the last 6 months. In addition to increased awareness, a second MPAP training workshop organized for stakeholders maintained the strong movement to further promote UPA in the city. At least, 11 organizations including government institutions like ministries, local governments, government finance institutions, NGOs, farmers associations, research institutes and the Universities, have begun to specifically design interventions and commit resources (human and materials) to UPA.

Provisions are to be made in the 2008 year budgets of some organizations in pursuit of UPA in Ibadan.



Participating Organisations brainstorming at NIHORT Conference Room, Ibadan. *Photo by IUPAP implementation team*

UPA activities in Ibadan in the coming years will effectively harness results from the exploratory study on urban and peri-urban agriculture in Ibadan to better position UPA in the city as a veritable tool for poverty alleviation and safe environment.

Integration of marginalised UPA practitioners groups in development processes

Local government departments of agriculture are now aware of hitherto marginalized vegetable growers and processors groups in their respective jurisdictions. As it was generally acknowledged, vegetable growers farmers groups in Odogbo and Mokola Cantonments in Ojoo and Mokola areas of Ibadan respectively comprising of over 350 individual women and youths have not been integrated in previous interventions due to non-recognition. These and many other practitioner groups have consequently been brought on board by concerned stakeholders for full integration into development processes.



Vegetable farm at Odogbo Barracks, Ibadan
Photo by IUPAP implementation team