

## Micro-Credit and Financing of Urban Agriculture

### Description of event:

(Peri)Urban Agriculture has gained increasing significance in our present day cities. It enables the urban poor to reduce household food expenses or generate additional income, which enhances food security and reduces poverty. It can play an important role in the recycling of urban wastes, in urban greening and the maintenance of (peri)urban open green spaces. Both financial and political legitimacy are essential to support this development. The guiding theme of this WUF Panel will focus on different innovative forms of credit and financing of UA, in a way that is directly useful to the financial organizations, local governments and producer organizations. It will combine viewpoints of international agencies as well as local actors and is aimed at triggering the elaboration of a future action-research agenda.

### Name of organization:

1. UMP-LAC/UNHABITAT 2. IPES-Promotion of Sustainable Development 3. IDRC

### Description of organization:

Urban Management Programme, Regional Coordination for Latin America and the Caribbean (UMP-LAC/UN HABITAT).

The Urban Management Programme is an initiative of the United Nations Programme for Development (UNDP) and other international co-operation agencies, and is executed by UN-HABITAT. It aims to strengthen the contribution that cities and towns make to human development.

IPES- Promotion of Sustainable Development

IPES (Peru) is a non-profit development organization, founded in 1984, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of the excluded population of intermediate cities in Latin America and the Caribbean, improving their living conditions by strengthening local governments and urban actors and generating participatory governance systems, with gender equity.

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

IDRC is a public corporation created by the Government of Canada to support cities of developing countries to find solutions to social, economic and environmental problems through research.

### Partner organizations:

The Resource Centre for Urban Agriculture and Forestry (RUAF)

The Global Support Group on Urban Agriculture (SGUA)

### Confirmed speakers:

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