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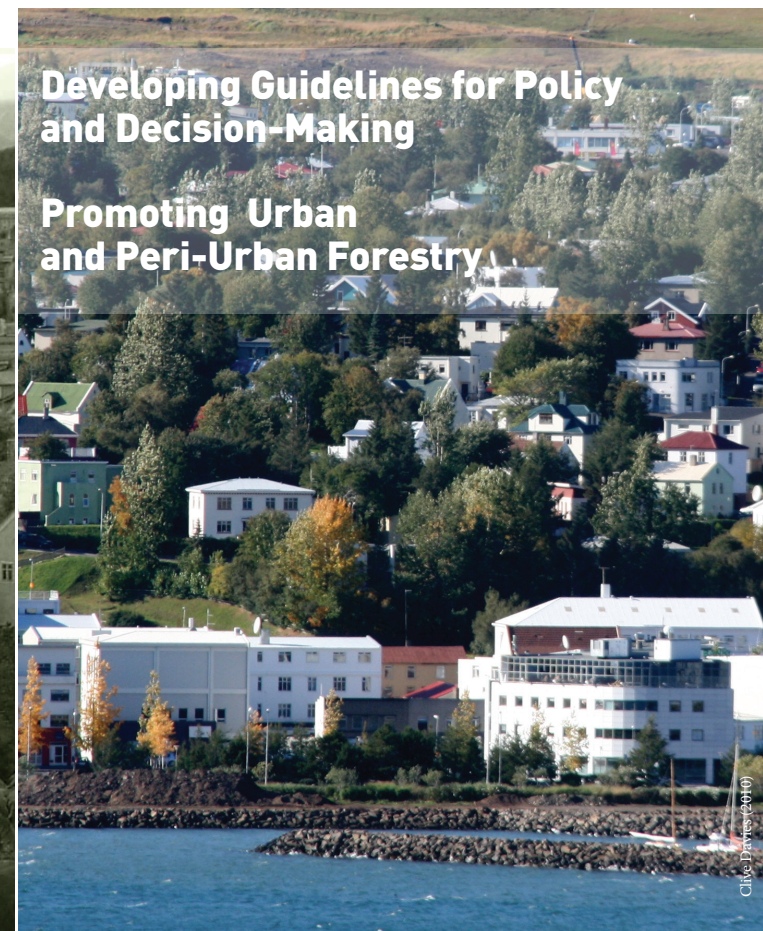
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Robert Hostnik (2007)

FORESTS AND TREES for **HEALTHY CITIES**

**Developing Guidelines for Policy
and Decision-Making**

**Promoting Urban
and Peri-Urban Forestry**



If poverty in the cities is not explicitly addressed and food not given the needed attention in urban planning, the Millennium Development Goals will not be achieved. This can only be done within a comprehensive perspective linking cities to rural areas.

The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2006



Guidelines for Policy and Decision Making: Promoting Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry

Global urbanization and climate change raise several issues for those who are responsible for developing policies and making decisions at local, national and international levels.

Urban trees provide a significant contribution to build resilient cities and improve health and well-being, such as through mitigating natural disasters, providing ecosystem services, reducing energy costs or increasing property values.

In 2011, FAO initiated a participatory process to develop voluntary guidelines promoting the optimization of trees and forests for cities.

These guidelines, to be published by end of 2012, will provide policy advice, present good practices and highlight significant initiatives taken around the world in order to improve policy development and decision-making and to optimize the contributions of trees and forests to cities.

Provisional content

16 themes to be addressed

1. Forest and tree resource assessment
2. Policy and legal framework
3. Participation and stakeholder framework
4. Planning and urban design
5. Climate change adaptation and mitigation
6. Monitoring and evaluation of plans and policies
7. Disaster risk
8. watershed management
9. Water and wastewater reuse
10. Food and nutrition security
11. Human health and well-being
12. Landscape, forest and tree resource management
13. Product and services valuation, incomes and jobs
14. Resource mobilization and investment
15. Communication
16. Research and development and education

Beyond the guidelines, Regional Mobilization

In order to produce comprehensive and adapted international guidelines, an inclusive and participatory process is essential.

Beyond knowledge and experience sharing, the guidelines will pave the road for the implementation of good practices by key actors such as national governments, city mayors, local authorities, urban planners, academics, NGOs and civil society.

The guidelines will set the momentum for strategic actions. It is high time to build multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral platforms for dialogue; take stock of resources for planning purposes; and build a common vision for healthy cities for all.



Roadmap towards the Guidelines

2011

- **Inception Workshop:**
“Developing guidelines for decision- and policy-makers. Trees and Forests for Healthy Cities”
30–31 May, Glasgow, Scotland
- **International Year of Forests 2011 “Celebrating Forests for People”**
Collaborative Partnership of Forests (CPF) dedicates the month of October to “Urban forestry & People”
 - Online discussion on urban and peri-urban forestry supported by the FAO “Food for the Cities” multidisciplinary initiative of FAO
3–31 October
Contact: dggroups.org/fao/food-for-cities
 - FAO Seminar: Cities and Climate Change Celebrating the World Habitat Day
3 October, Rome, Italy

2012

- **Publication**
Global and regional versions of “Towards the Guidelines for Policy- and Decision-Making Promoting Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry” (Forthcoming)
- **Revision process of draft guidelines through international and regional participation**
- **Mobilization of high-level policy and decisions-makers in support to guidelines validation and implementation**
- **Publication of the guidelines**

