



# **Enabling Legal Frameworks for Urban and Periurban Agriculture**

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# International Law

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- Right to Non-Discrimination
- Right to Food
- Right to Housing
- Right to Participate
- Right to Property
- All Human Rights treaties
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights





## Agenda 21

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Integrated approach to the planning and management of land resources

Promoting sustainable land use planning and management

Deal comprehensively with competing land requirements for agriculture, industry, transport, housing, green spaces etc.



# Declarations on Urban Agriculture

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- Declaration of Dakar, 2002
- Declaration of Hyderabad, 2002
- Declaration of Quito, 2000
- Declaration of Villa Maria de Triunfo (Lima), 2002



# National Legislation

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- **Environmental Laws:**  
Conservation, soil and watershed protection, pollution, waste management etc.
- **Planning Laws**  
National, Regional, Municipal Levels  
Often Highly Decentralized  
Often Do Not Provide for Urban Agriculture  
Illegality or Tolerance





# Municipal Level Regulations

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- Public Lands v. Private Lands
- Permissions v. Restrictions
- Johannesburg By-Law on Public Open Spaces:
  - Provisions and Rules for Applying to Farm on Public Open Spaces





# Food Charters

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- Mainly North America:  
Vancouver, Philadelphia, Toronto
- Adopted by Municipal Bodies After  
Consultation/Pressure from Public
- Social Justice
- Food Security
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Community Gardens
- Use of Wastelands





# Food Charter of Toronto

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The Toronto City Council will:

- encourage community gardens that increase food self-reliance, improve fitness, contribute to a cleaner environment, and enhance community development
- protect local agricultural lands and support urban agriculture







# Thank you!

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