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Farmer in his lowland vegetable plot in Nkolondom, Yaounde, Cameroon

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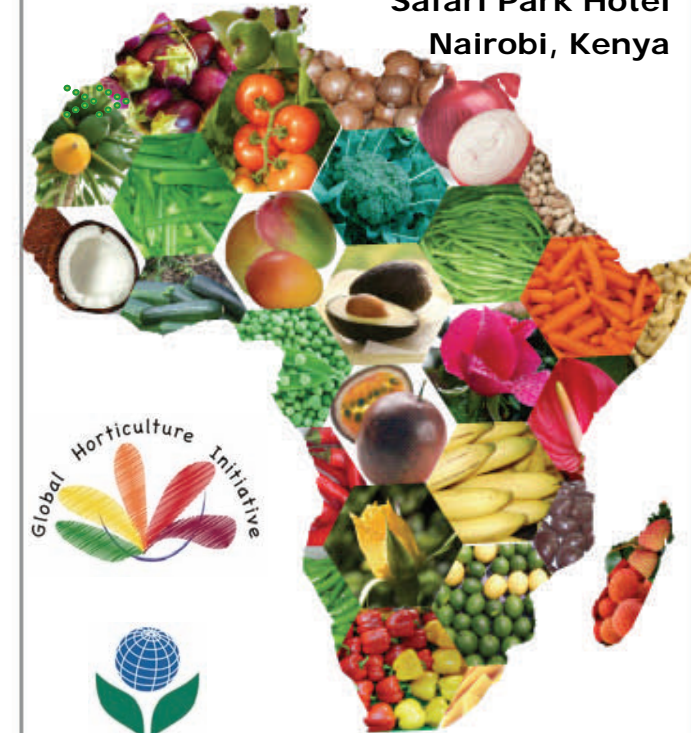
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ALL AFRICA HORTICULTURE CONGRESS

31 August—3 September 2009

Safari Park Hotel
Nairobi, Kenya



All Africa Horticulture Congress (AAHC)
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African horticulturists attending ISHS international events have often agreed on the need for a specific African event on horticulture: the need for validating experiences and achievements through research projects and case studies, the need for expressing constraints and expectations, the need for coordinating efforts and prospective strategies.

THIS IS THE TIMELY EVENT TO GIVE AFRICAN HORTICULTURE EXPOSURE, VISIBILITY AND ADVOCACY!

The themes of the congress will focus broadly on Horticulture for improving livelihoods in Africa. The format of this congress will allow several research themes to attract sufficient quality speakers and papers to be presented in parallel symposia, not all necessarily scientific. It will be aimed at bringing all stakeholders together, facilitating researcher-consumer-producer interactions for integrating research and creating a forum for African stakeholders in horticulture to exchange ideas, experiences and design coordinated perspectives.

In addition, it is expected to promote and facilitate public—private sector partnerships/linkages in horticulture, to give rise to a forum for the dissemination of horticultural research innovations and the joint formulation of proposals, and to encourage training and education in the horticulture industry to attract young and skilled entrepreneurs.

The congress will provide information on the trends in horticultural trade, promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables within local communities for improved health and promote horticultural production practices that are sustainable and environmentally friendly.



Packing fruits and vegetables near Agadir, Morocco

Day 1 Registration *Opening session*

Welcome

Keynote Address

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Keynote address per theme

- Food Security & Food Safety
- Human Health, Nutrition & Lifestyle Horticulture
- Environment & Natural Resources Management
- Socio-economic Issues: Poverty Alleviation & Wealth Creation
- International Trade: Opportunities & Challenges

Wrap-up discussion

Exhibition and Poster presentations

Posters will also be referenced in the final proceedings as full reviewed papers

Day 2 Horticulture paper presentations

Where are we today in horticulture? Presentations from institutions

Horticulture and National/Regional Policies: presentations from Maghreb, ECOWAS, COMESA, SADC

International Research & Development: achievements & strategies from selected international organizations involved in horticulture

Industry presentations from Horticulture Council of Africa and others

Parallel sessions: papers presentations

Theme 1 - Role of Domestic Horticulture in Food Security & Food Safety

Theme 2 - Horticulture & Dietary Diversity: Health, Nutrition & Lifestyle

Theme 3 - Environmental Challenges & Natural Resources Management

Theme 4 - Socio-Economic Issues: Poverty Alleviation & Wealth Creation

Theme 5 - International Trade: Opportunities & Challenges

Exhibition and Poster presentations

Evening session: **Working group meetings**

Group 1: Policy & Training (Government Institutions)

Group 2: International R&D (International institutions)

Group 3: Private sector (Farmers' & Trade Organizations)

Recommendations and action plans to be produced, discussed and resolutions presented on Day 4

Day 3 Field day

Tour 1: production on large and small scale farms of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Visits in the region of Thika

Tour 2: Post Harvest for fresh and processed products. Visits to processor, pack house in Nairobi airport area and to Nairobi's largest municipal market 'Wakulima'

Tour 3: Integrated Pest Management at research, industry and farming levels. Visit IPM facilities and farms in the region of Naivasha

Gala dinner - **Awards for the best posters**

Day 4 The way forward

Forum on African Horticulture

Report to plenary from the 3 working groups

Resolutions: a recurrent congress, an African horticulture journal, the African Horticulture Council, regional platforms or sub-regional organizations, greater collaboration among international agencies, platforms for public-private partnership on horticulture in Africa, *Dates and Venue of the next All Africa Horticulture Congress*

Presentation of the Congress resolutions

Closure session at noon

Registration fees (in US Dollar)	Before 1 st July 2009	After 1 st July 2009
ISHS member	400	450
Non ISHS member	450	500
Accompanying person	250	300
Local attendees and	100	150

Registration fees include the participant's bag, tea-coffee breaks, the gala dinner, the day tour and the proceedings of the Congress (one volume of Acta Horticulturae published by ISHS).