



CORIPHA:

A Concept for Regional Innovation Platforms for Horticulture in Africa

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Presentation Outline

- GlobalHort “Spice of Life” video (6 minutes)
- Why a GlobalHort Initiative?
- CORIPHA Concept and its History
- Preparation Workshops for the CORIPHA Proposal
- Contribution by Assetou Yaye



Why CORIPHA is a GlobalHort initiative?

- GlobalHort is a not-for-profit organization registered in Belgium and Tanzania.
- GlobalHort is a consortium of international organizations
- GlobalHort is well-placed to be a conduit between the horticultural public and private sectors
- **GlobalHort Portal** provides the tool to advocate for horticulture, and the **knowledge management** required to help bring horticulture to global fruition





The GlobalHort CORIPHA Genesis

1. Networking Fragmented Communities

Phase I: [GlobalHort Portal](#)

2. Facilitating, Training and Capacity Building

Phase II: [Knowledge Platform \(CORIPHA\)](#)





GlobalHort Portal Genesis

1. Networking Fragmented Communities:

Challenges:

- Horticulture highly diverse
- Research communities small and isolated
- Technology transfer difficult
- Language issue



Role of GlobalHort Portal

Tries to add value to existing websites and databases by providing:

- Clear, consensual and global messages about horticulture
- A development-oriented platform
- An international aggregator of quality timely horticultural information
- A newsletter to connect existing research and development actors
- An online facilitation service
- A recognized place where research and development actors can interact



Role of GlobalHort Portal

Phase I: 2006-Present (A work in progress)

- News and Events Module
- RSS feeds generator- Distribution
- RSS feeds aggregator- Gathering
- Thematic Horticultural Areas Including F & V for Health
- Partnerships Including GFAR, FAO
- Knowledge Base Including INFOODS, HORTIVAR, PROTABASE



Knowledge Platform Genesis

2. Facilitating Training, Education and Capacity Building: Challenges

- Horticultural production is technologically complex
- Horticulture has public health implications
- Enrollment is dropping
- Horticulture is being absorbed by other disciplines
- Little linkage to market due to poor information flow
- Health costs rising in parallel to malnutrition
- Poor private-public partnerships
- Poor access to training and funding sources



Role of Knowledge Platform

Phase II Knowledge Platform (CORIPHA):

- A comprehensive and functional information and knowledge management platform
- A thorough survey of sector's capacity building needs, best venues for delivery, partnerships needed, and knowledge sources required
- Sub-regional and autonomous innovation hubs
- Clusters of public-private partnerships
- Collaborative software to aid in information exchange
- More free and good quality knowledge resources

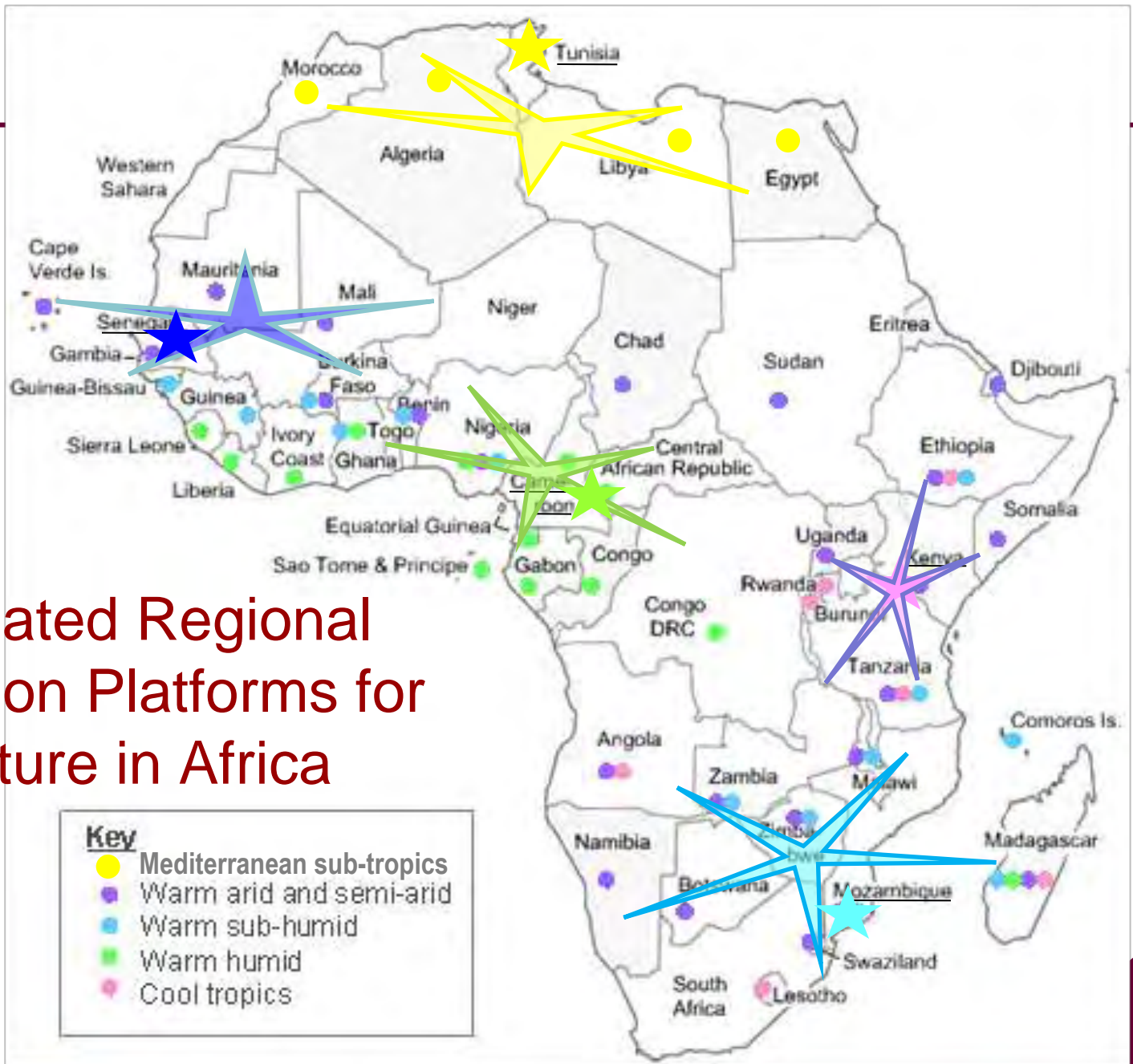
CORIPHA History

- The All Africa Horticulture Congress held last September opened the door to applied partnerships for setting up the CORIPHA concept



- While not approved in its 2009 form a revised proposal is to be re-submitted to the European Commission on the Food Security Thematic Program (FSTP) in 2010
(when the call will be open)

Coordinated Regional Innovation Platforms for Horticulture in Africa 2009





Activities within 2009 CORIPHA proposal

1. **Information & Knowledge management**
 - Development of coordination tools
 - Data base an observatory development
 - Web tools for information exchange
2. **Strengthening the Public sector**
 - Capacities for innovation and adoption
 - Raising awareness of consumers and decision makers
 - Education of the young generation at school
3. **Capacity strengthening in Public and Private sectors**
 - Short-term training programs
 - Long-term training programs
 - Academic curricula
4. **Advocacy and Management**
 - Advocacy and visibility
 - Coordination and communication
 - Monitoring and evaluation



Lessons from the first evaluation

- Proposal addressing the ToR and supported by DG-Development
- GlobalHort too isolated
- Ownership of the proposal not adequately shown and proved
- Sustainability through applied cases rather than large concepts
- Too ambitious geographically



Back to the Drawing Board

Role of GlobalHort:

**Facilitating the emergence of
Platforms for Horticulture**

Facilitation

- Networks
- Incentives
- Methodologies
- Proposals

Platforms

- Place or site for knowledge sharing
- Free access to information
- Place and tools for effective Public-Private Partnership



Synergies with Existing Platforms

Linking and Building on Existing Structures to reduce duplication and achieve sustainable results

- COP HORTI: World Bank Initiative in West Africa
- HORT CRSP: Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program
- RUFORM: Regional University Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture
- VERCON: The Virtual Extension & Research Communication Network
- RAIN: The Regional Africa Information Network
- PAEPARD: Platform for African-European Partnership on Agriculture Research and Development Program
- GO-FAU: Global Open Food and Agriculture University (CGIAR)
- FAO: initiatives RADHORT, PROFEL-PROFAV
- PIP-COLEACP: The Pesticide Initiative Program for horticultural exports
- ANAFE: African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry & Natural Resources Education
- COL & AUF: Commonwealth of Learning & Agence Universaire de la Francophonie



Facilitating the emergence of Platforms for Horticulture

The think tank activities of GlobalHort to build up a project are not enough because of
LACK OF OWNERSHIP

Ex. The All Africa Horticulture Congress

« Grown under the sun »

Nairobi, 31/08-03/09/2009



- Africa can do it by itself
- Define the role of GlobalHort and other catalysts
- Who and where are the leaders?



CORIPHA Preparation Workshops

- **East Africa workshop** (Anglophone), Arusha, Tanzania, February 22-24, 2010, locally organized by GlobalHort
- **West Africa Workshop** (Francophone), Dakar, Senegal in May to be locally organized by Cop Horti



Contribution by Aissetou Yaye (ANAFE)

whose organization was a participant in the East Africa Preparation Workshop Feb. 22,24 in Arusha, Tanzania



These workshop are born from the All Africa Horticulture Congress



Objective: re-draft the CORIPHA proposal
to make it an Africa-owned project

Expected outputs:

- ✓ Re-define general and specific objectives,
- ✓ Draft a detailed logframe, and
- ✓ Nominate component leaders



East Africa preparation Workshop

- 20 participants from Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and one from Austria (AgriNatura)
- Define the major pillars of action based on perceived needs and problems
- Team members and team leaders of working groups to be established based on the pillars



East Africa Workshop Outputs

Agreement on the establishment of four pillars:

- Education and Training
- Information & Knowledge Management
- Policy
- Value Chain Development and Improvement

Also agreed to have 2 platforms (East/West Africa) at the same time despite the difficulties of coordination, language barriers and the splitting of resources

All working groups agreed to work on the logframe and present a final version by the end of April



Together we can make Africa flourish!



Thank You!

