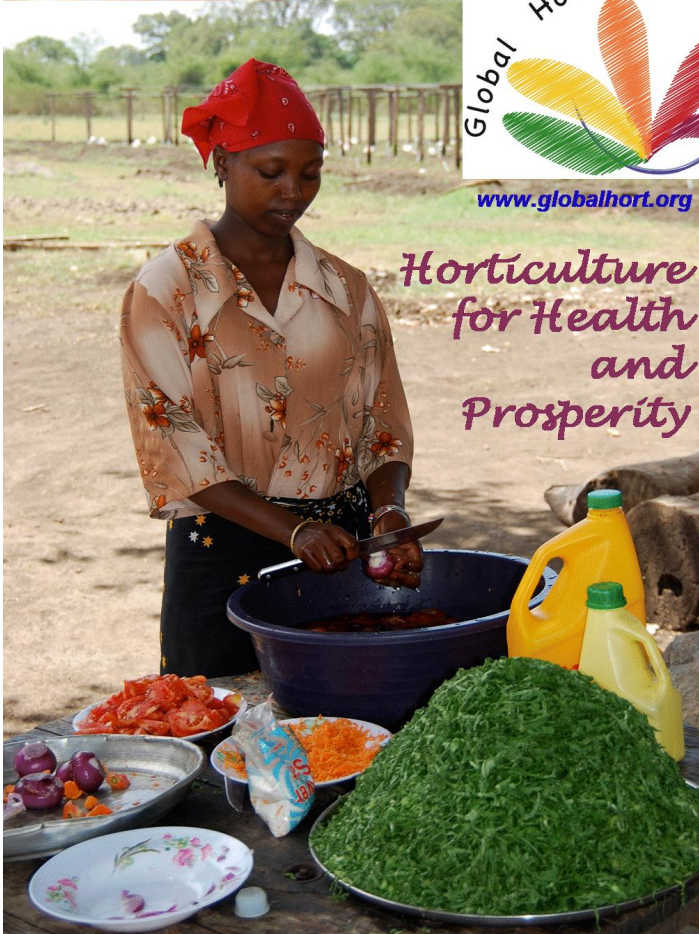




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for Health
and
Prosperity*



Mission of GlobalHort – ‘Horticulture for Development’ (H4D)

To create wealth and improve human health and wellbeing in the world’s poorest countries through increased production, consumption, processing and marketing of fruits and vegetables and other horticultural crops

Core activities

- Advocating for greater support of H4D initiatives worldwide
- Connecting and informing the diverse and dispersed community of H4D professionals
- Coaching funded research projects addressing key constraints to achieving the GlobalHort mission
- Building the indigenous human capacity required to support smallholders investing in horticultural enterprise

Some accomplishments of GlobalHort

Promotion and advocacy



The Awareness Raising Conference on H4D, Brussels June 2007

Preceded by an Expert Consultation Workshop held at CTA-EU in the Netherlands, representatives of over 45 developing countries highlighted the major issues addressed by horticulture: improved nutrition; increased and diversified incomes for smallholder farmers; gender equity; and social integration between rural and urban populations. Following this conference the terms of reference of important European calls for project proposals (e.g. FP7, FSTP) have recognized the importance of H4D.

The All Africa Horticulture Congress, AAHC, Nairobi September 2009



The first continental event that gathered the full array of stakeholder in the horticulture value chains, AAHC was strongly supported by the African horticultural science community and facilitated by GlobalHort and its partners. The resolutions arising from this congress were supported by African and international organizations: NEPAD, ISHS and FAO in particular. The second AAHC will be held in 2012 in South Africa. Again, GlobalHort will be a key player.

Connecting and informing the H4D community

The web-portal www.globalhort.org created by GlobalHort from its inception offers free information and knowledge access to the actors of the horticultural innovation process:

- Search engine focused on databases from specialized partners in horticulture and nutrition,
- E-Newsletter to a mailing list of over 1,000 recipients
- Hosting pages for community groups like Urban Horticulture or Horticulture for Health,
- Maps on-going and past H4D research projects; in collaboration with the USAID and UC Davis-supported Horticulture Cooperative Research Support Program (Hort CRSP)

Coaching research for development projects

Asian Fruit Fly Management

This Taiwan ICDF commissioned and supported research project addresses invasive fruit fly species that cause enormous damage to tropical fruits and more recently to vegetable fruits like melons and other cucurbits. This justifies a global approach based on public-private partnership and integrated pest management. The Asian Institute of Technology is coordinating this two-year regional project. http://ipm.ait.asia/?page_id=27



Recipes for Success <http://www.globalhort.org/activities/research-grants/recipes-success/>



This GlobalHort-funded and GlobalHort-coached one-year project aims at improving health and nutrition through the greater production and consumption of under-utilized indigenous African fruits and vegetables. “Recipes for Success” is coordinated by Crops For the Future and involves three countries in West and East Africa.

Facilitating capacity building and knowledge management

Regional platforms in support of horticulture in Africa

GlobalHort is coordinating an initiative aiming at filling the gaps of knowledge management and capacity building for horticulture in Africa. The main objective for these platforms in East and West Africa is to connect and strengthen national efforts in support of smallholder horticulture and to network them at the regional level. Furthermore, GlobalHort will facilitate information flow between the platforms to ensure that they are useful, efficient and sustainable. These platforms will also facilitate the coordination of the H4D activities of other donors and agencies.

Video-conferences on high value markets in Africa

During 2010, GlobalHort was mandated by The World Bank to coordinate a series of seven seminars on topics related to regional trade of horticultural products in Eastern and Southern Africa (part of EU-AAACP funded program). The network thus established, involving National Coordinators and Global Development Learning Centers, is being used to identify constraints and develop national strategic plans for horticulture industry development. The first identified constraint is the lack of information for assuring the supply of fresh fruits and vegetables for Africa’s rapidly growing cities.

Increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables

GlobalHort is a collaborator with a joint FAO-WHO initiative to promote fruits and vegetables for human health and higher incomes. The PROFEL workshop of 2007 gathered representatives from Agriculture, Health and Education of Francophone West Africa. A second workshop in 2011 (PROFAV) will gather these same constituencies from tropical Anglophone Africa under the auspices of NEPAD. The over-riding aim is to promote health through better nutrition and diet/crop diversification.



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GlobalHort is an international consortium for the promotion of innovation in horticulture, with a multi-sectoral and multi-actors approach. It is an open initiative. Please visit www.globalhort.org and contact us!



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