



# GlobalHort Newsletter

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## Coming Events

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2011**

Southeast Asia Symposium on Quality Management in Postharvest Systems (SEAsia2011)

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011**

3<sup>ème</sup> conférence régionale Africaine de la CIID sur l'irrigation et le drainage

**15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011**

International Symposium on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants- Royal Flora 2011

**19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2011**

International Symposium on Tropical and Subtropical Fruits - Royal Flora 2011

**19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2011**

III International Symposium on Papaya - Royal Flora 2011

**13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012**

10th GlobalHort Board Meeting

**15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012**

2nd All Africa Horticulture Congress 2012

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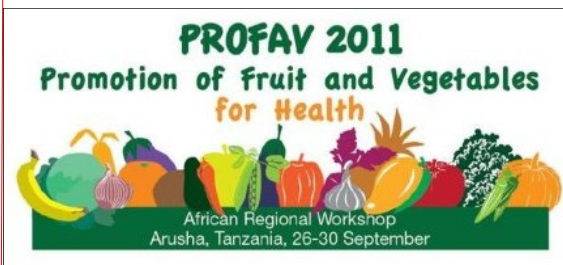
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## Anglophone Africa Regional PROFAY Workshop Proves Successful



The Workshop on the Promotion of Fruit and Vegetables for Health (PROFAY) was held in Arusha, Tanzania from 26 to 30 September, 2011. The workshop was organized under the patronage of The Honorable Minister for Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives of the United Republic of Tanzania. The event was supported by WHO, FAO, GlobalHort.

CIRAD, NEPAD, TAHA and HODECT. Financial contributions were provided by Belgium and France and were gratefully acknowledged. (See photos of the event on page 3)

<http://www.globalhort.org/network-communities/horticulture-health/#news-282>

## GlobalHort providing leadership of the Development Opportunity Crops Network (DOCNet)

As previously reported, GlobalHort and a number of other organizations and agencies with a common interest in promoting agrobiodiversity came together during a GFAR organized [Workshop](#) in January of 2011. These organizations exist to champion plants and crops they consider as neglected or underutilized within the context of achieving important international development goals. From that Workshop arose the Development Opportunity Crops Network (DOCNet) and GlobalHort has been engaged by the GFAR Secretariat to aid the further development of this Network.



In September, GlobalHort engaged Dr. Hannah Jaenicke as a consultant to facilitate the preparation of a Position Paper on "Promoting Agrobiodiversity for International Development: A Rationale and Roadmap for Collective Action". Her work on this Position Paper as well as the crafting of a paper presented on October 18 at the Beijing Science Forum 2011; organized by the CGIAR's Independent Science and Partnership Council (see below) has been greatly appreciated by the DOCNet partners and has led to the scheduling of a second DOCNet Workshop on January 10-11, again in Rome at the FAO headquarters.

<http://www.globalhort.org/activities/advocacy/#news-288>

Remi Kahane is on the [2nd All Africa Horticulture Congress](#) International Scientific Committee. GlobalHort and FAO will convene a session on Food and Nutrition Security and will be facilitating 3 round-table seminars on PROFAY, Urban and Peri-urban Horticulture, and DOCNet

<http://www.globalhort.org/news-events/all-africa-horticulture-congress/#news-290>



## The Development Opportunity Crops Network (DOCNet) makes a case for Horticulture at the Science Forum 2011

GlobalHort has cooperated with the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) to facilitate the preparation of a position paper on agrobiodiversity at the Science Forum 2011 biennial flagship conference held in Beijing, China October 17-19, 2011.

The theme of Science Forum 2011 was 'The Agriculture-Environment Nexus.' It focused on new opportunities to adapt the agricultural research landscape to meet these emerging challenges. The debate at the Science Forum structured around the following themes:



- Resource scarcity and the ecological intensification of agriculture
- Sustainability Science
- Metrics, monitoring and certification to support sustainable intensification of small-holder agriculture
- Can intensifying agriculture save the forests?
- Agro-biodiversity: an important contributor to productivity and the key to sustainability, nutrition and rural incomes
- Animal protein: increased production and a healthy environment in conflict?
- Strategic Foresight - helping decision makers to cope with complex issues in an uncertain world



Coosje Hoogendoorn, International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), spoke on behalf of the Development Opportunity Crops Network during the theme session, "Agro-biodiversity: an important contributor to productivity and the key to sustainability, nutrition and rural incomes" Mark Holderness, Executive Secretary, Global Forum on Agricultural Research, was the convener. He stated in his remarks that "This session will explore the extent of our knowledge of the potential value and role of our use of agricultural biodiversity in meeting sustainable production increase challenges and development needs, and the potential risks of its loss, whether consciously through production system choices, or inadvertently through agro-ecosystem disruption."

(<http://www.globalhort.org/activities/advocacy/#news-289>)

## ECOHORT: Designing ecologically innovative horticultural systems

ECOHORT was officially launched at the Agropolis Auditorium, Montpellier, France November 8-9, 2011. At the launching workshop Remi Kahane and Didier Pillot (President of AgriNatura and a member of the GlobalHort Board) gave a presentation on international projects.

The ECOHORT project reflects the thinking that sustainable horticulture needs to be promoted and, more generally, plant agrobiodiversity managed in ways that will provide food in sufficient quantity and of sufficient quality for the steadily in-

creasing populations in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

Numerous European initiatives for ACP countries have been created, such as the PIP-COLEACP (Pesticides Initiative Programme of the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee). These initiatives must encourage stakeholders to adopt better practices in terms of food safety, human health and protection of the environment.

The ultimate goal of ECOHORT is to devise ecological horticultural sys-

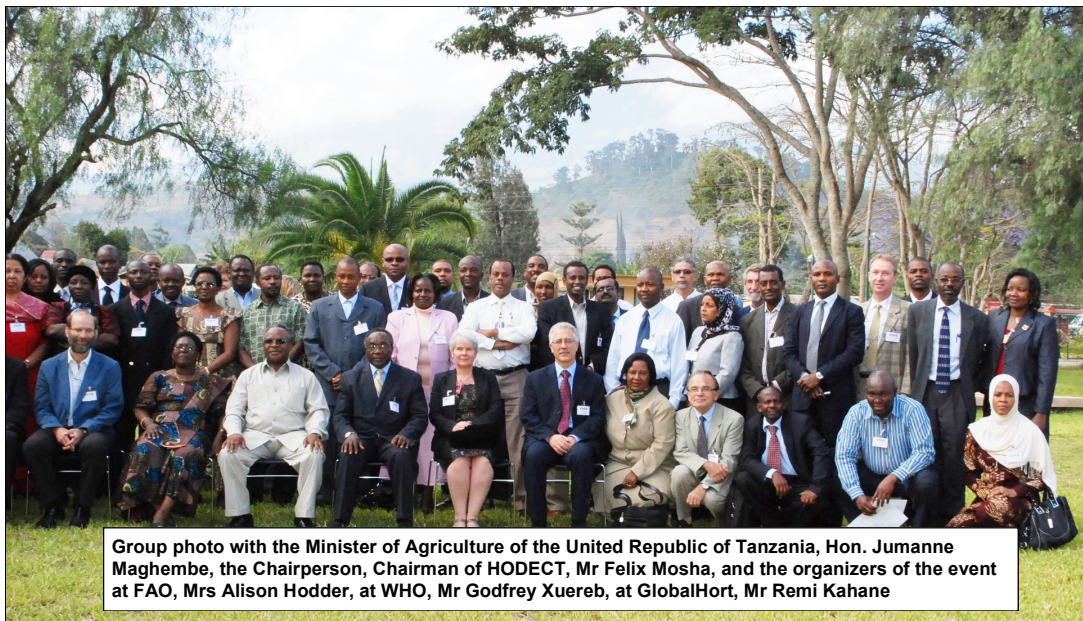
tems, based on biological, socio-economic and methodological knowledge.



ECOHORT is one of the projects supported by Agreenium in 2011-2012

(<http://www.globalhort.org/activities/capacity-building/#news-287>)

## PROFAV Workshop Photo Album (Continued from page 1)



Group photo with the Minister of Agriculture of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Jumanne Maghembe, the Chairperson, Chairman of HODECT, Mr Felix Mosha, and the organizers of the event at FAO, Mrs Alison Hodder, at WHO, Mr Godfrey Xuereb, at GlobalHort, Mr Remi Kahane



Master of ceremony Mr Geoffrey Kirenga, from the Tanzanian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, allocates speech time to FAO and WHO representatives (A. Hodder and G. Xuereb respectively) before the official opening by his Minister (Hon. Jumanne Maghembe)



Plenary session, opening ceremony by Hon. Jumanne Maghembe

### Plantwise: A new CABI product to help poor farmers

Plantwise, conceived and led by CABI, is a global alliance of donors and other partners ready to provide either content support for the knowledge bank (content partners) or diagnostic services support (clinical partners).



The aim of Plantwise is to provide poor farmers in developing countries with better access to the advice and information needed to help them increase food security and improve their livelihoods by losing less of what they grow due to plant health problems. This will be achieved through expansion of the existing plant clinic network established by CABI and supported by the creation of a global knowledge bank of information on plant health, pests and diseases. Plantwise is a global programme, comprising an integrated set of projects and activities.

The strategy of using plant clinics, supported by a global knowledge bank will be implemented alongside programmes of stakeholder engagement, which seek to strengthen plant health systems in target countries. The approach aims to be scalable within and across countries. Over the coming 5 years it will seek to develop approaches to ensure the sustainability of plant clinics as integral parts of national plant health systems, funded within the countries where they operate.

(<http://www.globalhort.org/knowledge-base/#news-280>)

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*The Global Horticulture Initiative acts as a global facility for coordinated horticultural research that provides solutions towards increasing health, productivity and safety in sustainable environments, to uplift the quality of life of the poorest populations in the world.*

*It will contribute to improve interest, support and resources to the horticultural sector, public and private, from donors, research and development agencies, and decision makers.*

*Its four key activities are:*

- *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 Facilitating horticultural training, education and capacity building*
- *Building the indigenous human capacity required to support smallholders investing in horticultural enterprise*

*The GlobalHort Newsletter's Editorial Board is led by Jerry Miner, Communication Officer, and includes Dr. Norman Looney, Past President of ISHS and Chair of the GlobalHort Board and Raul Montemayor of FFF/Farmers Organization in the Philippines.*

## The agricultural issues of growing cities need a coordinated action in Africa

Remi Kahane was invited to be a keynote speaker in the Urban and Peri-urban side-event at the 10th African Crop Science Society Conference, 10-13 October 2011, Maputo, Mozambique. This event was organized by Prof. Nancy Karanja, University of Nairobi, Kenya. He presented a paper that was prepared in collaboration with: N. Lutaladio., R. Nono-Womdim., A. Hodder, J. Custot, F. Gianfelici and B. Giyose

(<http://www.globalhort.org/network-communities/urban-horticulture/#news-272>)



**Vegetable street vendors in Maputo green belt**



**Orange flesh sweet potatoes promoted by CIP in Eastern and Southern Africa**



**Side-event on urban and peri-urban agriculture chaired by Nancy Karanja**