

Promoting Innovation for Health
and Prosperity



Mission (overall objective) of GlobalHort

Promoting innovation in horticulture for small scale producers, processors, retailers, in order to increase consumption, health and incomes of the populations in developing countries.

Core activities (specific objectives) of GlobalHort

- Promote and advocate horticulture for development
- Network diverse and dispersed communities
- Attract funding and coach programs for granted research projects
- Facilitate training, education and capacity building

Accomplishments of GlobalHort

Promotion and advocacy



The Awareness Raising Conference on Horticulture for Development, ARCH4D, Brussels June 2007

Preceded by an Expert Consultation Workshop held at CTA-EU, Wageningen, representatives of over 45 developing countries present at this conference highlighted the major issues addressed by horticulture in the developing countries: improved nutrition, increased and diversified incomes for small scale holders, gender equity and social integration between rural and urban populations. High value crops entered the terms of reference of most European calls for proposals since then (FP7, FSTP).



The All Africa Horticulture Congress, AAHC, Nairobi September 2009

First continental event gathering all types of stakeholder in horticulture value chains, it was a strong demand from the African scientific community that has been facilitated by GlobalHort. The resolutions from this congress were supported by African and international organizations: NEPAD, ISHS and FAO in particular. The proceedings will be distributed at the 2010 IHC in Lisbon where the next AAHC to be held in 2012 in South Africa will be advertised.

Networking the various communities in horticulture

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 Vegetable Drip- Irrigation.
- Mapping on-going and past R4D projects on horticulture, in collaboration with the Hort CRSP at UC Davis.

Coaching program of research for development projects



Commissioned proposals

Asian Fruit Fly Management

In 2009 Taiwan ICDF commissioned a research project to GlobalHort on the Asian Fruit Fly. These emerging and invasive fly species cause enormous damage on tropical fruits and more recently on vegetables 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 2-year regional project.

Call for proposals in 2009



Recipes for Success

From this successful call and severe selection from GlobalHort Secretariat, one project proposal has been granted focusing on Health and Nutrition. "Recipes for Success" is coordinated by Crops For the Future and involves three countries in West and East Africa. It is granted for one year and additional funding is one expected output of its work plan.

Facilitating capacity building and knowledge management

The concept of regional innovation platforms

CORIPHA

GlobalHort is coordinating a proposal to fill the gaps of knowledge management and information sharing in horticulture. The main objective for each regional platform would be strengthening national taskforces in horticulture and networking them at regional level. GlobalHort will facilitate information flows between the Eastern and the Western African platforms in order to make them useful, efficient and sustainable. This proposal called CORIPHA is to be funded by the European Thematic Programme on Food Security, and possibly by USAID through the Hort CRSP program for regional Excellence Center.

Video-conferences on high value markets in Africa

GlobalHort has been mandated by The World Bank to organize a series of ten seminars on various topics related to regional trade of horticultural produce in Eastern and Southern Africa. The network of Global Development Learning Centers network will be hosting participants from seven countries to share information and discuss strategies.

Increasing consumption of fresh and safe F&V

GlobalHort is collaborating in the FAO-WHO initiative for the promotion of fruits and vegetables for human health and higher incomes. The workshop of Yaoundé, 2007, gathered representatives from Agriculture, Health and Education of tropical Francophone Africa. The Arusha workshop of 2010 will gather those from tropical Anglophone Africa.



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GlobalHort is an international consortium for the promotion of innovation in horticulture, with a pro-poor vision. Its constituencies are its members, and it is an open initiative: visit www.globalhort.org and contact us!



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