



GlobalHort – The Global Horticulture Initiative

The Global Horticulture Initiative – GlobalHort is an international consortium promoting innovation in horticulture for development with a multi-sectorial and multiple-actor approach.

It is a worldwide enterprise intended to foster more efficient and effective partnerships and collective action among stakeholders in horticulture. To be efficient, it is organized into a consortium, a group of a limited number of national and international institutions formally organized to collaborate in research, training, and technology-generating activities designed to meet mutually-agreed-upon objectives.

Mission

To encourage and advocate for the use of horticulture for development by sponsoring actions that endeavor a better employment of horticultural crop production, marketing and consumption to create wealth, and improve human health and wellbeing in the world's poorest countries.

GlobalHort creates a matrix of synergies between the stakeholders engaged in the horticultural industry and development, research, education, administration, and other relevant areas to catalyse new initiatives focused on the common goal of improving human health globally and the prosperity of disadvantaged populations.

Vision

GlobalHort aims to be recognized as the primary world umbrella organization to promote horticulture for development and to become a highly visible and strong magnet attracting and catalyzing the joint actions coming from its partners.

Activity

GlobalHort promotes and catalyzes a diversity of activities, focused on horticulture for development, to be carried out by its partners. Major aims are:

- Advocating and promoting horticulture for development (H4D) worldwide;
- Networking, connecting and informing the diverse community of H4D institutions and professionals;
- Facilitating capacity development, education and training to support smallholders investing in horticultural enterprise;
- Identifying opportunities and potential partners to carry out programs or projects focused on horticulture for development;
- To design H4D actions in collaboration with stakeholders that can reach disadvantaged populations directly.

Partners

GlobalHort is a consortium of national and international organizations, institutions, and agencies working towards the common goal of improving global health and prosperity through use of horticultural crops. It is a virtual international platform dedicated to research and education for development in horticulture. It is based on the idea that horticultural themes must be addressed in an integrated way but yet takes into account their specificity.

GlobalHort aims to gather together a high number of diversified partners. Its major objective is to identify opportunities for joint action and to promote synergies between partners yet without duplicating or overlapping with partner scopes and interests.

This Consortium has established partnerships that are inclusive, interdisciplinary and international and will seek to include more partners in future. The current partners are:

- **AFSTA:** African Seed Trade Association
- **AGRINATURA:** European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development
- **AVRDC- The World Vegetable Center**
- **Bioversity International**
- **FAO:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
- **FFF:** Federation of Free Farmers in the Philippines
- **GFAR:** Global Forum on Agricultural Research
- **Horticulture Innovation Lab**
- **ISHS:** International Society for Horticultural Science



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