



Special Side Event at FARA General Assembly

HORTICULTURE: AN ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR URBAN AND RURAL BALANCED DEVELOPMENT

Convenor: Rémi Kahane, GlobalHort

**11 June 2007, 13:30 pm – 16:30 pm Room 2 Sandton Convention Center
Sandton City, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Programme

Time	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
13:30	Opening Welcome Remarks by Chairperson/Moderator	Dr Christophe Kouamé, CNRA Côte d'Ivoire
13:40	Horticultural issues for planning African city supply in harmonized development of urban and rural areas	Dr Rémi Kahane, Executive Secretary, GlobalHort
13:45	Address from FARA	Dr Ralph von Kaufmann, FARA
13:50	GlobalHort will contribute to gather, network and synergize the forces in horticulture for the development	Dr Rémi Kahane, Executive Secretary, GlobalHort
14:10	Experiences in urban horticulture in Africa: lessons and prospective	Representatives for Urban Harvest and CAUPA
14:40	Opportunity offered by the new platform Europe-Africa (PAEPARD)	Dr Jacky Ganry
15:00	Facilitated discussion and exchange of views and experience in plenary	Led by Moderator
18:00	Synthesis of the session and agreement on key outputs to be presented at FARA General Assembly	Rapporteurs

Horticulture as a key sector for cities

- High value products
- Food/environment quality and safety
- Multifunctional role of horticulture in urbanized areas



High value products

The small scale farmers will have a place and an access to the market if their products meet a demand.

A role for research would be to develop methods and skills to analyse the demand, to convert it into farming, trading, marketing or processing recommendations, generating thus well distributed added value

Food/environment quality and safety

The consumers' requirements are connected to supply, freshness and diversity.

Education and capacity building on one hand, research, information and control systems acknowledged by the stakeholders on the other hand, are the main strategic tools to target this issue

Multifunctional role of horticulture

Horticulture is not only a food provider to urban citizens, it also provides green and open space, job employment and opportunities to women, to low educated people and the poorest population, as well as to the richest one.

Agriculture as part of a city development project

It is essential to include and consider horticulture in the urbanizing strategy, as environmental moderator and as socio-economic factor.

Urban Horticulture: discussion

1. How to highlight the horticultural sector as an engine for urban development project?

Urban Horticulture: discussion

2. How can the research community help make urban horticulture safer and more sustainable?

Urban Horticulture: discussion

3. How to promote horticulture as a link to the other agricultural and economic sectors, and as a link between rural and urban areas?

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4. How to link anglophone and francophone communities working on the urban agriculture?

Urban Horticulture: discussion

5. What should the Global Horticulture Initiative cover, and how could it be operated complementarily to other initiatives and roles of FARA, SROs, NARS, various networks, IARCs and other parties?