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June 11, 2007

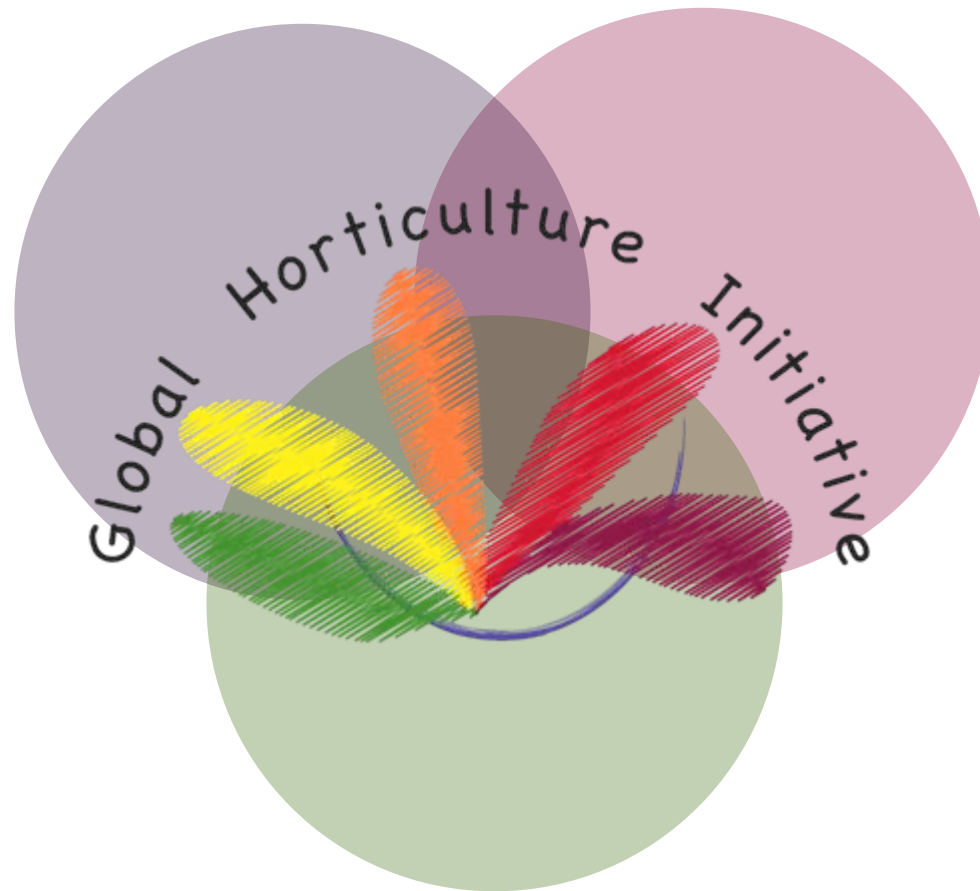
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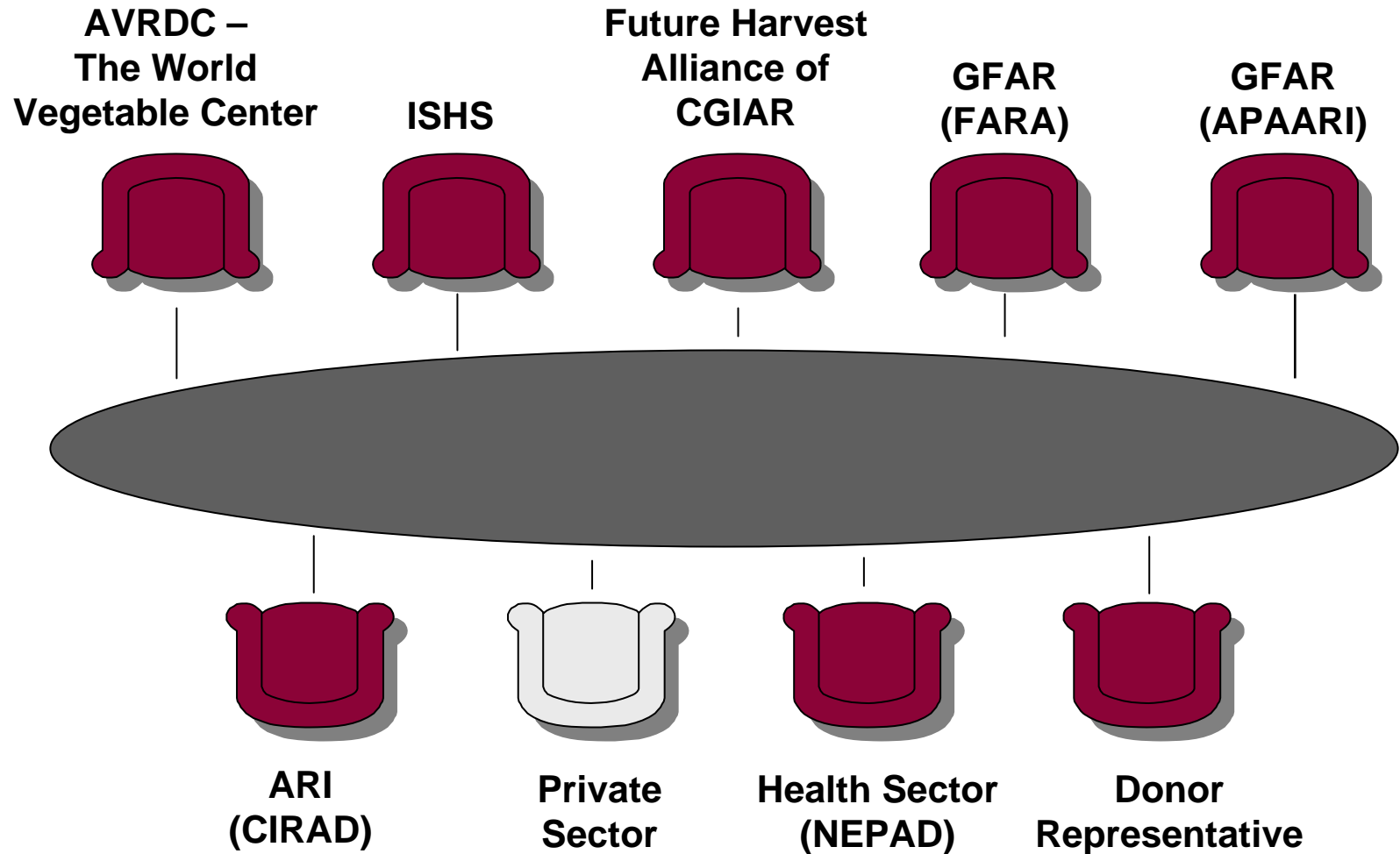
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- 29 participants
 - June 11, 13h30 to 18h
 - Chair: CNRA, Côte d'Ivoire
 - 5 presentations
 - Global Hort (2)
 - Urban Harvest,
 - CIRAD-PAEPARD
 - CAUPA
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GlobalHort: International Consortium for the Promotion of Horticulture in developing countries



GlobalHort: Board of directors



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- The group supports the activities core of GlobalHort and recommends that:
 - GlobalHort and the SROs & FARA should work in synergy, using existing networks and communication tools rather than creating new ones
 - a greater focus be put on the following 5 issues
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1. Highlighting that horticultural sector promotes urban development

- ❑ Research shall provide evidence that horticultural activities benefit the cities
 - ❑ Research shall convert constraints into opportunities (for example in waste management, in water management)
 - ❑ Research shall raise awareness on the multifunctional role of agriculture in urbanized areas
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2. Making urban agriculture safer and more sustainable

- ❑ Participatory approach (social partners in particular)
 - ❑ Research shall provide evidence of safety practices and advocate for good urban agriculture practices
 - ❑ Promote available technologies: information systems, recycling techniques for wastes, water management solutions (ex. water cleaning technologies, drip irrigation, ...)
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3. A link to the other agricultural and economic sectors, and as a link between rural and urban areas

- ❑ Promote Adding value aspects: freshness certification and labelling, opportunities for processing, niche markets etc.
 - ❑ Adapt to consumers needs and to dynamic environment conditions (ornamentals or seeds produced on polluted soils ...)
 - ❑ Develop the concept of a rural-urban continuum, with complementarities rather than competition
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4. Linking anglophone and francophone communities working on urban agriculture

- ❑ Rather an issue of funding networking activities than a language one, as exemplified by CORAF/WECARD efforts in the last 5 years
 - ❑ Developing a strong communication mechanism in the two major languages (English and French) in all documents
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5. Role of the Global Horticulture Initiative

- Play a key interface role between various groups :
 - Anglophone and Francophone communities
 - Research and Development actors
 - Public and Private sector
 - Development partners
 - Advocacy for financing in horticulture (micro-credit access for very small entrepreneurs)
 - Facilitate policy
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- The group acknowledged the organization of an **International Symposium on Global Urban Horticulture** to be held in Kampala, Uganda, in Oct.-Nov. 2008
 - Objectives:
 - Awareness, exchange of experiences, networking
 - Initiate R4D projects ...
 - The group will contribute in identifying African representatives for the Scientific Committee
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Thank you

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