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- **GlobalHort:**
  - Advocates for horticulture science and industry to reduce poverty and improve nutrition of the world’s poorest
  - Connects and informs the international community of professionals engaged in “horticulture for development”
  - Supports strategic research and development projects
  - Builds human capacity for supporting horticultural science and industry in developing countries
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- GlobalHort Board Members:
  - The International Society for Hort. Science
  - The World Vegetable Center – AVRDC
  - Agrinatura - The European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development
  - FAO-AGP Horticulture Group
  - NEPAD – the NEPAD Nutrition Advisor represents the horticulture for improved nutrition focal area
  - The Global Forum for Agricultural Research for Development (GFAR)
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• GlobalHort Board Members (continued):
  – The International Seed Federation (ISF) – representing horticulture agri-business
  – Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives of The Philippines – representing the interests of farmer’s associations
  – The USAID-supported Horticulture CRSP (led by UC Davis)
    – International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) – observer status at present time
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- GlobalHort financial support to date:
  - Taiwan (ICDF) - major funding of the Initiative until end of 2010
  - France (CIRAD) - through partial support of present Executive Secretary
  - Germany (CIM) - through support of one staff position through 2010
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- GlobalHort operational support to date:
  - ISHS – liaison with Belgian government officials and with the bank in Brussels holding the GHI account
  - AVRDC – providing its RCA facility for the GlobalHort Secretariat
  - IFAP – hosting a Board meeting of GlobalHort
  - FAO – hosting the GlobalHort Secretariat starting in 2011
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• GlobalHort Statutes, Registration, and Secretariat location:
  – Statutes registered in Belgium and Tanzania
    • Through 2010 the Secretariat was located in Arusha, Tanzania (AVRDC Research Center for Africa)
    • Starting February 2011 the Secretariat will be with FAO-AGP in Rome
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• New challenges and opportunities:
  – Find a donor to provide the ‘core’ funding previously provided by Taiwan ICDF
  – Take full advantage of the relocation to Rome
    • Achieve full complementarity with the efforts of the FAO Horticulture team
    • Define and develop cooperative efforts with the GFAR Secretariat and partners advocating for ‘non-staple’ crops and plants
    • Sell our project proposals for capacity building and regional horticulture innovation centers in Africa
      – To IFAD – “Developing indigenous professional capacity to support smallholder horticulture in Africa”
      – To the European Commission – “Coordinated Regional Innovation Platforms for advocacy, capacity building and strategic networking for horticulture in Africa” (the CORIPHA proposal)