

## ISHS at the AGRA African Food Systems Forum in Dakar 2025

The **International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS)** is pleased to announce its participation in the **AGRA African Food Systems Forum**, which will be held from **September 1 to 5, 2025**, at **CICAD International Conference Center in Dakar, Senegal**.

All stakeholders from the African continent and around the world are invited to two key events organized alongside the forum:

### 1. Multi-stakeholder roundtable

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Date and time: Tuesday, September 2, 2025, from **1:00pm to 2:00pm** local time

Location: **in-person only** at CICAD, Dakar, Senegal

Theme: "**The multiple benefits of underutilized species for food sovereignty in Africa**"

Panelists: AFSA, FAO, ISRA, AgroSEED, ISHS

Facilitation: CIRAD

*This roundtable will be an opportunity to deliver a strong message on the still-unexplored **potential of traditional African crops**, particularly horticultural crops (fruits, vegetables, spices, aromatic and medicinal plants), to strengthen the continent's resilience and food and nutritional security.*

### 2. Meeting with African horticultural stakeholders and their international partners

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Immediately following the roundtable, discussions will continue during a virtual open session dedicated to **strengthening and boosting ISHS activities in Africa**.

*We will discuss **building strong institutional partnerships** with the entire horticultural, agronomic, socioeconomic, medical, and environmental community: governments, public institutions, higher education, research organizations, the economic sector, and civil society.*

This meeting will be held from **2:30pm to 4:00pm** at Amadou Makhtar Mbow University (UAM), located in Diamniadio, just 5 minutes from CICAD.

**Refreshments** will be provided at the end of the session; a **free shuttle** will bring participants from CICAD to UAM and back again.

*This will be a unique opportunity to interact directly with members of the ISHS Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Council, led by its President, Dr. François Laurens (INRAE, France).*

Join us to build the future of horticulture in Africa, together!