

PEF President's Message



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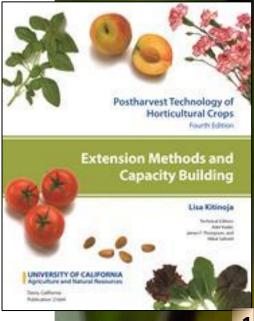
PEF is happy to start the year 2023 by publishing the PEF Postharvest E-learning Manual translated into Espanol and Francais. The translated versions are now available for free download to facilitate trainees from Hispanic and Francophone countries. Now we are left with only seven years to 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and there is still a scope for a lot of possible actions to reduce food loss and waste. This year we are planning for 'Postharvest Leadership Awards' for e-learners to take on key leadership roles in postharvest training in their own country and region of the world, in order to further the work of PEF. Any donations to support our work would be greatly appreciated and a sincere gratitude to those who have already contributed.

Wishing you all the very best and a prosperous year ahead.

Extension Methods and Capacity Building

Postharvest extension professionals from universities and research facilities from around the world offer potentially beneficial postharvest management methods on a variety of platforms. Extension agents, farm advisors, postharvest consultants, and agricultural development staff must be able to recognize technologies that are economically viable, suited to their customers' needs, and both consumer and market-acceptable. How can extension specialists assist their clients in deciding which of the several postharvest technologies would best address the issue at hand? The volume 'Extension Methods and Capacity Building' authored by Dr Lisa Kitinoja will be able to respond to these queries.

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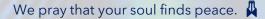




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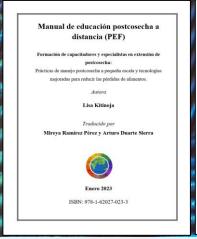
We will miss you..

Dr. Devon Zagory - PEF will miss the support, advice and cheerfulness. He was one of Founding Directors of PEF, with a lifelong love of postharvest technology, research and training.





PEF Postharvest E-learning Manual - now in Espanol and Français!!





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PEF appreciates the efforts of Arturo Duarte Sierra; Yasmine Lamri and Mireya Ramírez Pérez in translating the manual.

Special thanks to **Hala Chahine-Tsouvalakis**, **Guy Kodjogbe** and **Deirdre Holcroft** for reviewing the French translation. And thanks to **Karin Albornoz Molina**, **Karol Alpizar** and **Sofia Flores Vivar** for reviewing the Spanish translation.

PEF Postharvest E-learning Manual - Espanol translation - http://postharvest.org/PEF Manual - Espanol.pdf
PEF Postharvest E-learning Manual - Français translation - http://postharvest.org/PEF Manual Français.pdf
PEF Postharvest E-learning Manual (3rd Edition) - English - https://form.jotform.com/211392150163445

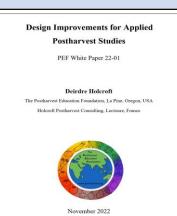
Please feel free to let us know your comments and suggestions towards improving the translated versions.

Design Improvements for Applied Postharvest Studies

The white paper authored by **Dr Deirdre Holcroft** (Vice President, PEF) aims to provide practical assistance on designing and conducting research experiments that can be used to make decisions about adopting new practices under real-world conditions. It is not recommended to change postharvest handling practices based on an opinion or on poorly designed applied research.

Download the white paper at:

http://postharvest.org/PEF White Paper 22-01 Deirdre Designs.pdf





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3rd WPL Post-Harvest Loss Prevention Forum (PHLPF)

The 3rd Wider Perspectives Limited (WPL) Post-Harvest Loss Prevention Forum (PHLPF) was organized by WPL on 27 October 2022. The theme of the forum was 'Exploring opportunities through postharvest loss prevention'.

Dr Olubukola Odeyemi represented PEF in the forum and was a panel member. She has discussed the challenges associated with capacity building programs and about the business opportunities within the value chain while trying to prevent food losses. The recording of the program is available at: https://bit.ly/3jQ0GKS



SDG Target 12.3 on Food Loss and Waste: 2022 Progress Report



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to address food loss and waste through the entire supply chain.

Retailers are currently leading other companies in this regard.

With eight years to go until 2030, more countries and companies
need to follow the examples of global leaders and begin systematically addressing food loss and waste.

reaching Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 on food loss and waste. By 2030, SDG 12.3 intends to "cut food losses throughout the production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses, by half and minimize food waste at the retail and consumer levels." At the near-halfway point of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), global progress by governments and companies on achieving SDG 12.3 is slower than needed when compared to the Champions 12.3 Road Map.

The progress report assesses the world's progress toward

Download report at : https://bit.ly/3ioGijC

Post-Harvest Women Foundation, Ghana

PEF donated funds to support the training work of Patience Worlali Kpeda and the Post-Harvest Women Foundation in Ghana. A training program on Grain Hermetic storage bags was held in the Eastern Region - Akwatia, and 100 storage bags were given to smallholder growers. Several additional postharvest training programs will be offered for local women's groups during 2023





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IUFoST Conference, Singapore



Ms Mercy Mmari

Singapore Institute of Food Science & Technology (SIFST), with the endorsement of the International Union of Food Science & Technology (IUFoST), and support from the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), organized the 21st IUFoST World Congress of Food Science & Technology from 31 October to 3 November 2022.

The 2022 World Congress was held at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre with the conference theme - "Future of Food - Innovation, Sustainability & Health". Ms Mercy Mmari of the Tanzanian Institute of Food Science and Technology (TIFST) stood in for Ms Bertha Mjawa representing The Postharvest Education Foundation along with her co-authors, Drs Lisa Kitinoja and Diane Barrett.

Sustainable and Resilient Cold-Chains: The 2050 Imperative

The Local to Global Cold-chain summit took place on the 29th September 2022 at the University of Birmingham, hosted by the Centre of Sustainable Cooling. The event brought together more than 50 research, industry and government partners from the UK, EU and Africa to share their knowledge and discuss research and innovation needs and collaboration opportunities to operationalize sustainable, equitable and resilient cold-chains for food and health globally. This report explores the outcomes of the summit.

Download report: https://bit.ly/3WW9z4b

Other resources: https://www.sustainablecooling.org/resources/

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Hudson Global Development Fund Awardee- Ms. Lucy Asare-Baah



ZECC at Shorter, Macon County, Alabama with owner and Lucy.

Ms. Lucy Asare-Baah, a graduate of PEF and WFLO e-learning program from Tuskegee University, was awarded a Hudson Global Development Fund to support demonstration and extension of Zero Energy Cool Chambers (ZECCs) in four counties of Alabama. Smallholder horticulture farmers were her target audience.



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USDA Food Loss and Waste Activities from Around the World

The U.S. Department of Agriculture hosted an international roundtable webinar to discuss, "Food Loss and Waste Activities from Around the World." Webinar speakers shared their work and experiences with national and municipal level governments to reduce food waste and increase food recycling in Denmark, South Korea, Rwanda, Chile, Peru,



and the United States. The event was moderated by Dr. Jean C. Buzby, USDA Food Loss and Waste Liaison. The recording of the discussion is now available via this link: https://youtu.be/FiM9DUlk7Dw For more information on food loss and waste, please see the USDA website pages: https://www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste

Agrilinks - Food Loss and Waste Month - December 2022

Agrilinks has announced December 2022 as Food Loss and Waste Month. It published blogposts on the linkages between FLW and climate, nutrition and food security, food safety and more. Blog posts spanned topics related to the role of the private sector and youth, the power of technologies to improve cold chain and post-harvest handling, and much more. Some of the interesting blogposts are listed below and further details visit: https://bit.ly/3jQ4EmK

- o Thoric Cederstrom, FES. Food Loss and Waste: Building an Evidence-Based Business Case for SMEs https://agrilinks.org/post/food-loss-and-waste-building-evidence-based-business-case-smes
- o Matthew Thielker, USAID. Three Ways to Combat Climate Change by Reducing Food Loss and Waste. https://agrilinks.org/post/three-ways-combat-climate-change-reducing-food-loss-and-waste
- Amanda Brondy, GCCA. Maximizing Food through Cold Chain Development. https://agrilinks.org/post/maximizing-food-through-cold-chain-development
- o Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Purdue University. Supporting Rural Youth to Reduce Food Loss and Waste while Building Sustainable Supply Chains: Evidence Kenya. https://agrilinks.org/post/supporting-rural-youth-reduce-food-loss-and-waste-while-buildingsustainable-supply-chains

In 2023, PEF will be closing our Twitter and Pinterest social media accounts. You are welcome to continue to receive our news and information by visiting our website (www.postharvest.org) and joining our 10,000+ members as part of our Postharvest Training discussion group on LinkedIn. https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3770124/



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Some Postharvest YouTube channels

To start with the new year, here are some of the interesting postharvest related YouTube channels for you to explore.

- o Postharvest Technologies: https://www.youtube.com/c/PostHarvestTechnologies
- UC Postharvest Center: https://www.youtube.com/user/ucdpostharvest
- Losses along Kenya's value-chain and ongoing interventions -Wageningen University & Research: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk 624eEwVA
- o Postharvest Handling for Fruit and Vegetable Growers:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBMdyCYcMUc

- o Proper Postharvest Handling of Berries: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PG5roJXtZp4
- O UVM Postharvest webinars on planning a packhouse:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRhtZw1o6RdFflbL5Y9FRNf4GcLmeNU9M

- o Postharvest Practices to Get the Longest Shelf Life From Your Crop (Univ of Tenn Institute Extension): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NiAg19D-Ww
- Postharvest Management to Ensure Food Security and the Critical Role of Capacity Building (ECHO Conference): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DqUavch4uY
- o FAO Webinar: Harvest and post-harvest practices to reduce food loss and waste https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOOQB4hZHC4
- Researching Postharvest for Smallholder Tomato Farmers in Burkina Faso (Hort Innov Lab, ABA,
 PEF) 2018: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obeEmBNux0g

Donations Request for 'Postharvest Leadership Award'

Leadership Award", including a 7 day trip to visit PEF in Oregon and UC Davis in California and meet with colleagues at the Horticulture Innovation Lab and the UC Postharvest Technology Center. We are requesting donations to help PEF support the costs of international airfares, hotel rooms and local travel.

Dr. Diane M. Barrett and Dr. Lisa Kitinoja (as volunteer board members) will lead this PEF leadership tour, and awardees will each receive a large bundle of postharvest tools, training materials, reference books and demonstration supplies valued at \$1500. Each awardee will be mentored over the next few years as they take on key leadership roles in postharvest training in their own country and region of the world, in order to further the work of PEF. Donations to The Postharvest Education Foundation to support this effort would be greatly appreciated. It is easy to donate online via our website (www.postharvest.com) or by using PayPal (link: PayPal.Me/Postharvest). Those in the USA can also use the old fashioned method of mailing a check to PEF, PO Box 38, La Pine, Oregon 97739 USA.



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May the new year lead a path towards loads of cheer and happiness in your life Happy New Year 2023



PEF's 'Global Postharvest E-learning Program' is FREE to all

NOW AVAILABLE IN ESPANOL AND FRANCAIS

Check the website for further details and register by completing Assignment #1:

http://postharvest.org/postharvest_elearning_program1.aspx

SUPPORT OUR WORK

The Postharvest Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity with aim to reduce global food losses, which are as high as up to 50%.

General donations to The Postharvest Education Foundation are used for 3 major program activities:

- Postharvest tool kit: For e-learners from developing country who complete their training (US\$400 each).
- o Postharvest Closing Workshops for e-learning graduates (Estimated as \$1200 per e-learner).
- Travel Support: To pay for the travel expenses to attend international postharvest training programs (air tickets, hotels, food, local transport costs) (Estimated as \$1500-\$2000 per e-learner).

Kindly check our website (http://www.postharvest.org/donate.aspx) for other alternate ways to donate.

Thanks in advance for your tax-deductible donation, which will be used to train young horticultural professionals via low cost internet based programs, with reading assignments, fieldwork on improved practices for postharvest handling, storage, processing and marketing.

Mail us at postharvest@postharvest.org any postharvest related questions you wish to be answered.

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