



## **One House, One Fruit Tree Project**

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Global Energy Parliament's "One House, One Fruit Tree" project is to have every urban resident to cultivate and enjoy at least one fruit tree at home.

The effects and benefits of this project are many, including

- a) introducing a new culture of pure food based on non-GMO, organic fruits
- b) mitigating the effects of climate change through cultivation of climate resilient crops;
- c) stabilizing ground cover and water conservation,
- d) providing education to urban residents in developing countries about the effects of development on environment and climate
- e) introducing agriculture as a subject of study, student activity and subject of discussion in schools.

### BACKGROUND

The habits of urban residents everywhere in the world are changing rapidly with regards to preference for home environment. A majority of homeowners choose decorative plants over ones bearing fruit. In the context of scarcity of organic fruits and loss of cultural appreciation for home gardens, the Global Energy Parliament is conducting the "One House, One Fruit Tree" project.

Through this project, nutritive, indigenous fruit trees are cultivated in different parts of the world and provided free of charge to home owners. We conduct a special survey of the resident's habits and available land, and under the guidance of an Agriculturalists, our team selects the best indigenous fruit tree sapling to give to the resident.

Education in the form of discussion and printed materials are provided to each resident, and when the sapling is planted, the team trains the resident how to build a water ring around the tree so that the rainwater can be maintained in the soil, and a natural cooling environment will be provided. From time to time, we visit the houses to see the progress both culturally as well as environmentally.

### PROPOSAL

A pilot of this project has already been initiated in Kerala, India and a tree nursery has begun in Normandy, France. Our objective is to have it replicated everywhere in the world with the support of Ministries of Agriculture, Environment or Food.