



GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Strengthening Minnesota’s global network

Minnesota is part of an increasingly connected global society, which benefits from exchanges in education, research and development. Extension engages with scientists, teachers and learners around the world, and with a diverse society at home.

Efforts build capacity locally and internationally to enhance livelihoods, while building a national network of professionals with expertise in similar initiatives.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR MINNESOTA BY:

- Engaging participants to understand global dynamics while building cultural knowledge
- Influencing practices in other nations and exporting knowledge
- Connecting with Minnesota’s export markets and business relationships
- Supporting global development through education
- Improving cross-cultural communication and understanding
- Cultivating rural leaders through global learning opportunities
- Educating for a peaceful and prosperous world

RECENT EXTENSION EFFORTS:

- Algeria
- China
- Guatemala
- Japan
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Morocco
- Sierra Leone
- Vietnam

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit www.extension.umn.edu/about/global-initiatives.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Minnesota ranks nationally as an important global player. Multiple segments of the state’s economy have strong international ties.

Of note:

- \$21.4 billion in annual revenue from exports *
- 1,055 products exported to 207 countries/territories*
- 14, 438 international students in state
- \$390 million generated by international students**
- Hotspot for international development organizations, particularly working in food, nutrition, human rights and refugee support***
- 17 Fortune 500 companies****
- Third largest agricultural exporting state in U.S.*****

* Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

** Institute for International Education, Open Doors

***Devox

**** Pioneer Press

*****Minnesota Department of Agriculture