

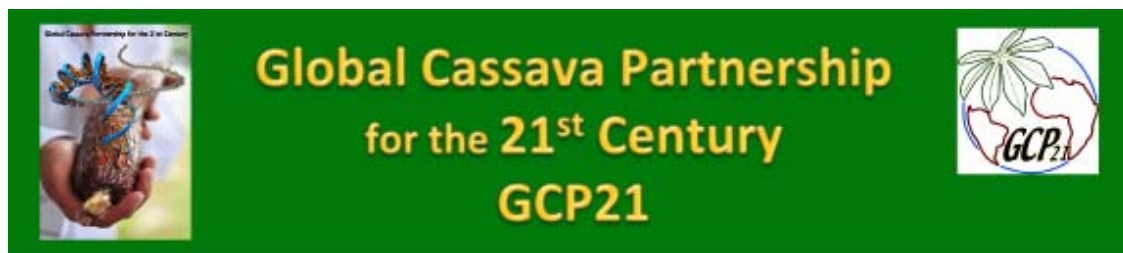
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GCP21 NewsLetter #13

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GCP21 Membership is launched!!

Pre-registration for the IVth International GCP21 Cassava Conference is open now!! Its free with no obligation to attend!. One should first register as a GCP21 member and then pre-register and later register for the conference! Pre-Registration to the Conference will ensure you will receive all information about the Conference.

Full Registration for the Conference with payment of Registration Fees will open on January 1, 2018.

<http://www.gcp21.org/index.html>



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GCP21 Website Membership is on

We have created a formal database on the [GCP21 website](#) called [Membership Database](#) in order to collect information about the maximum number of individuals, organizations, associations, companies, and projects, all related to cassava, including R&D, production, processing, management, and associations.

This will be a wonderful tool for everybody to identify and locate cassava scientists, cassava organizations and factories and also a number of cassava projects. We have set-up a search system for anybody to retrieve information and ultimately, we will have a search/mapping system in place when all members will have contributed to the database.

To kick off the registration to the database, we have **pre-entered** all the participants to the last GCP21 Conference in China, however, you are requested to go through your data to make correction and select cities and countries.

We have also already pre-selected a large number of organizations to help the development of the database and ease your registration with pre-filled data fields upon selection in the menu. The database will be updated regularly by sending automatic reminders to all individuals, by contacting formal contact persons and by contacting cassava project leaders.

GCP21 will issue a free Registration to IVth GCP21 Cassava Conference to 2 members at random!

In order to get a quick registration as GCP21 Member, GCP21 will issue a **free Registration** to the next Cassava Conference in Benin in June 2018, to 2 members chosen at random from those who will Pre-register before the end

with the contribution of IITA and many other institutions in Africa and in the world, a very ambitious agricultural program entitled: Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation – TAAT, in which cassava is one of the major crops. It is a unique opportunity for all participants to know more about the program and see how they could contribute to this formidable opportunity!

Links



- [GCP21](#)
- [BMGF](#)
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So now please become part of the GCP21 community around the world.

Membership is free of charge and auto-updated by members:

<http://members.gcp21.org/GCP21Login.aspx>

Membership is free for all

Any person as an individual member of the cassava community (scientist, donor, producer, processor, administrator, expert...) or as a formal contact for an organization (university, research institute, association, company, donor agency...) is free to become a member of GCP21 by simply filling your basic information.

GCP21 Member benefits

Access to all information posted on GCP21 website will now be restricted to only GCP21 Members.

This includes, Cassava news, Cassava stories, Cassava books, posters and maps, Cassava Stats, Cassava Strategic Meetings and Cassava Conferences among others.

This system will enforce collecting updated information about all members which in turn will benefit the community.

How to become a GCP21 Member?

It is very simple! You click to the link above and you login with your credentials if you are already a member or you register as a New Member and you follow instructions.

The database is built in such a way that a single individual can be part of multiple organizations or cassava projects.

You do not need to fill all the information at once, you can start today to finish tomorrow.

You can update your information at anytime and reminders will be sent automatically at regular intervals.

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If you are the contact/representative of an organization, you will be able to access the information of this organization for updates.

If you are the contact/representative of a cassava project, you will be able to access the information of this project for updates.

GCP21 Member can Pre-register and Register to GCP21 Conference

In order to facilitate pre-registration and registration to the next cassava conference, Members will be able to do so a click away once you are a GCP21 Member, with a single password and they will automatically receive all updates about the conference...

Conversely to pre-register or register for the Next Cassava Conference in Benin, all people will first have to register as a GCP21 member first and then pre-register and later to register for the conference! This will ensure a fully updated single source of information.

Pre-registration is free with no obligation, a way to receive all the information about the conference.

Full registration will start on January 1, 2018. Please look at the [GCP21/Benin](#) website for all updates on conference.

Organization and other information

Members should have the ability to associate themselves with an organization or several. A number of organizations have already been entered in the database and are accessible through a drop-down menu. If not listed you have the capacity to add a new project, with the necessary fields such as Organization Name, Sigla, Department, title in the organization...

Any Member will have the ability to search other organizations, they will have the capacity to locate where the organization is located, to list all members in this

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organization as well as map and download the information.

Project and other information

Members should have the ability to associate themselves with a cassava project or several. A number of projects have already been entered in the database and are accessible through a drop-down menu. If not listed you have the capacity to add a new project, with the necessary fields such as Project Name, Description, Starting and Ending Dates, other Participants, countries...

Any Member will have the ability to search other Members projects, they will have the capacity to locate where the project is acting, to list all members in this project as well as map and download the information.

Contact person for an organization or a project

We have collected a number of organizations (universities, international and national research institutes, producers and processors associations, companies, donor agencies, ministries, NGOs...) related to cassava and we will contact them directly to get the nomination of a formal contact person to ensure regular updating of the information.

But any member can also have the opportunity to become this formal contact if you wish, just click the appropriate box in the information of the organization.

Pre-entered GCP21 Members

In order to kick off the system, we have loaded the database with all the people who attended the last GCP21 Conference in China, and if you are in this situation you can use the credentials that you had for the Conference registration. If you forgot them just click the appropriate link and you will receive your password.

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ATTENTION: the database is using the field city and country to locate and map GCP21 Members, so even though you are already in the database, make sure you enter the information relative to your organization, and then select from the menu list your city and country, and GPS coordinates will automatically be used.

Glossary

Member; any person dealing in any way with cassava, or representing an organization dealing with cassava; including scientists, experts, consultants, managers, farmers, administrators, processors, educators, bankers, communicators and more.

Independent: any person that is interested by cassava but does not belong to a formal organization such as : retiree, expert, consultant, journalist...

Organization; any entity connected to cassava; Universities with labs and divisions doing R&D on cassava, national and international research institutes, donor and funding agencies funding R&D cassava projects, associations of producers, processors, traders, companies producing, processing, trading, engineering products and machines from or for cassava, NGOs having projects on cassava, ministries and administrations dealing with cassava and more.

Contact person; a person designated by an organization or a cassava project, to be in charge of updating the Membership database for this organization or project at regular intervals.

Project; any R&D cassava project that is funded for a period of time by one or many donors. The project can span over several countries or even continents.

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Global Partnership To Unlock the Cassava Potential



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