



After months of hard work, we are delighted to officially announce the launch of our new dynamic and responsive website. You can now find us at <http://www.gcp21.org/index.html>

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GCP21 and its Goal



Our goal with this website is to better serve the Cassava Community in the world.

The notion is to create a one-stop portal about cassava and to link it to all other websites in the world providing information about cassava. In addition we are building a few specific tools that are not available today anywhere, such as a Cassava Network, an easy access to Cassava Statistics, an easy access to Cassava Experts, or to Cassava Projects and more.

[Read the history and goals of GCP21](#)



We are also please to announce the



Cassava News : We are collecting

news about cassava from around the world and we group them in the following categories:



[Conferences and Meetings](#)



[Science and Technology](#)



[Agriculture and Production](#)



[Business and Economy](#)



[Food and Recipes](#)



[Daily Life](#)

Soon we will be creating a database to search all these Cassava News by key words to retrieve what you are looking for.

GCP21 Scientific Conferences



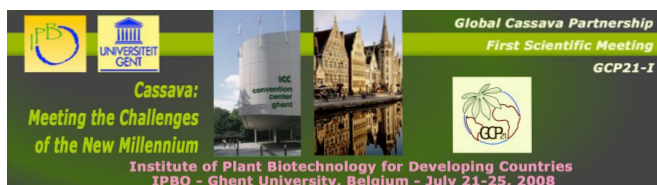
Genesis of the GCP21 Scientific Conferences

The first "Cassava Meeting" was held in 1988 in Cartagena, Colombia under the auspices of the "Cassava Biotech Network – CBN" and it was immediately a real success because it was providing the cassava community an opportunity to meet and exchange information that was not available before. Thereafter, CBN organized "Cassava Meetings" every 3 years all around the globe and the attendance grew regularly.

By 2003, it was obvious that we needed to re-organize "CBN" because the word "biotechnology" was no longer representing the core of these meetings and because we believed it was required to enlarge the scope to all sorts of technologies, and topics of R&D around cassava. This actually triggered the creation of the [Global Cassava Partnership for the 21st Century](#) – GCP21 in 2003, and it was decided at the same time to enlarge the scope of the "Cassava Meetings" to include all field of R&D from the laboratory to the consumer, including field and processing work.

The last CBN-Cassava Meeting was organized by CIAT in Cali, Colombia in 2004. The decision to extend the range of cassava topics had the immediate effect of doubling the attendance but also creating a great mix of scientists from genomics to value chain work.

The [First GCP21 Scientific Conference](#) was held in Ghent, Belgium on 21-25 July, 2008 and had about 350 participants.



The [Second GCP21 Scientific Conference](#) was held on 18-22 June, 2012, in Kampala, Uganda and welcomed more than 450

participants.



The [Third GCP21 Scientific Conference](#) was held in Nanning, China on January 18-23 2016, hosted more than 700 people.



GCP21 Strategic Meetings

GCP21 has initiated in 2010 a series of "**strategic Meetings**". The concept is to gather a limited set of experts around a specific topic, brainstorming together with the goal to produce a list of recommendations, actions, proposals... These are now called "**Road Maps**".

The principle is to look for gaps in R&D, or organization, or management and to have a set of experts recommending actions to find sustainable and valuable solutions. The goal is that these Road Maps can then serve as a reference, or a guide for members of the cassava community and for donors to initiate actions to fill the gaps. Initially the topics have been chosen and recommended by the members of the GCP21 Secretariat, but the hope is that ultimately any member of the community could propose topics to be discussed in this manner, and organize Strategic Meetings on their own.

The topics can be very large (ex. Improving the control of cassava virus diseases in Africa) or quite specific (ex. Evaluation, collection and preservation of cassava land races in East Africa) and could span all along the cassava value chain from the production of cassava roots down to the consumption and use of cassava products.

Ultimately these RoadMaps will constitute a "portfolio" of actions to be done by the community at large and they should be revisited at regular intervals for updates, adjustments, additions or subtractions.

First Strategic Meeting was held in Bellagio, Italy, Nov 1 – Nov 5, 2010 with the theme "**GCP21 and the Cassava Priorities**"

Second Strategic Meeting was held in Bellagio, Italy, May 6 – 10, 2013 with the theme "**Declaring a War on Cassava Viruses**"

Third Strategic Meeting of GCP21 was held in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania, June 4-6, 2013 with the theme "**Collection, Documentation, Evaluation and Preservation of Cassava Landraces in South, East and Central Africa**"

Fourth Strategic Meeting of GCP21 was held in Ibadan, Nigeria, October 28-30, 2013 with the theme "**A Cassava-Based Feed System in Africa: Road map to a commercial reality**"

Fifth Strategic Meeting of GCP21 was held in St Pierre de La Reunion, France, June 10 – 13, 2014 with the theme "**Surveillance and Control of Cassava Diseases in Africa**"

Sixth Strategic Meeting of GCP21 was held in Ibadan, Nigeria, October 4-6, 2016 with the theme "**Road map to an Efficient Gari Processing System**"

Seventh Strategic Meeting of GCP21 was held in Ibadan, Nigeria, October 27- 28, 2016 with the theme "**Integrated System**"

What's Next: GCP21 Membership

Amongst the **NEXT** features of the site is its unique GCP21 membership which is free of charge and which will give you access to a lot more information about cassava: cassava R&D projects, cassava organizations, associations and private companies processing cassava and more... **You will be able to map cassava colleagues and organization, private companies per region, country and continent.**

We are now working on the free membership database, which will be ready soon and please watch for the updates in the website

Constant Updates

We will be constantly updating the content of the [GCP21](#) Website with helpful resources that are located on each page of the website.

Please be sure to visit the [GCP21](#) website each time you are looking for some important information.



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Global Partnership To Unlock the Cassava Potential



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