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Science and Technology



GLOBAL



SCIENTISTS TO DETAIL PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES REGARDING GLOBAL CASSAVA THREATS AT MEETINGS IN NIGERIA

The world's top cassava experts gathered in Nigeria to report progress on developing new varieties of cassava with higher yield and nutritional content. The meeting will take place on March 14-16, at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), in Ibadan. IITA-based project manager of the Next Generation Cassava Breeding (NextGen Cassava) project, Chiedozie Egesi, disclosed that Africa produces more than half of the world's cassava-about 86 million tons from over 10 million hectares. [Read More](#)

ASIA



PROBLEM OF PRODUCING CHEAP BIOFUEL FROM CASSAVA SOLVED WITH THE USE OF YEAST

The state's research agency and energy policymakers have finally discovered a way to produce biofuel from cassava at a competitive cost, says a senior Energy Ministry official. After 18 months of research and experiment, the Thailand Institute of Science and Technological Research (TISTR) has found that they can use the "[Brewer's yeast](#)", or *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* in the cassava. [Read More](#)

EUROPE



2017 African Development Bank Annual Meetings on "Transforming Agriculture for Wealth Creation in Africa", May 22-26, 2017, Ahmedabad, India
[Website](#)



4th International exhibition and conference on agriculture technology, 14-16 June 2017, Nairobi, Kenya
[Website](#)



International Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo, 19-22 June 2017, Minneapolis, USA
[Website](#)



Agrikexpo & Conferences, West African B2B exhibition for agricultural and agro allied products & services, September 25-27, 2017, Abuja, Nigeria
[Website](#)

Agriculture

ASIA



THAI COMPANY MAKES FOOD PACKAGING OUT OF BAMBOO AND CASSAVA

Universal Biopack makes packaging that it sells to restaurants and manufacturers. But rather than plastic, it uses a mixture of bamboo and cassava, crops that are widely found across the country. The company is using a technology devised at a Bangkok university to make its zero-waste packaging. It hopes it will eventually replace many of the Styrofoam boxes and plastic bags that end up in huge garbage dumps across Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries. [Read More](#)

SOUTH AMERICA



IFAD HAVE INCREASED THE PRODUCTION OF TRADITIONAL CROPS IN BRAZIL

A better life will soon be a reality for Adriana Pantaleón dos Santos, a 19-year-old from the Kirirí indigenous community of Marcação, Brazil. Since she started to work at the cassava processing unit, she is now able to save extra money so that she can study Medicine at the Federal University of Bahia, in Salvador. [Read More](#)

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Business

GLOBAL

1st all Africa postharvest Congress & Exhibition on reducing postharvest food losses: Sustainable solutions for Africa, 28-31 March 2017, Nairobi, Kenya

[Website](#)



2nd Starch World Dubai, 27-28 March 2017, Dubai

[Website](#)



Expanding Collaboration, Catalyzing Innovation of Root Crops for Accelerating Africa's Economic Growth, 5-10 March 2017, Dar Salam, Tanzania

[Website](#)

Welcome to Starch Forum - 7, India
THEME: "Value Addition"

Venue: The Orclad Hotel, Mumbai, India

Date: February 17, 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Starch World Dubai | Starch World India | Starch World Africa | Starch World Asia

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7th Starch Forum on the starches & derivatives industry on creating opportunities through value addition, 17 February 2017, Mumbai, India

[Website](#)



Global Cassava Starch Market Expected to Reach 7.2 Million Tons by 2022, Driven by Growing Demand for Food and Industrial Applications

CASSAVA STARCH MARKET: GLOBAL INDUSTRY TRENDS, SHARE, SIZE, GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY AND FORECAST 2017-2022

The report titled "Cassava Starch Market: Global Industry Trends, Share, Size, Growth, Opportunity and Forecast 2017-2022" provides a detailed insight into the global cassava starch market. The report has segmented the market on the basis of end-use and major regions. Cassava starch currently has its largest use in making sweeteners which accounts for more than one-third of its total consumption. Sweeteners is followed by MSG/Lysine, food industries, paper industries, modified starch, sago pearl and textile. [Read More](#)

AFRICA



EXPERTS TO DEVELOP COMMERCIAL MODELS FOR CASSAVA

Experts working on the project to develop commercial models for cassava seed system in Nigeria will meet at International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, last week to map out strategies for development. " Building a Sustainable, Integrated Seed System for Cassava in Nigeria (BASICS) project will hold its first annual review and planning meeting. The statement said that the experts were planning to develop a sustainable mechanism through which smallholder farmers could get timely and affordable access to high-quality planting materials such as improved cassava varieties. [Read More](#)

ASIA



6th Starch World Asia,
16-17 January 2017, Ho
Chi Minh, Vietnam
[Website](#)



Starch Update 2017: The
9th International
Conference on Starch
Technology, 27-28
February 2017, Bangkok,
Thailand
[Website](#)



InterDrought-V
Conference, 21-25
February 2017,
Hyderabad, India
[Website](#)



International
Conference on
Sustainable Agriculture
and Bio Economy , 27
February - 2 March
2017, Bangkok, Thailand
[Website](#)

THAI WAH TO INVEST 1.2 BILLION BAHT DURING 2017-19 TO EXPAND ITS CASSAVA AND VERMICELLI PRODUCTS ACROSS INDOCHINA

SET-listed Thai Wah Plc (TWPC), Thailand's top maker of tapioca and vermicelli products, plans to invest 1-2 billion baht during 2017-19 to expand across Indochina. Chief executive Ho Ren Hua said the company earlier this year founded two new subsidiaries in Cambodia and Vietnam that are set to start operations by the second half of 2017. [Read More](#)

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Daily Life

AFRICA



ISTRC-AB HONOURS IITA RESEARCHERS AND OTHERS FOR GREAT WORK ON ROOT AND TUBER CROPS IN AFRICA

The international body of root and tuber crops, International Society of Tropical Root Crops- Africa Branch (ISTRC-AB), on March mid-week presented awards of honour and recognition to 10 researchers working on root and tuber crops in Africa, out of which 9 of the recipients were either current or former staff of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture. The awards, which were presented during the close of the 13th symposium of ISTRC-AB in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania were part of efforts by the root and tuber crop society to recognise the contribution of science and technology innovation to food security in Africa of smallholder farmers across the vastness of the African agro-ecological landscapes. [Read More](#)

ASIA



INDONESIA PLEDGES \$1BN A YEAR TO CURB OCEAN WASTE



Global forum
for innovations
in agriculture

**Global Forum for
Innovations in
Agriculture, 9-10 March
2017, Utrecht, The
Netherlands**
[Website](#)



Indonesia has pledged up to \$1bn a year to dramatically reduce the amount of plastic and other waste products polluting its waters. The announcement was made by Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Indonesia's coordinating minister for maritime affairs at last week's 2017 World Oceans Summit in Nusa Dua, Bali. He proposed developing new industries that use biodegradable materials such as cassava and seaweed to produce plastic alternatives. Other measures could include a nationwide tax on plastic bags as well as a sustained public education campaign. [Read More](#)

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Food

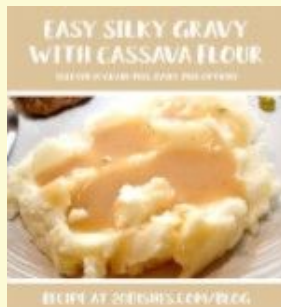
AFRICA



SHOW ME CASSAVA, AND I'LL MILL MONEY FROM IT

Elizabeth, a software developer, is the founder of Mhogo Foods, a value addition start-up based in Banana, Kiambu, which processes cassava into flour. "I started the business in July last year after doing market research and noticing that there was a gap in cassava flour." With the help of Farm Concern International, she was able to get about 40 farmers, who she contracted to supply her dried cassava. After harvesting the cassava, the tubers are bulked at a central point, and then the farmers select the healthy, mature and firm ones, which should have no bruises. [Read More](#)

NORTH AMERICA



EASY SILKY GLUTEN FREE GRAVY

Cassava flour is the only gluten and grain free flour that can, in many cases, be used as a 1:1 replacement for traditional wheat flour. The first time I made gravy, I was stunned at how

smooth and silky it turned out. Now, it's my go-to for thickening gravies and sauces. [Read More](#)

EUROPE



CASSAVA: BENEFITS AND DANGERS

Cassava is a root vegetable widely consumed in developing countries. It provides some important nutrients and resistant starch, which may have health benefits. On the other hand, cassava can have dangerous effects, especially if it is eaten raw and in large amounts. This article will explore the unique properties of cassava to determine if it's a healthy and safe food for you to include in your diet. [Read More](#)

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Global Partnership To Unlock the Cassava Potential

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