

Geographic coverage of a regional strategy for cassava conservation and germplasm exchange? *Synergies between the various genebank?*

Discussion points:

- 1. Rationalization of Cassava genetic resource conservation in SEC**
- 2. Streamlining sharing of cassava genetic material in SEC**
- 3. Capacity building to manage cassava genetic resources**
- 4. Sustainability strategy**

Views of participants

- 1. Rationalization of Cassava genetic resource conservation in SEC**
 - Proposed having two 2 facilities (Uganda -EAAPP & Tanzania-IITA)
 - Having Back-ups in both facilities to ensure safety
 - NARS still to continue with in-situ and some limited ex-situ conservation

- 2. Streamlining sharing of cassava genetic material in SEC**
 - Harmonization of phytosanitation concerns (regional position?)
 - Engage regional bodies (ASARECA, SADCC & CCARDESA) to remove bottlenecks

- 3. Capacity building to manage cassava genetic resources**
 - NARS to be proactive in training their staff
 - IITA to take center stage

- 4. Sustainability strategy**
 - National Governments to continue supporting the initiatives
 - Development partners to continue supporting the initiatives