INTERNATIONAL PANEL

Cryopreservation: A long-term strategy for hard-to-conserv PGRFA collections in a post-COVID world

Co-organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Global Crop Diversity Trust

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13:00–16:00 hrs. (CEST), 25 June 2021

AGENDA

13:00–13:10  Opening of the meeting
   Kent Nnadozie, FAO
   Ambassador Frank Carruet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to FAO

13:10–13:30  Keynote speech - Cryopreservation: What is it and why do we need it?
   Hugh Pritchard, Millennium Seed Bank, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK

13:30–13:40  Q&A

13:40–14:30  Cryopreservation in practice: global, regional and national experiences

   What is being done in the CGIAR
   Badara Gueye, IITA on behalf of One CGIAR Community of Practice on Clonal Crops

   Cryopreservation at CePaCT
   Logotonu Waqainabete, Centre for Pacific Crops & Trees, SPC

   Cryopreservation in national programmes
   Gayle Volk, USDA, USA
   Jason Chen, China National Gene Bank, China
   Ryoko Machina-Hirano, NARO, Japan

14:30–14:40  Q&A

14:40–14:50  Break
14:50–15:10  **A Global Cryopreservation Initiative**  
*Dave Ellis, CGIAR Genebank Platform*

15:10–15:45  **Roundtable discussion**  
Moderator: Chikelu Mba, FAO

*Hendrik Segers, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences  
Juan Lucas Restrepo, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT  
Irene Kernot, ACIAR, Australia  
Aluana Gonçalves de Abreu, EMBRAPA, Brazil  
Olivia Damasco, UPLB, The Philippines  
Jean Louis Konan, CNRA, Côte d’Ivoire  
Young-yi Lee, RDA, Republic of Korea*

15:45–15:55  **Q&A**

15:55–16:00  **Wrap up and closing**  
*Stefan Schmitz, Crop Trust*