INTERNATIONAL PANEL

Cryopreservation:
A long-term strategy for hard-to-conserve 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 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 Machida-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, CGIAR  
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