



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