

VIRTUAL MEETING

THE PROSPERITY OF THE CASSAVA SECTOR FOR FEEDING AFRICA

The program of the first meeting of the Center of Excellence for cassava
Sub Sahara Group 2, National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI)

The digital presentation session will start at 15:00 on September 23, 2021, at Nur-Sultan local time.

(The link to join the virtual conference will be available via e-mail to all participants).

Moderator	IOFS
15:00-15:25	Citation of Quran
	Opening Statements by:
	- H.E. Yerlan A. BAIDAULET , Director General, Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS).
	- Ministry of Agriculture and rural development of Nigeria (TBC)
	- The Head of the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI) Executive Director CEO Prof. Ukpabi Joseph Ukpabi
	- Executive Secretary of ARCN Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu
Opening of CoE for Cassava in NRCRI	
15:25-15:35	“Review of Cassava production in Sub Sahara Group 2 (Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Togo, Senegal, and Guinea), tendency, trends, and prosperities”. Dr. Ismail Abdel Hamid , Director of Programs and Projects,
Session 1. The current challenge, technological innovations at countries level:	
15:35-16:35	Country Presentations (Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Togo, Senegal, Guinea, Nigeria, Uganda)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. «Cassava: A Food Security Culture in Cote D’ivoire», Mme. Dr. ADAYÉ Akoua Assunta, Associate Professor, Institute of Tropical Geography, Félix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY University, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire;2. (TBC) Famoi BEAVOGUI. Gunea;3. «Cassava production in Nigeria» Mr. Raji Hakeem, Desk Officer on Cassava Value Chain, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD);4. «Cassava in Togo: Production, Processing, Marketing, Challenges, and Opportunities of the Sector» Dr. Koffi KOMBATE, Focal point for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture at Togolese Institute of Agronomic Research;	

<p>5. Uganda TBC Dr. Omongo Christopher Abu Team Leader, Root Crops Research-NARO-NaCRRI;</p> <p>6. (TBC) Senegal;</p> <p>7. Mr. Dossa AGUEMON, the Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in Benin.</p>	
16:35-16:50	Panel discussion and Q&A
Session 2. Local Action for Regional Solutions. International Agencies	
16:50-17:30	<p>1. «Local Leadership: A Critical Factor in Responding to Impending Spread of Cassava Diseases In Africa". Prof Justin Pita, Executive Director, Central and West African Virus Epidemiology (WAVE) Project.</p> <p>2. «The Feature of Cassava Production in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges», Professor Daniel Gungula, Modiboo Adama University, Nigeria</p>
17:35-17:50	Panel discussion and Q&A
Closing remarks	
17:50-18:00	Dr. Ismail Abdel Hamid, Director of Programmes and Projects, IOFS