



CGIAR site integration workshop held in DRC

Another national consultation workshop for the integration of CGIAR centers organized by IITA took place in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on 19 February.

The event, the third to be hosted by IITA for the CGIAR Consortium, brought together more than 60 public–private partners from the country and civil society. CGIAR Research Program (CRP) representatives based in other countries were among those who attended the meeting.

The workshop was launched by the representative of the DRC Minister of Agriculture, Prof Luciens Nyembo, Cabinet Director, who recognized the importance of CGIAR centers in the country, citing the example of the science laboratories in Kalambo built by IITA in Bukavu, which he said were up to international standards. He also expressed his government's willingness to work with CGIAR centers. Again, he cited the government-funded 3-year

project with IITA on reviving agricultural research in the country.

IITA was represented at the event by [Ylva Hillbur](#), DDG Research for Development (R4D); [Bernard Vanlauwe](#), IITA Director for Central Africa Hub, and other scientists.

Introducing the context and purpose of the meeting, Hillbur indicated that the second phase of CRPs (2017–2025) presents additional innovations: a well-integrated portfolio, alignment of research with national priorities, and coordinated and transparent interaction with local stakeholders and partners. She added that the national consultation workshops constitute the first step in the integration process and aim to engage partnership, find synergies, and learn about national priorities.

During the event, participants looked at the country's development challenges and priorities via panel and group discussions. In the discussion panel, development practitioners, research

partners, the donor community, and the private sector, were represented by SNV (a Dutch NGO), Institut National pour l'Etude et la Recherche Agronomiques (INERA), USAID, and the Agro-Industrial Park of Bukanga-Lonzo. CGIAR centers represented include AfricaRice, CIAT, CIFOR, CIMMYT, ICRAF, IFPRI, IITA, and ILRI.

Participants looked at examples of successful collaboration in the country and strongly recommended the creation of a national R4D platform by IITA in consultation with INERA as the government representative, the Federation of Farmers Cooperative as the civil representative, and the chair of donor communities. Other themes identified by participants were the need to have a common vision on R4D; to clearly define AR4D priorities; to aim at impact at scale; and a strategy on capacity development.

The workshop was covered by the local [media](#) (TV, radio, and newspapers).



DRC site integration workshop participants.

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Syngenta conducts training on vegetable production in West Africa

Partners in the IITA-Syngenta project have concluded a five-day training organized to improve and encourage the production of vegetables in West Africa. The training, held at IITA on 22–26 February, focused on different issues on vegetable production, including constraints to production in Nigeria, and best management practices.

The training aimed for participants to have a better appreciation of the importance of vegetables for food security in Nigeria and West Africa; understand the key constraints to vegetable production and mitigation measures, and best practices in the establishment and management of vegetable field trials, and soil and water management in vegetable production; be better able to establish and manage vegetable nurseries and produce healthy seedlings for transplanting; and understand the major diseases and pests of vegetables in Nigeria and the appropriate mitigation measures.

Baffour Asafo-Adjei, IITA's senior agronomist and the training coordinator, during the opening program, stated that vegetable production formed an important component of the farming systems in most parts of Nigeria, especially in the savanna agroecologies where they are cultivated under irrigation. He indicated that apart from the employment and income opportunities that the vegetable value chain provides, there were numerous nutritional and health benefits from vegetable production, including provision of vitamins A,B, and C which help lower susceptibility to infections.



Syngenta participants during the training session.

[Zoumana Bamba](#), Head, Capacity Development Office, said the training is intended to help improve production techniques, particularly in the area of horticulture, maize, cocoa, and other crops. He stated that the training would make participants more knowledgeable about vegetable farming to ensure high quality production.

One of the participants, Emmanuel Okar, said the training was highly effective as it focused not only on the agronomy of the crops, but also on technical training, which will guarantee high yield, and on team building.

Resource persons for the training included representatives from the National Horticultural Research Institute—Ajisafe Gbenga Adebayo, Akinwumi Henry Akintoye, and Emmanuel Ajayi; and Syngenta—Sunil Kumar, Klaus Gehmann Bernard, and Charlotte Andrea.

The training consisted of lectures, group discussions, field trips, and practical field work for the 31 participants who were all staff of Syngenta and subsidiaries.

Syngenta is a leading agriculture company committed to bringing plant potential to life through world-class science. Syngenta is in a 3-year partnership with IITA to transfer appropriate technologies to farmers producing maize and vegetables, accelerate food production in Nigeria, increase incomes, and alleviate poverty. The IITA-Syngenta research activities specifically aim to screen Syngenta's maize, tomato, sweet pepper, and cabbage hybrids and identify those that combine higher yields with good adaptation to the Nigerian environment; and evaluate Syngenta's best production technologies for the four crops alongside farmers' production and intermediate technologies.

CMS Project holds Review and Planning Workshop; hosts Gates Foundation Senior Program officer

The Cassava Monitoring Survey (CMS) in Nigeria held its Annual Review and Planning Workshop on 5 February. The workshop drew participants from the Bill & Melinda [Gates Foundation](#), the National Root Crop Research Institute, Umudike, and IITA.



A survey enumerator conducting interviews with a farmer using a computer tablet

[Victor Manyong](#), IITA Director for Eastern Africa and leader of the social science research group, during the opening of the workshop, acknowledged the support of the Gates Foundation in providing the resources for the implementation of CMS as well as partners from Nigeria for the joint implementation of the project. Elvis Fraser, Senior Program Officer, Measurement, Learning and Evaluation at the Gates Foundation praised IITA for leading cutting edge research in sustainable agriculture and food security in sub-Saharan Africa.

During the plenary session, [Tahirou Abdoulaye](#) presented the preliminary research results on the components of the household survey. According to him, findings indicated that the adoption rate of improved cassava varieties was above 50% among the 2,500 farmer-respondents, with more than 70% of them sourcing improved germplasm

from family members, friends, neighbors, and other farmers.

On the drawbacks, Abdoulaye said "several cassava varieties share the same agronomic traits that make accurate identification of each variety very difficult, if not completely impossible". He also highlighted aspects of GPS-based field measurements, farmers' varietal preferences, trait preferences for production, processing, and consumption among adopters and, the gender dimension of these themes during his presentation.

Results from this analysis will facilitate the production of [dendrograms](#) that would highlight the genetic families of the varieties for their correct identification.

IITA scientists [Ismail Rabbi](#) and [Gezahegn Tessema](#) gave a presentation on the DNA fingerprinting of collected samples aimed at accurate and scientific identification

of the varieties that were found on farmers' fields.

Participants at the workshop were unanimous in their opinion that the novel approach of using DNA fingerprinting to identify cassava varieties that farmers have adopted holds immense advantage over other approaches previously used. It was also noted that farmers' perception of what they grew influenced their behavior in terms of crop management; therefore impact studies using farmers' perception of varieties are very important. Participants agreed on the way forward, building on discussions held after the presentation by Assfaw Tesfamichael.

At the close of the workshop, Fraser commended the efforts of the CMS Project team. He opined that he was very impressed with the progress of the Project; the milestones covered so far; the quality of the outputs, and the expertise of the team working on the project.

During the same week, Gates Foundation representatives [Jacob Mignouna](#) and Fraser discussed with partners from IITA, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), and the Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research a potential new initiative on baseline surveys in the Gates Foundation priority states and commodities in Nigeria to be led by OAU,

and a second potential new initiative on learning agenda from Gates Foundation grants to IITA to be led by [IITA](#).

[CMS](#) is supported by the Gates Foundation and applies the latest innovative methods in adoption studies that include the use of computer-based applications for timely data collection and processing in survey enumerations, GPS-based area measurements, DNA-based techniques for the accurate identification of crop varieties, and combining both qualitative and quantitative approaches to elicit gendered preferences in the choice of varietal traits.

Youth Agricultural Program launched in Delta State

On 11 February, [Chevron Nigeria Limited](#) (CNL), operator of the joint venture (JV) between the [Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation](#) (NNPC) and CNL, launched a youth-in-agriculture (Agripreneur) program, aimed at providing training opportunities for young men and women to venture into agribusiness. CNL launched the Agripreneur program in collaboration with IITA, the Itsekiri Regional Development Committee (IRDC), the Egbema and Gbaramatu Central Development Foundation (EGCDF), and Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND).

[Kenton Dashiell](#), Deputy Director General, Partnerships and Capacity Development, described the initiative as an opportunity that would create wealth and jobs for young men and women in the communities where the NNPC/CNL JV operates. Also, [Alfred Dixon](#), IITA Head of Partnerships Coordination, said the approach of mentoring the youth and working together with them in the communities are other unique features of the program. "We will see 'peer influence' at work here in the coming days. Youth want to listen to youth, and we are confident that the trained youth in IITA will transfer knowledge, innovations, and skills to their counterparts in these communities," Dixon explained.

Conceived and developed based on the [IITA Youth Agripreneurs](#) (IYA) model, the Agripreneur program will provide mentorship and hands-on training to youth in the Niger Delta region, and will help them develop agribusiness enterprises along the cassava, plantain, and aquaculture value chains. The two-year program builds on past successful agricultural interventions such as those implemented by PIND and other development partners.

[Evelyn Ohanwusi](#), Team Leader of IYA, called on youth in the region to key into the program. Ohanwusi and her team are



CNL General Manager Deji Haastrup with IITA Youth Agripreneurs.

bringing to the program, their personal experiences as "agripreneurs", and are willing to share their experiences and expertise with the young men and women in the Niger Delta. "When we started a few years ago as agripreneurs in IITA, most of us never viewed agriculture as a 'goldmine', but today, we are proud to be called farmers. What happened to us and convinced us to take agriculture as a profession is what we want to transfer to the youth in the communities where we will be working in this program. Agriculture is good, it is sweet... and we want you to join us as we make our communities better and create jobs, not only for ourselves, but also for other youth in this region," Ohanwusi said.

According to Dashiell, the youth program, otherwise known as "Chevron Agripreneurs", will be primarily implemented by IYA with technical assistance from IITA experts.

The pilot program which is targeted at 40 youth from the Itsekiri and Ijaw communities in areas where the NNPC/CNL JV operates

in Delta State was flagged off in a ceremony at PIND's Economic Development Centre at Egbokodo, Warri. The event was attended by various stakeholders including representatives of the Delta State Government, the IRDC, and the EGCDC (the bodies representing the Itsekiri and the Ijaw communities in the NNPC/CNL JV Global memorandum of understanding (GMOU), IITA, PIND, CNL, and the National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS), an arm of NNPC.

Deji Haastrup, CNL's General Manager, Policy, Government and Public Affairs, stated that the objectives of the [agripreneur pilot program](#), which costs N188 million (US\$940,000), include empowering youth to embrace agriculture and agribusiness as income generating activities and training them on aquaculture, cassava, plantain/banana production, and processing. In addition, the pilot program will assist the Community Youths in Agribusiness Group (CYAG) to enhance the sustainability of the program.

YIIFSWA holds annual progress review and work planning...

The Yam Improvement for Income and Food Security in West Africa (YIIFSWA) project held its 5th annual progress review and planning meeting, 15-18 February at the Conference Center, [IITA-Ibadan](#), Nigeria.

The 4-day meeting highlighted the progress review of the project's two main components (1) Governance, Leadership and Partnership; and (2) Seed Systems. Each implementing partner made presentations on achievements and challenges during the 4th operational year of the project. The meeting then broke into country work groups to plan and synchronize activities for effective strengthening of the formal seed system in the 5th implementation year. This was followed by field and laboratory visits to the Aeroponics and Temporary Immersion Bioreactor facilities, and the germplasm lab to see breakthroughs in novel technologies for seed yam production, yam virus diagnostics tools, and quality management protocol for yam field assessment for pests and diseases.

Participants came from various collaborating partner institutions, including, IITA, [CSIR-CRI](#), [NRI-UK](#), [CSIR-SARI](#), [NRCRI](#), GLDB, PPRSD, [NASC](#), [Evergreen Farms](#), [Da-Allgreen Seeds Limited](#), [Lumiere Seed Limited](#), [Premier Seed Nigeria Limited](#), [Romarey Seed Company](#), [Greengold Construct Nigeria Limited](#), [NACGRAB](#), [MSHR](#), [CRS](#), [JPDM](#), Sustenance Agro Ventures (SAVE) [Arimathea Foundation](#) for Development (AFD), and [Biocrops Nigeria Ltd.](#), University of Abuja, the University of Nigeria Nsuka, and Small Holder Oil Palm Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited (SHOP).

Some notable achievements were highlighted: 400 demonstration fields were established in 2015 and a total of 26,969 farmers were trained on Adapted Yam Miniset Technique (ATMT) for clean seed production. To date, 62,064 farmers have been trained. During 2015, TIB generated 9007 clean stocks for pre-basic seed production. In the aeroponics system 2040 tubers were harvested weighing 58 kg and 13,148 one-node vine cuttings were produced and transplanted in the field. In terms of high quality seed production, 40,432 and 21,469 pre-basic seed and basic seed, respectively, of 20 varieties and 201,290 tubers of quality declared seed tubers of yam have been made available. This is the result of using YIIFSWA's novel technologies for high ratio propagation of seed yam among the NARS in Nigeria and Ghana. Another notable achievement was the identification gibberellic acid for sprout control for better storage.

Speaking on behalf of commercial seed producers Abraham Ogungbile stated; "We have learned quite a lot on methods of seed yam production. Our eyes have been opened and we've identified areas of investment as seed companies. I personally am impressed and excited about what has been done on yam... We are going to make a report to our members under the Seed Entrepreneur Association of Nigeria (SEEDAN) with many more seed companies interested in the production of seed yam. We have seen the different methods of production. I will not use the [miniset](#) technique for seed yam production and compete with farmers or NGOs; I would rather invest in technologies ([aeroponics](#)/[temporary immersion bioreactor](#)) that will ensure a return on investment."

In his remarks to the project and the foundation, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) chair, [Alexander](#)



Yam tuber produced from a one-node vine from the Aeroponics.

[Dansi](#) acknowledged that "YIIFSWA has high positive impact on yam productivity and food security in the subregion. However, the project is moving towards the end. Sustainability needs to be set in place."

...while TAC holds meeting

The YIIFSWA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) also met on 19 February after the review and planning workshop, to discuss the progress made and advise YIIFSWA project team on project directions.

Present at the meeting were [Alexandre Dansi](#), [Hiroko Takagi-Watanabe](#), [Janice Olawoye](#), [Tony Sikpa](#), Cephas Dormediameo, Lydia Susu, Regina Sagoe, Tola Adepomola, A.O. Salako, [Lauren Good](#), [Norbert Maroya](#), [Beatrice Aighewi](#), [Lava Kumar](#), [Morufat Balogun](#), [Djana Mignouna](#), [Henry Asumadu](#), Haruna Braimah, [John Ikeorgu](#), and Owoja Odihi.

After the official opening statement by the DDG Corporate Services, [Kwame Akuffo-Akoto](#), TAC members reviewed the execution

of the previous year's recommendations and the project activities. The main discussion points were on ensuring that the project meets its goal of increasing yam productivity (yield and net output) by 40% for 200,000 smallholder farmers in Ghana and Nigeria, as well as generation of research goods that will contribute to double income for 3 million yam producers in a 10-year horizon.

The TAC members acknowledged that extensive work had been done with regard to implementing the project and delivering key research products that would contribute to improving yam productivity but more work is needed to transform YIIFSWA's research products into tangible forms to attract the private sector into the yam production system.



YIIFSWA Technical Advisory Committee

Welcome

Alejandro Ortega-Beltran,

a Mexican, has assumed the position of Plant Pathologist at IITA-Ibadan. He obtained his BSc in Biotechnological Engineering from the Institute Tecnológico de Sonora (Mexico) in 2006. He obtained a PhD on Plant Pathology and Microbiology from the University of Arizona (United States) in 2012.

He worked as a postdoctoral scientist at the University of California, Davis, on various projects including improvement of aflatoxin biocontrol technologies for use in the almond and pistachio industries in California. He is currently working on developing improved aflatoxin biocontrol technologies and expanding their use across Africa to reduce both aflatoxin accumulation in staple crops and human exposure to these potent carcinogenic toxins.

Prior to this appointment, he was Postdoctoral Scholar at the University of California, Davis - Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

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Luccky Osabuohien Omoigui,

a Nigerian national, has joined IITA-Kano Station as a Seed Systems Specialist. He obtained his BSc in General

Agriculture from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, (1999), his MSc in Plant Science (2003), and his PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics also from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (2010). He received special training in Plant Molecular Biology and Genomic tools from the University of Virginia USA in 2008.

He started his career with IITA as a Research Technician in the cowpea



breeding program (1990 to 1993) where he also worked as a Research Associate with IITA in the PROSAB project (2004-2009). He was also a Principal Investigator of the Kirkhouse Trust and AGRA cowpea breeding Projects that seek to develop improved cowpea cultivars that are resistant to *Striga* and *Alectra* using molecular tools. He has been collaborating with IITA and ICRISAT on the Tropical Legume seed systems in Nigeria since 2010.

Prior to this current appointment, he was an Associate Professor of Plant Breeding and Seed Science with the Federal University of Agriculture Makurdi, Nigeria.

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Wanjiku Nyawira Gichohi,

a Kenyan national, has joined the IITA-Tanzania team as a Nutritionist (SARD-SC).

Wanjiku's field of specialization is Public Health Nutrition. She holds a PhD (Human Nutrition) from Wageningen University in The Netherlands (2015), an MSc in Public Health Nutrition from Wageningen University (2009), and a BSc in Food Science and Nutrition from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Juja, Kenya (2006).

Prior to this appointment she served as a member of the academic staff for close to eight years (2007 to 2015) at the Department of Food Science, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Wanjiku has also served as a guest researcher (2012-2013) at the Center for excellence for Nutrition (CEN), North West University, Potchefstroom campus.

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Amos Alakonya

from Kenya is a Banana Plant Pathologist who will be based at the IITA Forest Station, Onne, Nigeria. Amos holds a BEDSCI (Botany & Zoology, 2001), an MSc (Plant Pathology, 2005), and a PhD (Plant Biotechnology, 2011) from Kenyatta University, Kenya.

He has previously served as a Plant Health Officer and Head of Molecular Biology laboratory at Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (2005-2007), a Junior Specialist at the Plant Biology Division, University of California, Davis, USA (2007-2009), and as an Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Biotechnology Research, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (IBR-JKUAT) Kenya (2010-2012). Between 2012 and until joining IITA in 2016 he was serving as a Research Fellow and Coordinator for postgraduate programs at IBR-JKUAT-Kenya. Amos has previously fundraised and steered research programs on characterization and management of maize ear rot fungi, aflatoxins, maize lethal necrosis disease, cassava brown streak disease, bacterial blight of coffee, avocado anthracnose, bean rust, *Striga hermonthica* and *Cuscuta pentagona*. Among others he has applied RNA interference, gene overexpression, biological control, and rapid *in vitro* pathogenicity evaluation techniques to understand and manage plant pathogens and parasites. He has trained several postgraduate students and published manuscripts in various international peer refereed journals. He can be contacted at a.alakonya@cgiar.org.



Laura Cortada,

is the new Postdoctoral Fellow – Soil Health (Nematology) based in IITA-Nairobi, Kenya.

Laura holds a BSc in Biology (Autonomous University of

Barcelona-UAB), a BSc in Agronomy in Crop and Livestock Management (Technical University of Catalonia - UPC), and an MSc in Biotechnology and Sustainability (UPC). From 2005 to 2010 she pursued her PhD studies at the Plant Pathology Department of the Institute for Research and Technology, Food and Agriculture (IRTA, Spain), where her main research focus was on the biological control of plant parasitic nematodes for sustainable intensification in horticultural and citrus crops, combining the use of rootstocks, resistant-germplasm, and bioprotectants (plant and fungi extracts). She has worked providing advisory services to small-scale farmers, through public and private organizations, in Europe and in East Africa. Since June 2012, she worked as a Research and Learning officer and later as the Head of the Innovation and Learning Unit for the Somalia Program of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).

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Chiedozie Egesi has just been engaged as Senior Extension Associate (Project Manager) of NEXTGEN Cassava

Breeding project based in Umudike. He provides programmatic coordination of the Project with partners in Cornell University. Prior to this time, Chiedozie was an assistant director and coordinated biotechnology research at the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI),

Umudike, Nigeria. He also served as the lead cassava breeder at NRCRI and with partners at IITA led efforts at developing and releasing to Nigerian cassava farmers several improved varieties of cassava including pro-vitamin A cassava. His research activities involve the use of cross-cutting breeding and biotechnology tools in increasing the rate of genetic improvement of cassava. Chiedozie supports several African NARS cassava breeding programs in developing adaptive breeding schemes. He studied at the University of Ibadan where he obtained a PhD in Plant Genetics and spent his time as a visiting research scholar at IITA during that period in the Genetic Resources and Yam breeding units. Chiedozie is married with children. He can be contacted at c.egesi@cgiar.org.

Tesfamicheal Wossen is a Postdoctoral Fellow in agricultural economics based in IITA-Abuja, Nigeria. His research



interests cover a wide range of rural economic issues including adoption and impact of agricultural technologies, food security and poverty dynamics, agent-based modeling of human-environmental interactions, impact evaluation with applied econometrics, analysis of climate change impacts, social networks, and the development of entrepreneurship. Tesfamicheal received his BA in Economics from Mekelle University, Ethiopia (2006), MSc (2010) and PhD (2015) both in agricultural economics from Hohenheim University, Germany. Prior to joining IITA

in 2015, he was a postdoctoral fellow with the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), consultant at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), and visiting scientist and academic assistant at the University of Hohenheim. He can be contacted at t.assfaw@cgiar.org and +234-8163183550.

Peter Oladele Kolawole, a Nigerian, has assumed the position of SARD-SC Postharvest Specialist at IITA Ibadan, Nigeria. He



obtained his Higher National Diploma in Agriculture Engineering at the Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti in 1987 and Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Engineering from the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Nigeria, in 2001. He has a Master's in Managerial Psychology from the University of Ibadan (2000), M.Eng in Agricultural Engineering (Power, Processing and Machinery) from FUTA (2006), and a PhD in Crop Processing and Storage from FUTA (2012). Kolawole was a Superintendent (Heavy Equipment and Fabrication unit) at IITA, Ibadan (1994–2015),

Before joining IITA he worked at the Sugar Cane Processing Factory at Savannah Sugar Company in Numan near Yola (1988–1994). He is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, and a Fellow of the Nigerian Association of Technological Engineers, and Council for the Regulation of Engineers of Nigeria (COREN).

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Announcements

- **Research Innovations and Sustainable Entrepreneurship for Food Security and Growth**, 19th annual symposium of the International Association of Research Scholars and Fellows (IARSAF), 30–31 March, IITA Conference Center, Ibadan, Nigeria.
- **CGIAR/AfDB Workshop on Feeding Africa** (Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation), IITA, Ibadan, Nigeria, 11-15 April 2016
- **Science Forum 2016: Agricultural research for rural prosperity: Rethinking the pathways**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 12-14 April 2016
- **ENABLE** (Empowering Novel AgriBusiness-Led Employment) **Youth Program Workshop**, Abuja, Nigeria, 21-22 April 2016
- **Training of Trainers (ToT) on ITC's Trade Intelligence Tools** (Market Access Map, Standards Map, Trade Map), 10-13 May 2016, IITA Ibadan. For more enquires, contact info@ieom-ng.org; op.akande@gmail.com; IITA-TrainingUnit@cgiar.org.
- **7th International Nitrogen Initiative Conference**, Melbourne, Australia, 4–8 December 2016. More details on the conference are available [here](#).