

Announcement and call for papers

Selected top papers from the conference will feature in a special edition of the Journal *Food Chain*.



Important dates

- Registration opens: **1st July**
- Abstract submission open: **31st August – 15th September**
- Selection of abstracts and posters: **15th September**
- Final date for registration: **10th November**

Keynote speakers

Prof. Andrew Westby, NRI, UK
Yemisi Iranloye, Psaltry Starch

Conference chairs:

- Dr Alex Osikena, C:AVA
- Dr Marcelo Precoppe, NRI, UK
- Prof. Keith Tomlins, NRI, UK
- Dr Eric Twum, GASIP, Ghana
- Dr Iheanacho Okike, IITA

Organising committee:

- Prof. Ben Bennett, NRI, UK
- Prof. Lateef Sanni, FUNAAB
- Prof. Kolawole Adebayo, FUNAAB
- Dr Louise Abayomi, NRI, UK
- Dr Victor Unamma, IFAD VCDP



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About CassavaTech 2017

The aim of CassavaTech 2017 is to bring together **the cassava processing community**, including manufacturers of equipment, factory owners, policy makers, financiers, scientists and engineers, to consider the latest developments in cassava processing in West and Central Africa.

CassavaTech 2017 will consider issues relevant to processing cassava including: profitability, approaches to drying, the challenges of making High Quality Cassava Flour, alternative 'novel' cassava products, bioenergy and cassava processing, cassava as animal feed, gari and cassava processing's impact on the environment.

CassavaTech:City. This event, at AgraINNOVATE – West Africa's premier agricultural technology showcase – involves presentations of equipment of all scales made by Nigerian fabricators. Meet the manufacturers and see live demonstrations.

CassavaTech:Conference. This conference, the first of its kind to focus on Regional West African cassava processing solutions, takes place in the Lagos Oriental Hotel. Renowned industry players and key thought leaders will address some of the crucial issues faced by the fast expanding regional cassava sector.

CassavaTech 2017 is an activity of the project 'Increasing the Performance of the Cassava Industry in West and Central Africa (IPCI), which is funded under a grant from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).



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Cassava 2017 TECH

Two great cassava processing events

CassavaTech:City
21–22 November,
AgraINNOVATE West
Africa

- See equipment from Nigeria
- Meet manufacturers
- Live demos

- Dryers
- Garri fryers & makers
- Mills
- De-watering & more
- Launch of the CassavaTech mobile app



CassavaTech:Conference
22–23 November,
Lagos Oriental Hotel

Presentations,
discussions
& more

- Profitability
- Drying
- High Quality Cassava Flour
- Novel value chains
- Bioenergy from waste
- Animal feed
- Garri
- Cassava & the environment



Conference proceedings

All invited papers and full papers accepted for presentation will be collated and made available on the IPCI IFAD project website provided at least one author has registered by the deadline date. Selected papers will be published in a special edition of the Journal *Food Chain* in 2018.

Abstract and paper submission

All abstracts are to be uploaded to the online submission system at: <http://cassavatech2017.exordo.com>
Abstracts accepted by the deadline of 15th September will be collated as a PDF and available on the IPCI IFAD project website. Accepted and presented posters will also be collated as a PDF and available on the IPCI IFAD project website.

Language

The official language of the conference for all presentations and discussion will be English. For plenary sessions, simultaneous translation will be provided for French language participants.

CassavaTech 2017:Conference Venue

Lagos Oriental Hotel, 3 Lekki Road, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria. <http://www.lagosoriental.com>
Overlooking Lagos Island, the Oriental Hotel is a well equipped, large, international hotel with all modern facilities with access to Lagos International Airport.

CassavaTech 2017:City Venue

Plot 2&3 Water Corporation Road, Victoria Island Annex, Lagos, Nigeria.
<http://www.landmarklagos.com>
Located at Nigeria's premier Exhibition venue, Agra Innovate is West Africa's leading agricultural tradeshow <https://lifesciences.knect365.com/agra-innovate/>

Accommodation

Lagos Oriental Hotel provides accommodation of the standard to be expected of an international class hotel.

Preferred alternative accommodation options in the vicinity of the Conference and AgraInnovate are available on the CassavaTech2017 website <http://projects.nri.org/cassava-ipci/cassavatech2017>

Registration

All participants in CassavaTech:Conference must register for CassavaTech2017 at the website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cassavatech2017-tickets-34665344980> .

Registration fees

CassavaTech2017: Conference will have a very limited number of open registration places, so early registration is recommended. Registration will open after abstracts are

	Early registration closes: 30 th September	Registration closes: 10 th November
Fee	US\$ 100	US\$150

Registration includes:

- Delegate pack/programme
- Refreshments during breaks
- Lunch on 22 and 23 November
- Access to abstracts and papers

NB: There is a separate venue charge to enter Agra Innovate

Transportation

The Lagos Oriental Hotel is situated 33km from Murtala Muhammed International Airport. Transfer times vary depending on the traffic from 1–3 hours.

For registered participants who have provided flight information, a shuttle bus service will be provided. Airport transfers can also be arranged with the Hotel at own cost.

CassavaTech:City at AgraInnovate 2017 Landmark is about 20 minutes from the Lagos Oriental Hotel by taxi. A regular shuttle bus service will be provided between the venues on the 21st and 22nd November. Transfer within Nigeria at own cost.

Visas: Required for most visits excepting ECOWAS nationals. Visa on arrival is now available (credit card only). See <http://www.immigration.gov.ng>

Safety: Most visits to Nigeria are trouble free. See <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/nigeria> for travel advice.

Guide for Authors

Abstracts of not more than 500 words should be submitted on the online system at: <http://cassavatech2017.exordo.com>
When you submit you will need to select one of the conference themes:

Profitability of cassava processing

- Economics of cassava processing at different scales
- Business assessments of cassava processing options
- Comparison of processing technology economics
- Markets and market research

Drying innovations at different scales

- Sun drying
- Solar drying
- Mechanical drying
- De-watering

High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF)

- Markets and market research
- Quality management
- Production innovations
- Alternative HQCF

Novel cassava value chains

- Indigenous foods
- New cassava markets
- Novel food products
- New technologies

Bioenergy from cassava waste

- Gasification
- Biodigestion
- Small and medium-scale appropriate technologies

Cassava as animal feed

- Chips and chip technology
- Peels and other wastes
- Feed sub-sector research
- Small and medium-scale feed making technology

Garri

- Energy use
- Quality control
- Branding and marketing
- Processing technologies

Cassava processing and the environment

- Environmental impact assessments
- Mitigation technologies
- Added value from waste utilisation innovations

Other useful information:

Weather: November is normally a dry month in Lagos, though rain is always possible. Average mean temperature is 27°C.