



YOUTH TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM



Training on cassava production,
processing to add value and seed
production system.

Cruz das Almas, Bahia, Brazil,
October-November 2017.

Participants

The first issue of the Youth Technical Training Program (YTTP) gathered together 28 young people from 14 African countries to receive training on the cassava production chain at the Embrapa Cassava and Fruits facilities, a partner of the Brazil Africa Institute. The training was conducted between October 22 and November 17, 2017, funding by the African Development Bank.

The first group of the program focused on agriculture as part of the Feeding Africa strategy, which seeks to develop the African continent through agriculture. The participants were selected in a partnership with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).

Men: 11
Women: 17
from 24 to 35 years old

Democratic Republic
of Congo : 6
Nigeria : 5
Tanzania : 4
Zambia : 2
Cote D'Ivoire : 2
Cameroon : 1
Ghana : 1
Malawi: 1
Mozambique: 1
Senegal : 1
Sierra-Leone : 1
Benin : 1
Burundi: 1
Uganda : 1



Program

Some of the areas of the training: genetic improvement of cassava, soil management, climate changes, efficient water usage, cassava diseases and pests, economic importance of the cassava-based products, usages for the cassava powder.

In addition to the classes at Embrapa Cassava and Fruits in Cruz das Almas, the participants had trips to five more cities to train in other facilities. In Ilhéus city they visited Reniva, a public-private partnership for producing and distributing cassava seedlings-seeds seeking to achieve better quality and certification of cassava plants.



Time to action

"I hope to build a laboratory to train other young people to plant and manage cassava plantations. The training was a success. My future plans with the knowledge obtained in the classes, field visits and other areas are contributing to the accomplishment of cassava production in my country."
Maness Nkhata (Malawi)

"I will never forget the training, the field visits, the production houses and everything more. I did not know that we could use cassava to do many things."
Valeria Adzo Adzatia (Ghana)

"What caught my attention in this training is the fact of working in practice in the laboratories. We have agricultural needs in Senegal and we do not know the in vitro culture. With everything I learned here in this training, I will be able to take a lot to my country."
Dieynaba Badiane (Senegal)

"I will give a presentation about what I learned for other young people in my country." - Alie Kamara (Sierra Leone)
"Vou apresentar o que aprendi para outros jovens no meu país".
Alie Kamara (Serra Leoa)



Partners

