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Annual Genebanks Meeting 2014

Arusha, Tanzania

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Back in #Arusha for the first time since, what, 1993?

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Meeting of @CGIAR @go_vegetables international genebank managers all week in Arusha #agm2014

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This is what a roomful of genebank managers looks like #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/OPKTVgu4gS

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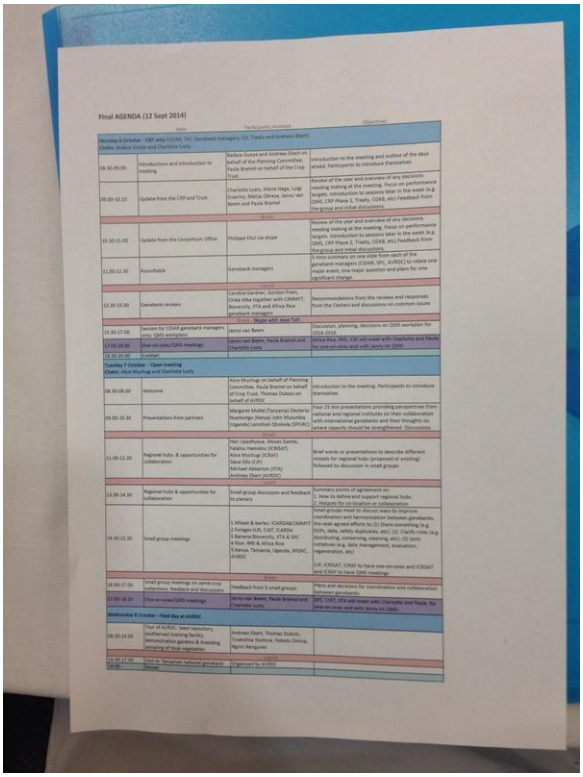

The agenda is daunting. Lots of #genebank nerdiness to talk about #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/iABevXrBh4

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Today it's all about the @CGIAR Research Programme (CRP) on #genebanks #agriculture #agm2014

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Charlotte Lusty giving yearly report on #genebanks CRP. Nice opening slide :) @CGIAR @CropTrust #agriculture pic.twitter.com/zFBvcouZBk

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@Cipotato carrying a major operation on cryo conservation this year #agm2014

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There is secure money in @CGIAR budget for the international #genebanks. Phew! #agm2014 @CropTrust

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Quality Management is a major focus this year #genebanks #agm2014

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All @CGIAR genebank managers plus partners such as @go_vegetables & national genebanks meet each year under @CropTrust auspices #agm2014

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I should add that in add to @CGIAR budget significant and increasing % comes from @CropTrust endowment #agm2014

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Charlotte Lusty of @CropTrust taking us thru year month by month. Lots happened on #genebanks this year #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/BIwpXs50yh

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@IITA_CGIAR and @AfricaRice #genebanks were externally reviewed in 2014 #agm2014

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@rkyte365 has been to see the #Svalbard genebank and we have pic to prove it :) @CGIAR #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/rB7Hallobw

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It's all about performance #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/EQGrC39GHr

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@CGIAR distributed 150k samples in past year #agm2014

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Discussion on how best to measure and monitor how much the #genebank is being used #agm2014

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Number of accessions and samples going out the door are necessary but insufficient measures of #genebank use #agm2014

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#Genebank performance targets: the devil is in the detail #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/dv5r9Z2i1C

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What is the parallel of #Svalbard genebank for clonal crops? Must it be cryo, and only cryo? #agm2014

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An accession of international #genebank managers? @CGIAR @CropTrust @go_vegetables agro.biodiver.se/2014/10/follow...

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It's now turn of Philippe Ellul of @CGIAR to connect on #skype with the annual meeting if genebank managers #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/Sqvy2H4CTs

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Ellul listing examples of collaboration between @CGIAR and private sector on crop improvement

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Ellul: lots of examples of collaboration of @CGIAR with small seed companies around world to get improved materials to farmers #agm2014

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Ellul: shoutout for DivSeek divseek.org @CropTrust @CGIAR

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Ellul: pre-breeding is how genebanks have impact. Talking with @gatesfoundation on ways to integrate @CGIAR back office function #agm2014

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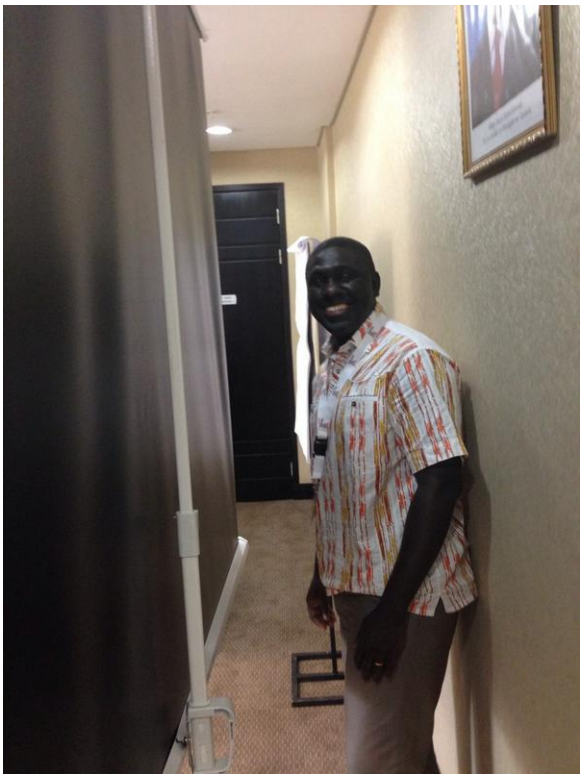

Badara from @IITA_CGIAR #iamagenebankmanager #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/CcARESb3mS

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Speed reports from genebanks now. I'm supposed to be summarising on flip charts so will tweet at end #agm2014

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Michael from @IITA_CGIAR #iamagenebankmanager #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/VGyr8k83Ho

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@TUMAINICOTTAGE @go_vegetables @CGIAR @CropTrust Thanks, great to be here!

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Phone died before could tweet abt Gordon Prain of @RTB_CGIAR's review of @BioversityInt banana genebank at Leuven @promusa_banana #agm2014

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Prain: Banana ITC sent 90k samples to 103 countries, maintains 1435 accs in vitro, network of 22 field genebanks #agm2014 @promusa_banana

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Prain: recommend increasing staffing levels to speed up cryo work, better integrate information products #agm2014

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Prain: ITC doing excellent work, but can improve in one or two areas @BioversityInt @RTB_CGIAR @promusa_banana #agm2014

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Roux of @BioversityInt response to banana genebank review: 13 priority actions to address recommendations #agm2014

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@BioversityInt banana genebank review great example of collaboration between CRPs @RTB_CGIAR @CGIAR @CropTrust #agm2014

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Janny van Beem led session on Quality Management Systems for #genebanks. Managers agreed basic set of activities for next 2 years #ag4dev

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Wish could show nice selection Tanzanian beers available at #agm2014 cocktail, but phone died. I went for Kilimanjaro. Very acceptable.

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Day 2 of Annual Genebanks Meeting. Today talks from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania nat progs. #agm2014 @CropTrust @CGIAR pic.twitter.com/06U0m9veZ3

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How can @CGIAR genebanks best collaborate with national genebanks in E Africa? Today we find out. #agm2014 @CropTrust

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John from the Uganda genebank #iamagenebankmanager #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/z4wYVhLY94

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John Wasswa: Uganda genebank part of complex network of stakeholders both nationally & regionally, of which @CGIAR important part #agm2014

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Desterio Nyamongo from Kenya genebank now on #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/V1VZRLyR8g

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Nyamongo: genebank now semi autonomous institute with wide biodiversity mandate #agm2014

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Nyamongo: @kewgardens Millennium Seed Bank "opened our eyes" #agm2014

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Nyamongo: Want to build up our capacity in vitro (including Rhizobium), pollinator and on farm conservation #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/a4jwR47Qvk

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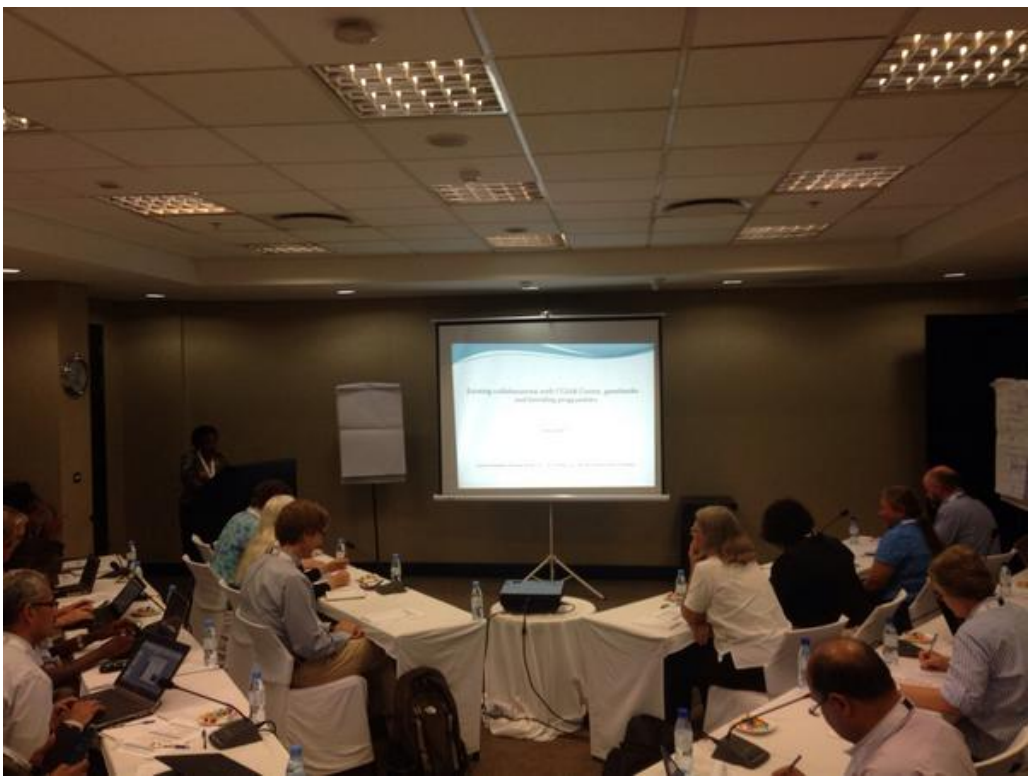

Margaret will now tell us about Tanzania genebank #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/9Jl2FSZ9VX

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Mollel: Tanzania is part of SADC Plant Genetic Resources Network, with regional genebank in Lusaka providing long term storage #agm2014

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I last met Margaret in 1997 in Namibia. She was a ardent then, head of the Tanzania genebank now. #ag4dev pic.twitter.com/Ny4lmShHxr

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Mollel: very close collaboration between Tanzania genebank and @go_vegetables regional genebank, also in Arusha #agm2014

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Wasswa describing work on community genebanks in Uganda. Actually farmers came to him expressing need #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/oi0sFUkj62

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Wasswa: E Africa PGR network went into limbo due to lack of funds but it is now being revitalised #ag4dev #ASARECA @nordgen

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Tanzania genebank finds use of @planttreaty SMTA makes their life easier, but discussion in Uganda about who signs #agm2014

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Uganda and Kenya genebanks use @CGIAR genebanks for safety duplication #agm2014

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Costich of @CIMMYT on maize lethal necrosis, Ebola of maize: have the national genebanks been approached for materials to screen? #agm2014

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Answer from national genebanks is that they have not been approached by maize breeders about MLN #agm2014 @CIMMYT

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#agm2014 discussing how collaboration among genebanks in E Africa can enhance conservation and use of crop diversity @CGIAR @go_vegetables

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Hari of @ICRISAT says his centre adopted a regional hub approach in Africa, with sub genebanks in Bulawayo, Niamey and Nairobi #agm2014

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Falalou Hamadou on one of my old stomping grounds, @ICRISAT genebank at Sadore, just outside Niamey, Niger #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/KqalLgkJBl

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Dave Ellis on @Cipotato genebanks around the world: not just Lima! #agm2014

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Ahmed from @ICARDA_CGIAR, Tom from @CIMMYT genebanks present 17 things they will do together on wheat genetic conservation #agm2014

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Lots of ideas from @ILRI @ICARDA_CGIAR & @CIAT_ on collaborating on forage genetic resources conservation #agm2014

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One specific thing was for @ILRI genebank to help check viability and uniqueness of forage collection at Kenya genebank #agm2014

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Now @IITA_CGIAR @BioversityInt @spc_cps discussing their collaboration on banana genetic resources #agm2014 @promusa_banana

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Off to @go_vegetables and Tanzania genebanks in Arusha

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And here Tsvetelina Stoilova tolls us about the @go_vegetables genebank for African indigenous veggies #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/VnxYlgcEfe

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@Ethnobotanica @SeaSpringSeeds More here pic.twitter.com/zU9KNVb19y

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There's a great demo garden at @go_vegetables Arusha #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/S80cUPwxat

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@peterballantyne Will pass on request. Jean can tell you all about it too :)

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Conference dinner at Machweo!!! #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/lYYWFANAGY

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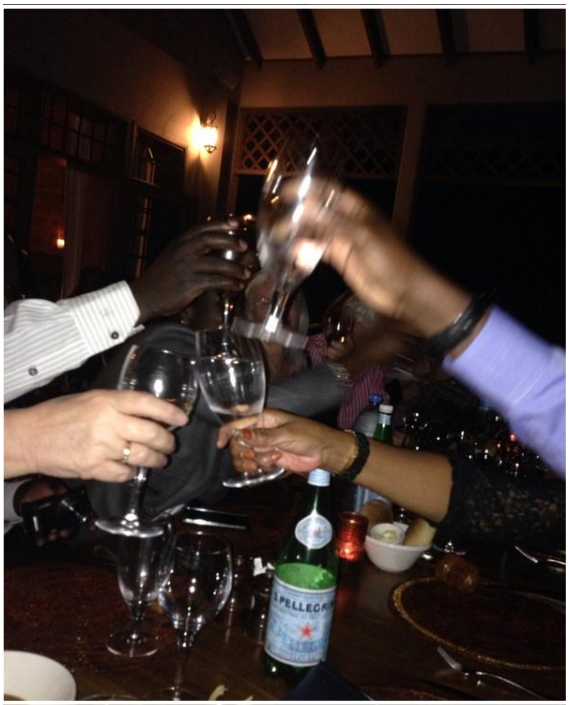

Tom of @CIMMYT making a whole bunch of toasts #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/Qchr3mXFsP

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And this one of our visit to the Tanzania genebank #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/8i5XyAgE64

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Today was field trip day, @go_vegetables and Tanzania national genebank #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/UmDsJILdcQ

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Some veggies need isolation cages for regeneration. Some of these supplied to @go_vegetables by @CropTrust #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/LqqmzDga3w

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Roy Keane is a big star in Tanzania pic.twitter.com/EKCqP98TQm

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Local seed companies were invite by @go_vegetables to meet us. I bought some seed :) #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/7o6S43alvf

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What happened to my earlier tweets? Like this pic of 2 of my favourite things pic.twitter.com/DUq8yaCtj6 #agm2014

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Thanks to Margaret (left) of Tanzania national genebank for great visit #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/dyxV3CDoTo

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@go_vegetables Thanks to you for helping to organize our meeting! @CropTrust @CGIAR @BioversityInt

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@GCProgramme @CIMMYT Tom said the drinks were on him!

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Today's first session of #agm2014 is about the importance of farmer knowledge in crop diversity conservation

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Morag Ferguson of @IITA_CGIAR going to talk about integrating farmer knowledge in cassava breeding #agm2014

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Morag: cassava yields in Africa 10 t/ha, half those of Asia, + 2 major viruses #agm2014

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Morag: CMD pandemic in 80s Uganda led to uptake of new varieties, but these not good for fresh consumption #agm2014

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Morag: botanical seed introduction in 90s by @iiTa to Uganda led to much better MM series of cassava vars #agm2014

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Morag: moral is that genebanks should have better info on quality characters and farmer preferences #agm2014

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Morag: very few vars from E & S Africa in international #genebanks. Genetically quite distinct #agm2014

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Morag: @IITA_CGIAR effort since mid2013 to collect, conserve cassava diversity in E & S Africa. Regional in vitro #genebank in Dar #agm2014

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Grace Nakabonge talking about collecting and conserving cassava diversity in Uganda #agm2014

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Grace describing the germplasm collecting process #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/nskwZJohdc

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Grace: developed methodology for documenting farmer knowledge cf cropgenebank.sgrp.cgiar.org/index.php/comp... #agm2014

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Daniele Manzella of @planttreaty on the legal aspects of documenting and using IK #agm2014

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Leretholi Qhobela describing the SADC Regional Genebank in Lusaka and its network of national #genebanks #agm2014

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Qhobela: in SADC only South Africa has not ratified @planttreaty #agm2014

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@Bennett123123 Grace says those aspects are being documented in a separate survey not associated with the germplasm collecting

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Alice Muchugi et al on the difficulties of conserving ex situ and using African fruits and other "minor" crops #agm2014

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Is there a future for ex situ conservation of tropical agroforestry species? Just asking :) #agm2014 @ICRAF @CIFOR

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Muchugi: Taking us through the @FAOForestry Global Plan of Action #agm2014

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Lava Kumar of @IITA_CGIAR on phytosanitary advances relevant to #genebanks #agm2014

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Lava Kumar @IITA_CGIAR: this is what it's like sometimes to deal with phytosanitary issues #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/f4J4ey2pVN

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Group discussing phytosanitary regulatory issues as they impact #genebanks. #ipcc @CGIAR pic.twitter.com/oBfar3QGck

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Daniele Manzella of @planttreaty bringing #agm2014 up to date on latest policy developments

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Manzella: Nagoya Protocol recognises @planttreaty as critical part of international ABS architecture #agm2014

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Daniel Debouck of @CIAT_ telling #agm2014 about how he would build a new #genebank from scratch pic.twitter.com/af5zddmROi

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Debouck: #genebank buildings should be a little sexier than the average box of shoes #agm2014

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Debouck: iconic genebank buildings are possible #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/nN38i0QOeP

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Excellent hospitality from @MountMeruHotel for Annual Genebank Meeting of @CGIAR organized by @CropTrust #agm2014 pic.twitter.com/6aE0PsQ4pk

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