Course on Cassava Genetic Resources and their Manipulation for Crop Improvement. By Prof. Nagib M. A. Nassar

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The first part of the course will deal with the genetic resources principles and foundations; history; the Vavilov concept and its revision by Harlan; conservation methods and dynamics; origin of agriculture; and sources of variation and domestication.

The second section of the course will look at examples of cassava; the geographic distribution of cassava species and their genetic diversity and center of origin; manipulation of cassava wild species by interspecific hybridisation (breaking barriers to crosses, gene markers, polyploidization, chimeras, meiotic restituion, induction of aneuploids, and production of high protein content hybrids. Induction of apomixis and development of apomictic clones); and selection of indigenous cultivars rich in caroenoids.

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