

***Workshop: The role of
different partner communities
with the GCP***

Partner Community: CGIAR

Kopanong Hotel and Conference Center

Benoni, South Africa

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How can CGIAR best help support the work of GCP?

- Making germplasm available
 - being the curator of genetic resources and stocks
 - being the deliverer of new elite materials, breeding materials, and products
- Help with documentation (genes, QTLs, pedigrees, environmental data, etc.)
- Participating and/or supporting international trials of new varieties, characterization of sites
- Act as a service center, provide genotyping and phenotyping support and coordination
- Training
- Maintain and help dispense data

CGIARs should also recognize the positive aspects of working with GCP, including the new connectivity among the centers.

What can the GCP do to take maximum advantage of the expertise and perspectives of the CGIAR?

- Support comparative work (among crops, etc.)
- Take advantage of the CG centers more for training programs (both courses and individual) (taking advantage of their strengths in planning, organization, multi-disciplinary teams)
- Funding, especially in areas that the CG centers are weakening in (or losing funding in) such as pre-breeding, physiology, MAS across crops, IP, science-driven projects, etc.
- Use them to demonstrate products and results
- Continue training, pooling knowledge and distributing it by training people at all the centers and allowing them equal opportunity to apply for funding (this is a positive aspect of GCP that should be continued)
- Widen the scope (both for crops and traits)

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