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The **Global Cassava Partnership (GCP)** was formed unanimously in 2003 by 45 institutions throughout the world, under the umbrella of the Global Cassava Development Strategy (GCDS) of IFAD/FAO.

GCP is the organization dealing with the international cassava research and development community (R&D) and is now assuming the traditional roles of the former CBN.

GCP is, first and foremost, the focal advocacy platform for global cassava issues, and it leverages cassava R&D through:

- Facilitating discourse amongst key cassava stakeholders - farmers, end-users, researchers, and donor agencies;
- Organizing scientific and technical meetings;
- Collective seeking of funding opportunities;
- Catalyzing the overcome of major bottlenecks such as cassava genomics...

**Registration Open on Feb 1, 2008
Abstracts Deadline May 15, 2008**

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(Speaker Names are Tentative)

	21-Jul-08	22-Jul-08	23-Jul-08	24-Jul-08	25-Jul-08
8:30	o Opening: Marc Van Montagu	Key Note	Plenary lectures	Plenary lectures	Key Note
8:40	o GCP vision: C. Fauquet / J. Tohme	Biodiversity, Agriculture, Energy and Ecology	S5: Cassava Biodiversity	S5: Agronomic Diversity	Population, Economics Cassava and Agriculture
8:50	o African perspective: M. Bokanga	C. Samper Smithsonian Institute	D. Debouck	H. Ceballos	H. Rosling
9:00	o Global Development: Rajiv J. Shah (Gates Fdn)		L. Carvahlo	A. Dixon	
9:30	o Current Major Cassava Projects Rockefeller Foundation - Agra G. Toenniessen or J. DeVries	Cassava Socio - Economics J. Lynam	TBN	M. Fregene	Molecular Breeding R. Flavell
10:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	Current Major Cassava Projects (cnt.)	Plenary lectures	Plenary lectures	Plenary lectures	Cassava Priority Settings
10:30	The cassava genome project D. Rokhsar / P. Rabinowicz	S1: Nutrition Enhancement M. Manary	S6: Starch and Biofuel A. Smith	S10: Biotic and Abiotic Stress J. Legg	Science W. Gruissem
10:50	Harvest Plus: J. Tohme	M. Nutti	Bin Liu	T. Alicai	Projects J. Tohme
11:10	BioCassava Plus: R. Sayre	P. Beyer	Thai del.	J. Ndunguru	Delivery D. Doering / L. Kent
11:30	Virca : B. Dolley	A. MBanaso	R. Visser	C. Lopez	GCP C. Fauquet
11:50	Value-Chain: A. Westby	Continued in the afternoon	Continued in the afternoon	Continued in the afternoon	
12:10	Delivery: T. Remington				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch and Posters	Lunch and Posters	Lunch and Posters	Adjourn
14:00	o New Major Cassava Projects Microchip: S. Tetsuya	Concurrent Sessions S1: Nutrition Enhancement	Concurrent Sessions S6: Starch and Biofuels	Concurrent Sessions S10: Biotic and Abiotic Stress	Ghent Univ. Global Cassava Partnership SC
14:20	Postgenomics: J. Anderson	S2: Agronomy	S7: PPD-Physiology	S11: Delivery Chain	
14:40	Megabreeding: A. Dixon	S3: Genomics	S8: Tissue Culture	S12: Breeding / Mapping	
15:00	Delivery: Ghana	S4: Transformation	S9: Value-Chain	S13: Biosafety-IPR	
15:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	
16:00	Biodiversity: M.-J. Sampaio	Concurrent Sessions cnt.	Concurrent Sessions cnt.	Concurrent Sessions cnt.	
16:20	Value-Chain: A. Westby				
16:40	o Forum with potential donors	Poster session	Poster session	Poster session	
17:00	BMGF, RF, Gatsby, DFID Danida, Syngenta Fdn Monsanto Fund, Swedish Aid, Norwegian Aid EU, CTA, FAO...				
18:00	Press Conference: Cassava for a New World	Open Dinner	Open Dinner		
18:30	Reception	Ghent Univ. Workshops	Ghent Univ. Workshops	Banquet	
20:00		Access to Biodiversity	Transformation Group		
21:00		Bioinformatics for breeders and others Cassava Delivery Chain	Genomics and post-genomics tools Priority Setting Discussion Group		

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