



National Cassava Conference & Expo2023

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PR/MEDIA REPORT

The Brief

Provision of PR and Communication services (Media Relations) for the National Cassava Convention 2023, including:

- Overall Conference Communications Plan
- Media relations for the conference



Summary of deliverables

| | Deliverable | Output | % Achieved |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| Pre event | Communication strategy document | Communication strategy document | 100% |
| | Press release document for approval | Approved press release | 100% |
| | Announcement Press Release Distribution X1 Newspaper X4 News websites (Local and Regional) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Standard Capital, BS Today, Daily Express, Uzalendo News, Milling ME, New Vision UG | Print: 100% Online: 150% |
| | Opinion piece X1 National Paper | Replaced with People Daily article | 100% |
| | Pre - Event Live Interview X1 local TV Interview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Interviews KBC & KTN | 200% |
| | Media invite for approval and design | Approved Media Invite | 100% |
| | Send out media invite for booking Media list of journalists to attend | Media Attendance | 100% |
| | Press release document for approval | Approved Press Release | 100% |
| During event | Set up and coordination of press conference | Successful press conference | 100% |
| | Send out the press release and push for coverage | Press release sent out | 100% |
| | Manage media throughout the conference | Media managed throughout the event | 100% |
| Post Event | Distribute event release Coverage: x2 TV x2 Newspapers x2 Radio x4 blogs (Local and Regional) | TV: KBC, GBS, KASS TV, Ramogi TV, Citizen Print: The Star, The Standard Radio: Capital, Milele FM, Radio Citizen Online: Capital, The Star, Business Now, Farmers Trend, Science Africa, Kilimo, Waza, Kenya news agency | TV: 250% Print: 100% Radio: 150% Online: 200% |

Communication Plan

The team developed a detailed [communication plan document](#) to guide all conference communication to the various target audiences.

COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVES

To effectively communicate and promote the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE), **increasing awareness, engagement and attendance** among stakeholders, including farmers, researchers, policymakers, industry professionals and consumers.

KEY MESSAGING

| Farmers | Consumers | Value-add Chain | Partners | Sponsors | Government |
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| <p>Key Message</p> <p>Best farming practices: Profitable and sustainable weather-resistant crops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassava Production and productivity• Practical Research findings on cassava• Commercialization of cassava farming• Plant health management and Pest and disease management• Cross cutting issues: Nutrition, Gender, Capacity Building | <p>Key Message</p> <p>Versatility and importance of Cassava in daily life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various uses of cassava beyond traditional consumption• Role and benefits of cassava in daily life | <p>Key Message</p> <p>Network and explore market expansion opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Market Opportunities• Consumer Preferences• Agro Processing and value addition• Industrial Starch Processing• Value chain financing• Exhibit at the conference | <p>Key Message</p> <p>Lasting collaborations with policymakers and the farming-support industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth & ICT• Climate Smart technologies• Pre & Post-harvest technologies• Cassava Seed Systems• Mechanization in roots and tuber crops• Cassava breeding programs (Bio fortification)• Exhibit at the conference | <p>Key Message</p> <p>Engage and network with key industry players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop strategies to enhance market exposure• Showcase cutting-edge technologies and innovations• Expand professional networks within the cassava sector | <p>Key Message</p> <p>Emphasize the importance of cassava in food security and economic development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda• Agriculture Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy• Trade policies and market regulations• Flour Blending Initiative• Flour Blend Kenya Standards• National Root & Tuber Crops Strategy |

Invitation Letter

The team drafted an exhibitor and attendee [invitation letter](#) based of the key messages to be sent out.



Subject: Invitation to Participate in The National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), KALRO and Self Help Africa through the support of the European Union in collaboration with other key development organizations and private agriculture sector actors invite you to attend and exhibit at the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE) that will be held from the 24th - 26th of October, 2023 at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The NCCE is a hybrid event that will bring together over 300 key stakeholders in the cassava value chain.

The 2023 conference themed, "**Spearheading Innovation and Technology for Cassava Sector Commercialization,**" will feature conversations around enhancing cassava production, productivity, and value addition. NCCE 2023 will be focused on four thematic areas:

1. Policy Development
2. Innovation & Technologies
3. Best Practice Dissemination, Learning and Scaling Up,
4. Processing, Product Development, Marketing and Financing

Cassava, with its resilience to moisture stress and higher productivity per hectare compared to cereal crops, plays a pivotal role in many economies. By promoting cassava consistently across the country, we aim to address food and nutrition security while significantly reducing the annual expenditure on imported staple food produce. This saving can be redirected towards essential social and economic development projects.

We take immense pride in inviting you to participate as an attendee and/or exhibitor at the conference, where you can showcase your cassava farm technologies, value chain products, affordable locally-made processing equipment, branding and packaging solutions, all while increasing your global visibility. Participating in this event will provide you with opportunities for market exposure, networking, sales, knowledge sharing, brand visibility, and valuable market research insights. Participation in this event is free of charge, both for exhibitors and attendees.

Dear Exhibitor,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE) happening from the 24th - 26th October 2023 at the Safari Park Hotel & Casino, Nairobi. The NCCE is a hybrid event that will bring together over 300 key stakeholders in the cassava value chain.

This conference is a tremendous opportunity for you to meet and reach out to leaders who are in the cassava value chain.

Being a conference exhibitor is an exciting way for your organization to have a visible presence at this conference. The NCCE will aid in creating positive public awareness on the importance of cassava in food and nutrition security and socio - economic development across the country.

Participation in the expo is free, with limited slots available.

Each exhibitor will get:

1. A demarcated 3m by 3m floor space in the expo hall
2. Exhibitor name label

Additional booth elements e.g booth branding, power, stand fabrication, display items is the responsibility of each individual exhibitor.

Exhibitor set up: 23rd October 2023.

Exhibitor take down: 26th October 2023.



Earned Media

Pre- event Press release



PRE-EVENT PRESS RELEASE

Kenya To Host National Cassava Conference To Enhance Productivity

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NAIROBI, Kenya, Oct 18 - Kenya is set to host the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE) aimed at enhancing cassava production, productivity and value addition.

The trade fair themed 'Spearheading Innovation and Technology for Cassava Sector' will aid in creating positive public awareness of cassava's importance in food and nutrition security, and socio and economic development across the country.

The conference led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), and Self Help Africa in collaboration with the European Union and other key development organizations, will be held on the 24th - 26th of October, 2023 at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.

Self Help Africa Country Director Jo Ryan says enhanced cassava productivity in Kenya will save billions of Kenya shillings which are spent annually to import staple food produce and products for consumption and industrial use that could be retained in the country for social and economic development projects.

"There is a need for consistent promotion across the country through cassava Forums, Trade Fairs and exhibitions events, considering its resilience to moisture stress, higher productivity per hectare over cereal crop farming and importance in food & nutrition security," said Ryan

The conference will provide a learning platform for local, regional and international cassava value chain players, where they will showcase and demonstrate their latest technologies, products, and services as well as examine recent market trends and trade opportunities. |

standards, procedures, protocols, and accreditations and identify areas of initial support to cassava actors as well as promote national branding of cassava and cassava products and increase awareness of consumption," he explained.

Cassava is the second most important root crop after the Irish potato grown throughout Kenya. It is a drought-tolerant crop that provides a basic diet for most rural households to address food insecurity and mitigate poverty.

Production of cassava in Kenya is mostly concentrated in a few agricultural ecological zones that include Western Kenya, the Coast and Eastern zones of the country. In these regions, cassava accounts for a greater percentage of the total cassava production in the country. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, about 60 per cent of cassava in Kenya is produced in the western region, 10 per cent in the eastern region, and 30 per cent on the Coast. Kenya currently produces 1 million tonnes of cassava, most of which is consumed locally, but the country has the potential to produce more than 3 million tonnes annually.

"Food and nutrition security and adequate employment remain a significant challenge in Kenya despite its enormous natural and human resources. With climate change, desert locusts, bird and armyworms invasion, migratory pests, emerging new crop diseases, the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and unpredictable conflict outbreaks like the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine wreaking havoc on cereal food crop production and the world's food supply network, most Kenyan families are now finding it increasingly difficult to put food on their table," said Hon. Mithika Linturi, CS Ministry of Agriculture, adding that "The challenges are compounded by the impact of climate change such as the emergence of new pests and diseases such as fall armyworms and Maize Lethal Necrotic Disease hence the demand for a reliable and sustainable solution."

Cassava plays a vital role in the economies of many countries and is a good carbohydrate source. Cassava is a good source of dietary fibre and vitamin C, thiamin, folic acid, manganese, and potassium. It is the fourth most important food crop

in the world after maize, wheat and rice.

Kenya in 2019 developed the National Roots and Tuber Strategy to guide the development and production of the crop for industrial use in particular. It identifies tuber crops as an important source of food for humans and livestock, especially as climate change effects unfold.

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Media Invite

[Media Invite Link](#)



NCCE MEDIA INVITE

WHAT: The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), and Self Help Africa in collaboration with the European Union and other key development organizations and private agriculture sector actors will be hosting the **National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE)**. There is a scheduled press conference about the Conference and Expo and it's impact on the Agriculture sector after the opening ceremony.

WHERE: The Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

WHEN: 24th October, 2023

TIME: 8 am - 12 pm

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Enhanced cassava productivity in Kenya will save billions of Kenya shillings which are spent annually to import staple food produce and products for consumption and industrial use that could be retained in the country for social and economic development projects.

The guests of honour at the conference will be CS Agriculture and Livestock Development Hon Mithika Linturi.

RSVP:

Please reserve your spot via email to: communication@gogagaexp.com

For more information:

For more information about speakers and event programme visit <https://nationalcassavacon.org/>

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During Event Press Release



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PRESS RELEASE

Demand for Cassava in Kenya Exceeds Production by 200pc



NAIROBI, Kenya, Oct 24th - Demand for Cassava in Kenya has exceeded production making the country rely on imports from neighbouring countries to meet its consumption demand.

Speaking during the National Cassava Conference 2023, Self Help Africa Head of Programmes Peter Aluoch says demand for cassava has risen quickly in 2022 to 3 million Metric Tonnes (MT) compared to a production of 946,076 metric tones from an area of 61,592 hectares in 2022.

The demand is attributed to the expansion of Cassava utilisation beyond human consumption into use in animal feeds and starch for industries.

“In 2020, the country produced 898,110 MT of cassava from 61,754 ha translating to productivity of 14.54 tons/ha. This is lower compared to 16 - 24 tons/ha in China, Indonesia, and Thailand,” Aluoch added.

In the East African region, Kenya is the least producer of Cassava as Uganda produces 4 million MT while Tanzania produces 8 million MT per year attributable to the lack of clean planting materials; unstructured markets; weak seed systems; and weak regulatory framework.

In Kenya, Cassava is mainly grown in coastal, Central and Western Kenya, production is mainly for food, income and livestock feed. Despite the importance, the yields obtained are far from the agronomic potential for this crop.

“The traditional production systems are failing to address household food security and income. In the Coastal region for example, cassava is considered an important food crop and production accounts for 30 percent of the total national production. In the Eastern region, production accounts for less than 10 per cent of the country’s production,” he added.

In the Western region Cassava is considered an important food crop and the production accounts for 60 percent of the total national production.

The latest data indicates that the average cassava farm yields are low, of approximately 7-10 MT/Ha compared to the research yield potential of about 50 MT/Ha of fresh cassava tubers.



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During Event Press Conference

The team prepared and managed a press conference with several media houses represented including: Citizen TV, Ramogi TV, KBC, GBS, KASS,



KBC interview



KBC News



KTN interview



GBS TV Africa



KASS TV



Ramogi TV



Citizen TV - Kilimo Biashara



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PRODUCTION



Cassava demand outstrips production, leading to imports

Production: Kenya's demand for cassava has surpassed domestic production, leading to imports to meet consumption needs, experts have said.

Speaking during the National Cassava Conference 2023, Peter Aluoch, head of programmes at Self Help Africa said the quick rise in cassava demand to 3 million metric tonnes (MT) in 2022, compared to a production of 946,076 MT from 61,592 hectares in the same year is telling.

This surge in demand is attributed to the expanded use of cassava in animal feeds and starch for industries.

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Huge demand

Cassava is mainly grown for food, income, and livestock feed. However, the yields are far from the agronomic potential for the crop, as the demand is huge.

Despite its importance, Kenya lags behind other East African countries in cassava production due to various factors, such as a lack of clean planting materials, unstructured markets, weak seed systems, and a weak regulatory framework.

Kenya is the least producer of Cassava in the region as Uganda produces 4 million MT while Tanzania produces 8 million MT

In Western region Cassava is considered an important food crop and the production accounts for 60 per cent of the total national production.

The average cassava farm yields are low, around 7-10 MT/ha, compared to a research yield potential of about 50 MT/ha of fresh cassava tubers. Concerns have been raised about the substantial import bill on food, despite Kenya's fertile land and resources. Initiatives are underway to promote various crop varieties suited to local conditions and address seed quality issues to boost production. China.

- Noel Wandera

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Demand for cassava now exceeds production

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GERARD NYELE, NAIROBI

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The demand is attributed to the expansion of Cassava utilisation beyond human consumption into use in animal feeds and starch for industries.

"In 2020, the country produced 808,000 MT of cassava from 40,754 ha translating to productivity of 14.54 t/ha. This is lower compared to 10-24 t/ha in China, Indonesia, and Thailand," Abuch added.

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From left: Leonard Kabuk, Deputy Director, State Department of Crop Development, Self Help Africa Programmes Director Peter Abuch, FA State Department Crop Development Adjo Barasa and Self Help Africa Country Director W Jo Ryan during the official opening of the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023.

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Latest data indicates that the average cassava farm yields are low, of approximately 7-10 MT/ha compared to research yield potential of about 20 MT/ha of fresh cassava tubers.

State Department Crop Development and Agricultural Research Principal Secretary Paul Rono raised concerns over the huge import bill on food.

"We are still importing food despite the fact that we have fertile land and resources. We have challenges in food security and the commercialization of the same. The government has put up a model to promote such and every crop grown

are identified, classified and communicated to what it means so that we can promote our farmers.

"We have so many seedlings, some high performers, some low performers. We will make sure that all these breeds are brought to books in the next 3 months to reshape the sector and bring order within the system. We need to know which seed belongs where," he added.

"Under the present economic crisis that include the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and resulting food and energy crisis, surging inflation, debt tightening as well as the climate emergency, understanding the research, development and transfer of technology for cassava, will continue to limit the development and application of better agronomic practices," said Adjo Barasa, Programme Manager, Finance and

IT&A, says to increase the growth of Cassava, high quality cassava seeds will be critical to increasing production in Kenya.

"We need a new high yielding variety of seeds that are resistant to viruses. Right now, we are working with SITA on the Cassava Seed Tracker. This will improve traceability of seeds and will make it easy to tell the source of the mother plant," she added.

The Conference and Expo which started on Monday, has brought together over 150 exhibitors and over 1000 participants which started on Tuesday, will end on Thursday.

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DIVERSIFICATION

Kenya roots for cassava production to cut over dependency on maize imports

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This as the country's maize dependency increases amid low production, forcing perennial costly import that has largely contributed to the high cost of living.

Maize production is estimated at 3.2 million tonnes, up from the new estimate of 2.9 million tonnes in 2022-23, compared to an annual demand expected to hit 3.9 million tonnes.

The trade fair themed 'Spearheading Innovation and Technology for Cassava Sector', expected to aid in creating positive public awareness of cassava's importance in food and nutrition security, and socio-economic development across the country.

Led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), and Self Help Africa in collaboration with the European Union and other key development organisations, the summit was held from October 24 to 26 at Nairobi's Safari Park Hotel.

Self Help Africa country director Jo Ryan says enhanced cassava productivity will save Kenya billions which are spent annually to import staple food produce and products for consumption and industrial use, that could be retained in the country for social and economic development projects.



Cassava displayed for sale at a local market /FILE

"There is a need for consistent promotion across the country through cassava forums, trade fairs and exhibition events, considering its resilience to moisture stress, higher productivity per hectare over cereal crop farming and importance in food & nutrition security," Ryan said.

The conference provided a learning platform for local, regional and international cassava value chain players, where they will showcase and demonstrate their latest technologies, products, services as well as examine recent market trends and trade opportunities.

"Nevertheless, it provided a platform that will facilitate the establishment of linkages to increase in-

vestment in the cassava value chain through a combination of government partnerships and private sector engagement," he added.

"This will sought to link and accelerate the development of affordable trading standards, procedures, protocols and accreditations; identify areas of initial support to cassava actors as well as promote national branding of cassava and cassava products and increase awareness of consumption."

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insecurity and poverty mitigation. Production of cassava in Kenya is mostly concentrated in a few ag-

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Kenya currently produces 1 million tonnes of cassava, most of which is consumed locally, but the country has the potential to produce more than three million tonnes annually.

According to Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi, food and nutrition security and adequate employment remain a significant challenge in Kenya, despite enormous natural and human resources, hence the demand for reliable and sustainable solutions. Cassava plays a very important role in the economies of many countries and is a good carbohydrate source. It is also a good source of dietary fibre as well as vitamin C, thiamin, folic acid, manganese and potassium.

It is the fourth most important food crop in the world after maize, wheat and rice. Kenya in 2019 developed the National Roots and Tuber Strategy to guide the development and production of the crop for industrial use in particular.

It identifies tuber crops as an important source of food for humans and livestock, especially as climate change effects unfold. Cassava is a good source of dietary fibre as well as vitamin C, thiamin, folic acid, manganese, and potassium. The tubers have a mild nutty taste and are commonly eaten as root vegetables.

BILATERAL TIES

Austria targets labour to foster trade relations with Kenya

MELINDA KIRWA/ Austria is now eyeing the Kenyan labour market to feed into its challenge of skills shortage, with key interest in the ICT, nursing, as well as tourism and hospitality sectors.

On Monday, Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economics Martin Kocher held bilateral talks with President William Ruto on enhancing labour migration, increasing trade volumes and expanding markets for Kenya's agricultural products.

Kocher who was in the company of 24 Austrian businesses said the meetings have shown the momentum of the bilateral relations from both countries.

Speaking during the celebrations of the Austrian National Day in Nairobi, he further noted that they have seen a perfect match of skills in the sectors they are interested in.

"Tourism is an area that is depen-

dant on highly skilled workers and working together in the exchange of these workers is an important aspect that goes beyond tourism," he said.

Kocher also said Austrian companies in Kenya value the business environment in the country, how they are treated and even the dedicated workers and staff.

On her part, labour CS Florence Bore said Austria continues to be a key partner in various sectors that include trade and investment, education, health, and agriculture.

She said the conclusion of the MoU on economic cooperation between the two countries will enhance relations in key priority areas of labour mobility, innovation, green technology, infrastructure development, and agro-food processing.

"Kenya-Austria relations remain visibly progressive through deliberate, collective action in sectors such as

health diplomacy, water, education and climate action," Bore said.

She further noted that Austria considers Kenya as the hub for the East African region as this was highlighted by the signing of the Kenya-Austria framework of agreement for financial corporation on August 2, 2023.

"The agreement is set to unlock over 40 million euros (\$16.37 billion) of funding to Austrian companies wishing to invest in Kenya," Bore said. Some of the areas to be financed include education, health care, and digitalisation of services.

Bore commended Austria on its support in the Kenyan education sector by providing scholarships and exchange programmes to students in areas of science, ICT and social sciences.

She also applauded Austria for its support in the health sector by



Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economics Martin Kocher and labour CS Florence Bore during the Austrian National Day celebrations in Nairobi on October 23 / HANDOUT

spearheading the implementation of the mother and child unit at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).

On Tuesday, Austria and Kenya signed a 6.1 million euros (\$19.725 million) investment to finance the implementation of the second phase as well as the acquisition of equipment

for the unit. The project was initiated in 2019 when Austria invested five million euros (\$17.971 million) to facilitate the execution of phase 1.

"We look forward to the finalisation of phase 2 which is vital in improving neonatal, paediatric and maternal health," Bore said.

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By CORRESPONDENT
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The conference, led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD) and Self Help Africa in collaboration with the European Union and other key development organisations, will be held on October 24–26, 2023, at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairo

Self Help Africa Country Director Jo Ryan says enhanced cassava productivity in Kenya will save billions of Kenyan shillings, which are spent annually to import staple food produce and products for consumption and industrial use, that could be retained in the country for social and economic development projects.

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In Summary

- Cassava is the fourth most important food crop in the world after maize, wheat and rice.
- Kenya in 2019 developed the National Roots and Tuber Strategy to guide the development and production of the crop for industrial use in particular.

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Tajirika cassava is drought resilient and doing well in drought-stricken Ganze constituency, Kilifi county.
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Kenya to host National Cassava Conference and Exhibition 2023 to promote production

October 23, 2023



KENYA – Kenya is set to host the National Cassava Conference and Exhibition 2023 (NCCE), aimed at enhancing cassava production, productivity, and value addition on October 24-26, 2023, at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.

Themed '*Spearheading Innovation and Technology for Cassava Sector*' the trade fair is spearheaded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD) and Self-Help Africa in collaboration with the European Union and other key development organizations.

Cassava is the fourth most important food crop in the world after maize, wheat, and rice. It is the second most important root crop after the Irish potato grown throughout Kenya.

It is a drought-tolerant crop, providing a basic diet for most rural households to address food insecurity and mitigate poverty.

However, the Ministry of Agriculture data shows that Kenya currently produces 1 million metric tonnes of cassava, most of which is consumed locally, despite the country's potential to produce more than 3 million metric tonnes annually.

Production is mostly concentrated in a few agricultural ecological zones that include western Kenya 60%, the coast 30%, and the eastern 10% zones of the country.

Jo Ryan, Country Director of Self-Help Africa said that the forthcoming trade fair will aid in creating positive public awareness of cassava's importance in food and nutrition security and socio-economic development across the country.

On his part, Mithika Linturi, CS Ministry of Agriculture welcomed the move adding that with climate change, desert locusts, bird and armyworms invasion, migratory pests, and emerging new crop diseases wreaking havoc on cereal food crop production, cassava is a superfood.

According to Ryan, enhanced cassava productivity in Kenya will save billions of Kenyan shillings, which are spent annually to import staple food produce especially maize following the diminishing productivity due to climate change.

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Cassava experts meet in Kenya to boost production

By PETERMUTAI



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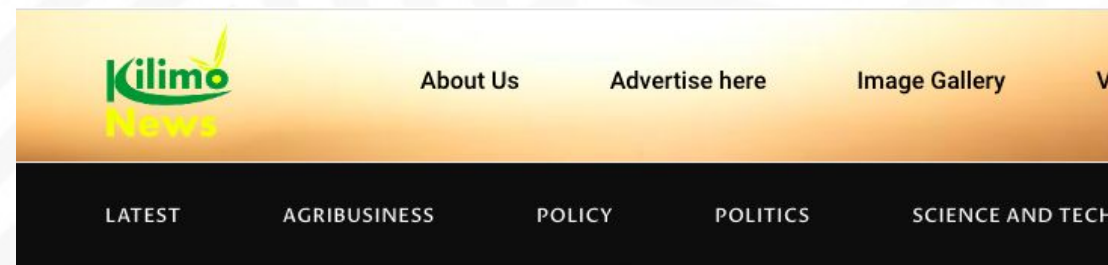
NAIROBI, Oct. 24 (Xinhua) -- Kenyan cassava experts on Tuesday began a three-day meeting in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, to seek ways of boosting production of the country's second most important food tuber crop.

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By Kilimo News October 25, 2023



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“It will also provide a platform that will facilitate the establishment of linkages that increase investment in the cassava value chain through a combination of government partnerships and private sector engagement,” he said.

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Rono said Kenya is embracing high-quality seeds to promote cassava production to meet challenges in food security and commercialization internally. "We are looking at ways of initiating the application of high-quality cassava seeds to promote production to reduce imports," he told the participants.

Cassava, which is the second most important root crop after the Irish potato grown throughout Kenya, is a drought-tolerant crop that provides a basic diet for most rural households to address food insecurity and mitigate poverty.

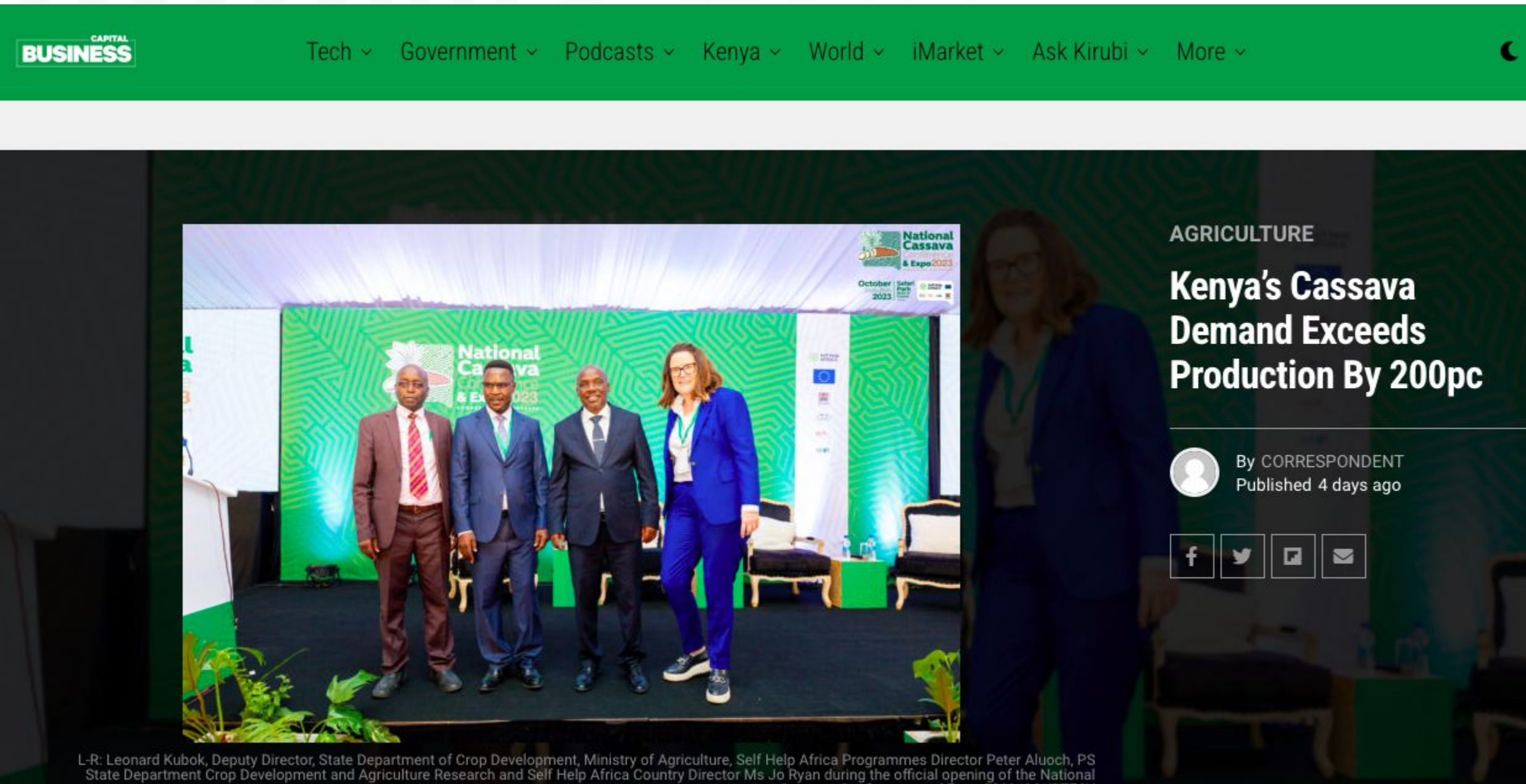


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Food Experts: Cassava Demand Exceeds Production

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Food experts have revealed that the demand for cassava in Kenya has exceeded production, making the country rely on imports from neighbouring countries to meet its consumption demand.

Speaking during the National Cassava Conference 2023 in Nairobi, State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research Principal Secretary (PS) Paul Rono raised concerns over the huge import bill on food.

"We are still importing food despite the fact that we have fertile land and resources. We have challenges in food security and the commercialization of the same," Rono lamented.

He, however, confirmed that the government has put up a model to promote each and every crop grown in Kenya, an agenda which is aligned with the discussion in the forum during the conference.

The PS directed the department in charge of crops, KALRO and KEPHIS to move with speed in the next three months to make sure that all the varieties of crops are identified, classified, and the information cascaded to relevant stakeholders so that the government can promote farmers.

At the same time, Self Help Africa Head of Programmes Peter Aluoch said that the demand for cassava had risen quickly in 2022 to three million metric tonnes (MT) compared to a production of 946,076 metric tonnes from an area of 61,592 hectares in 2022.

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He disclosed that in the East African region, Kenya is the least producer of cassava, as Uganda produces 4 million MT while Tanzania produces 8 million MT per year, attributable to the lack of clean planting materials, unstructured markets, weak seed systems, and a weak regulatory framework.

According to Aluoch, cassava is mainly grown in coastal, central, and western Kenya; production is mainly for food, income, and livestock feed. Despite its importance, the yields obtained are far from the agronomic potential of this crop.

"The traditional production systems are failing to address household food security and income. In the coastal region, for example, cassava is considered an important food crop, and production accounts for 30 per cent of the total national production. In the Eastern region, production accounts for less than 10 per cent of the country's production," Aluoch explained.

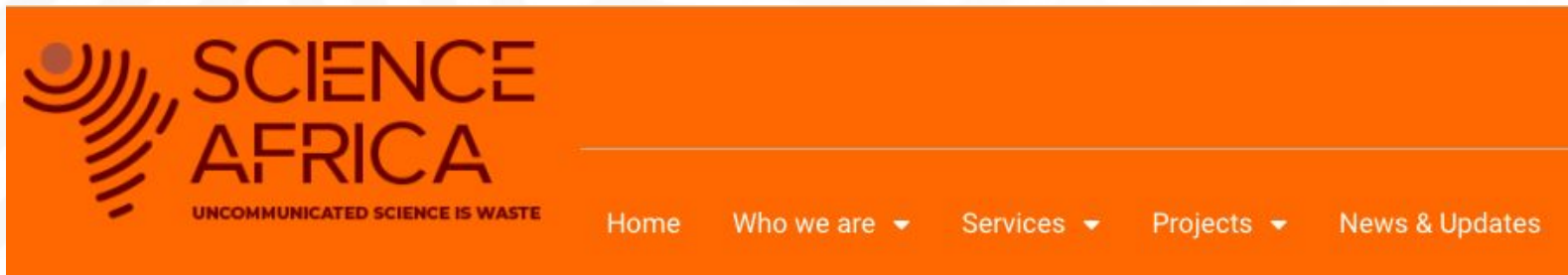
Aluoch added that in the Western region, cassava is considered an important food crop, and its production accounts for 60 per cent of the total national production.

He also cited the latest data, which indicates that the average cassava farm yields are low, at approximately 7–10 MT/ha, compared to the research yield potential of about 50 MT/ha of fresh cassava tubers.

Meanwhile, Adolfo Cires, Programme Manager, Finance and Private Sector Development, The European Union Delegation to the Republic of Kenya, said that under the present economic crisis, which includes the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and resulting food and energy crises, surging inflation, debt tightening, as well as the climate emergency, and underfunding for research, development, and transfer of technology for cassava, this will continue to limit the development and application of better agronomic practices.



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High-Quality Seeds to Improve Kenya's Cassava Production

By Joyce Ojanji

As Kenya grapples with a soaring demand for cassava, which has surpassed local production levels by a staggering 200%, the government is making an effort to ensure that the country becomes self-sufficient.

Paul Rono, Kenya's Principal Secretary of the State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, said that the government is embracing high-quality seeds to promote cassava production to meet challenges in food security and commercialization internally.

He was speaking during the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE) in Nairobi, Kenya's capital where he noted that despite the country's potential to produce three million tonnes of cassava annually, it only produces one million tonnes.

According to Peter Aluoch, the Head of Programmes at Self Help Africa, last year alone, Kenya's demand for cassava reached a staggering three million metric tonnes (MT). This demand far outstripped local production, which amounted to just 946,076 MT grown across 61,592 hectares.

Aluoch noted that Kenya lags behind other East African countries in cassava production. While Uganda produces four million MT annually and Tanzania yields eight million MT, Kenya's output remains significantly lower. This disparity can be attributed to various factors, such as the lack of clean planting materials, unstructured markets, weak seed systems, and a deficient regulatory framework.

"Cassava cultivation in Kenya is predominantly concentrated in coastal, central, and western regions. Farmers in these areas rely on cassava not only for sustenance but also as a source of income and livestock feed. However, despite its vital role, the current yields fall far below the crop's agronomic potential," Aluoch explained.

Morag Ferguson, a Crop Germplasm Scientist and Molecular Breeder at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), emphasized the critical role of high-quality cassava seeds in boosting production.

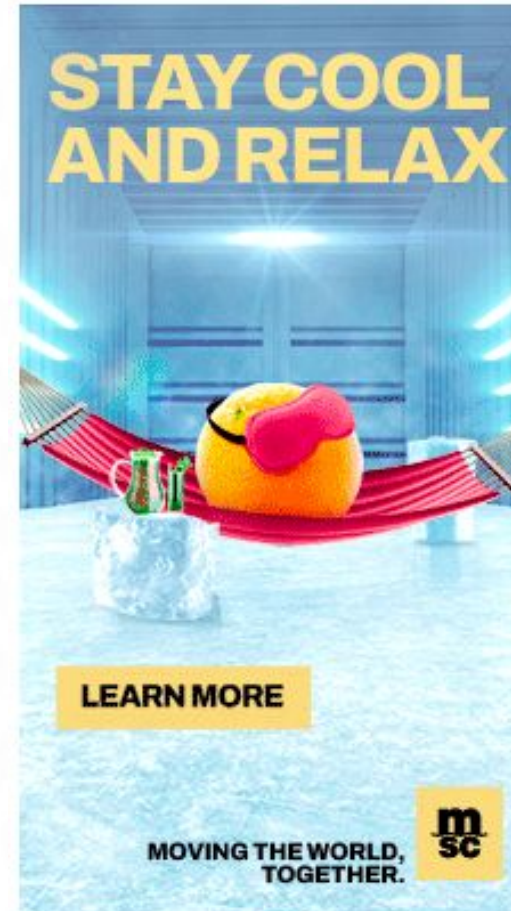


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Ghana could use cassava to transform economy

Cassava demand in Kenya exceeds production by 200 percent

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According to Deputy Director of Agriculture, Directorate of Crop Services of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, George Prah, cassava can generate much more revenues if more attention is paid to the crop. He claims there is huge demand for cassava and its derivatives for the local and international markets.

Prah recently said Ghana was self-sufficient in cassava as it could produce 22 million tons of cassava a year, which was mostly the edible type and for consumption. He added that the government had




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Left to right: **Leonard Kubok, Deputy Director, State Department of Crop Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Self Help Africa Programmes Director Peter Aluoch, PS State Department Crop Development and Agriculture Research and Self Help Africa Country Director Ms Jo Ryan** during the official opening of the **National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023**.



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National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023

By **Anita Nkirote** October 19, 2023

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Spearheading Innovation and Technology for Cassava Sector Commercialization

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), and Self Help Africa (SHA) in collaboration with relevant key development organizations and related private agriculture sector actors such as Mennonite Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and MESPT intend to hold the National Cassava Conference and Expo 2023 (NCCE) aimed at enhancing cassava production, productivity and value addition.

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The Cassava Farming Conundrum: Kenya's Reliance on Imports Amidst Rising Demand

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National Cassava Conference & Expo to enhance productivity and value addition

By The Daily Express

Thursday, October 19, 2023



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- Promo Video
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- Social Media posts sharing



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Pre event –Talk Show

Before the event we propose to have a talk show that will seek to create awareness about the cassava conference scheduled for 24to 26th Oct 2023

We propose to have the Talk Show on Kenya's Gold which is Citizen TV's premier agricultural show.

1 week before the event -Spot Ads

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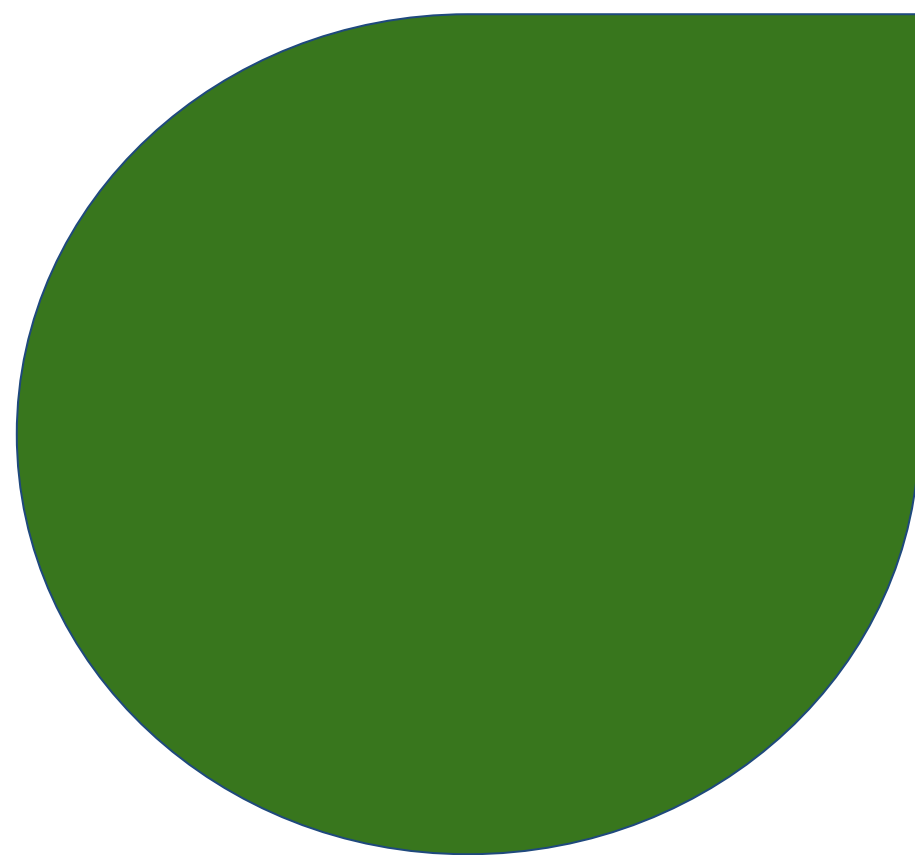


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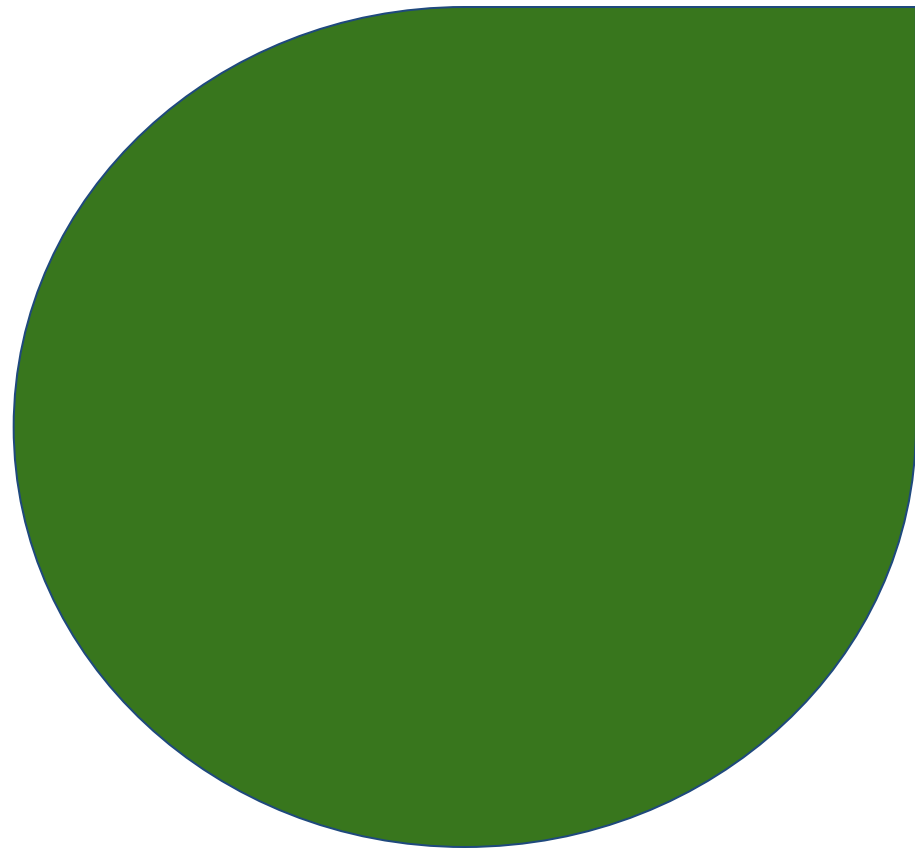
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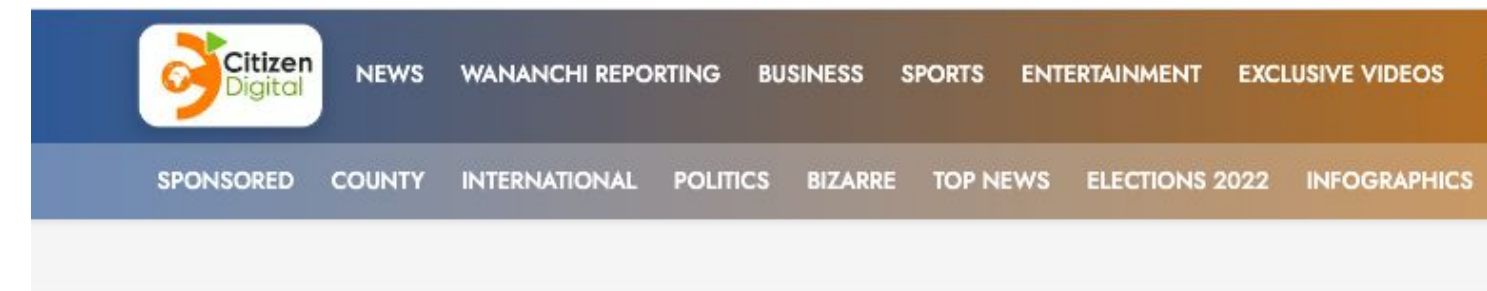
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The expo, led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD) and Self Help Africa, will be seeking to create positive public awareness of the importance of cassava as a food in bolstering national nutrition, security and socioeconomic development across the country. Image: Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi in a file photo.



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By Maria Njoroge

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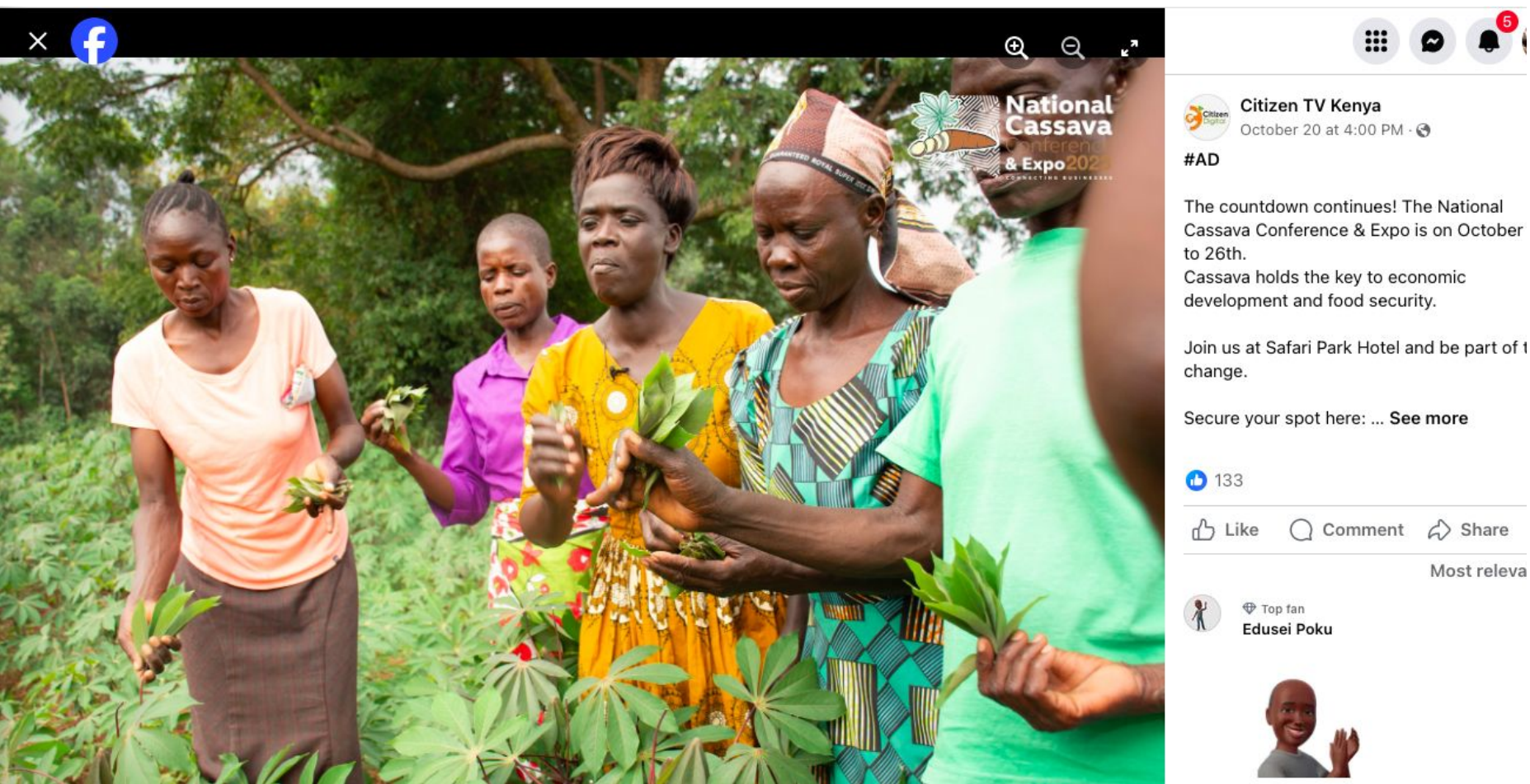
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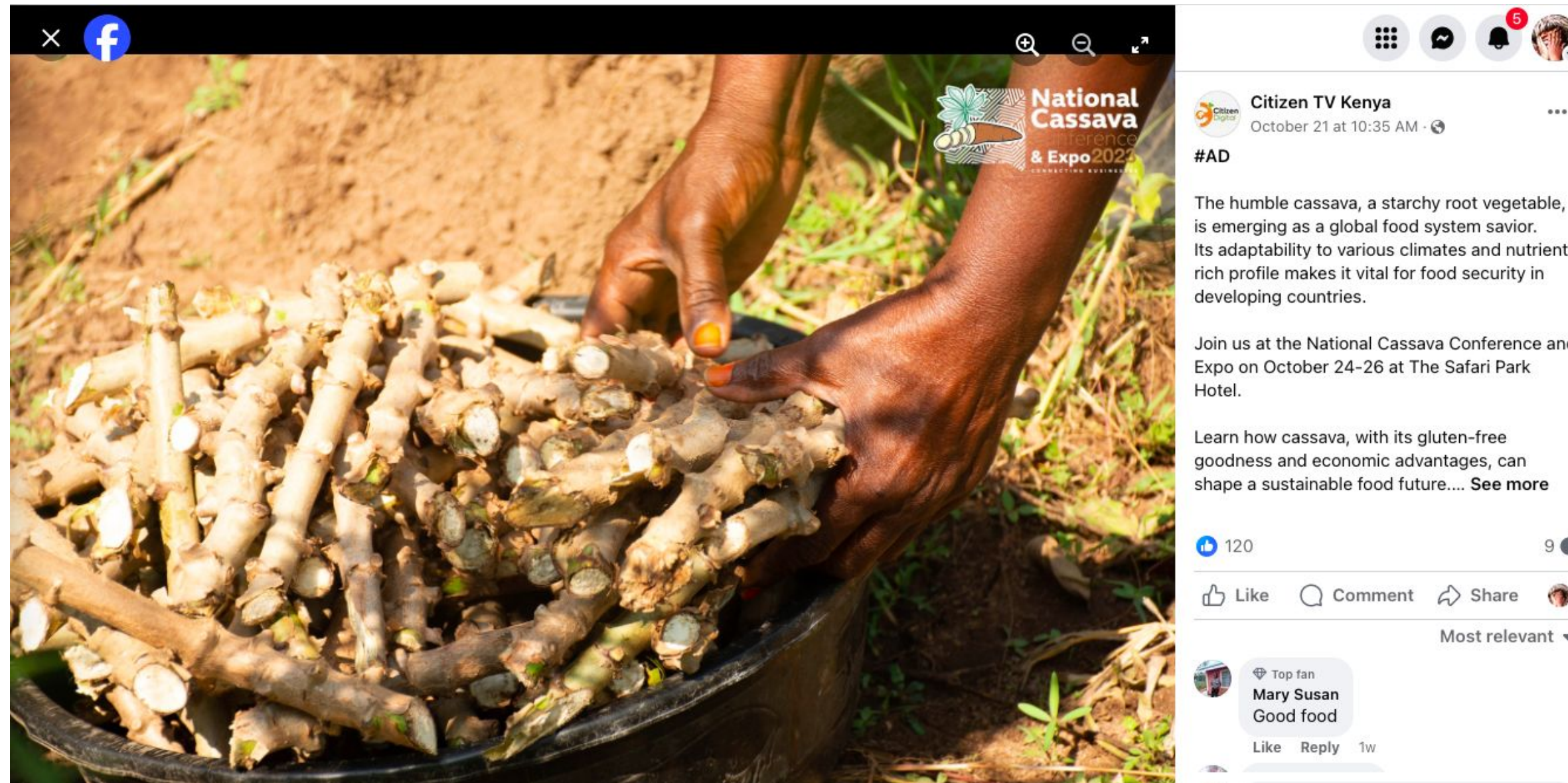
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