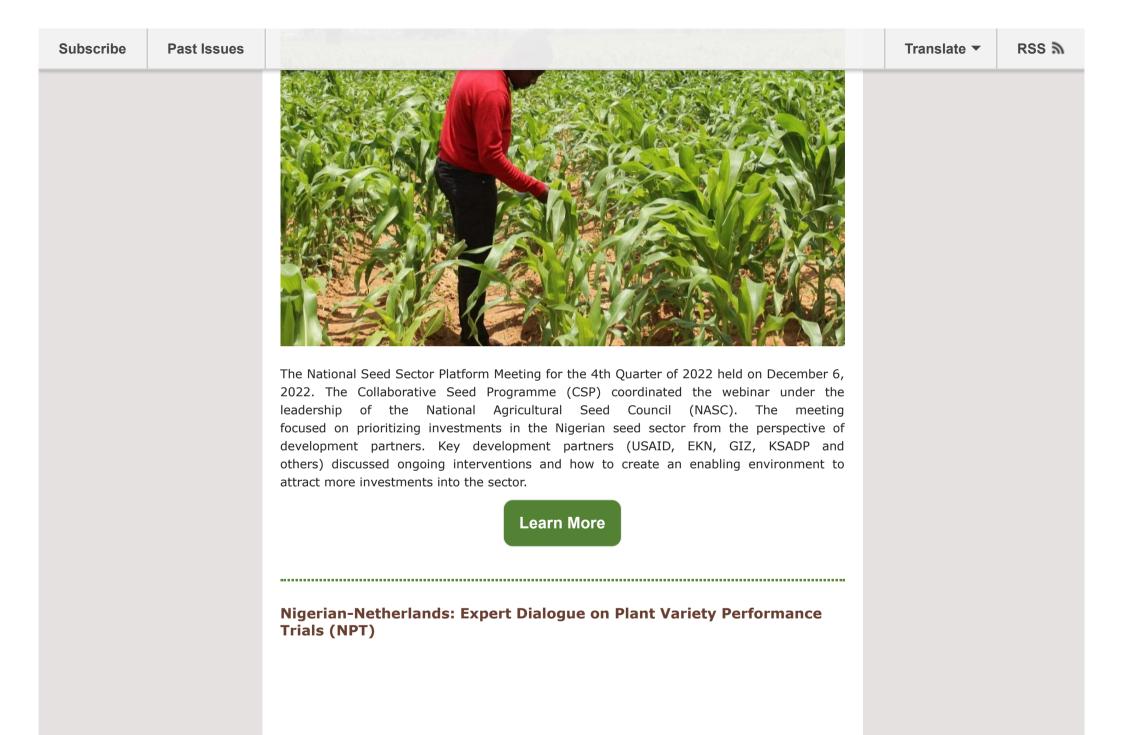




Donors and development partners are crucial to the development of the Nigerian Seed Sector. The CSP conducted a mapping exercise to track the direct and indirect seed sector investments made by key donors and development partners and how they align with the Strategic Innovation Pathways of the National Seed Road Map (NSRM). The NSRM, a policy document of the National Agricultural Seed Council (NASC), envisions a Nigerian Seed Sector that is competitive, resilient, profitable, innovative, adaptive, sustainable, inclusive, resistant and transparent.

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National Seed Sector Platform Webinar: Prioritizing Investments in the Nigerian Seed Sector







The Variety Release topic convened an expert dialogue between Nigerian and Netherlands experts on Plant Variety Performance Trials to share experiences and discuss potential international cooperation. The session revealed similarities and differences in the Performance Trials in the two countries and for different crops, amongst other highlights. This is an exciting development as it provides valuable insights and highlights areas for future collaboration.

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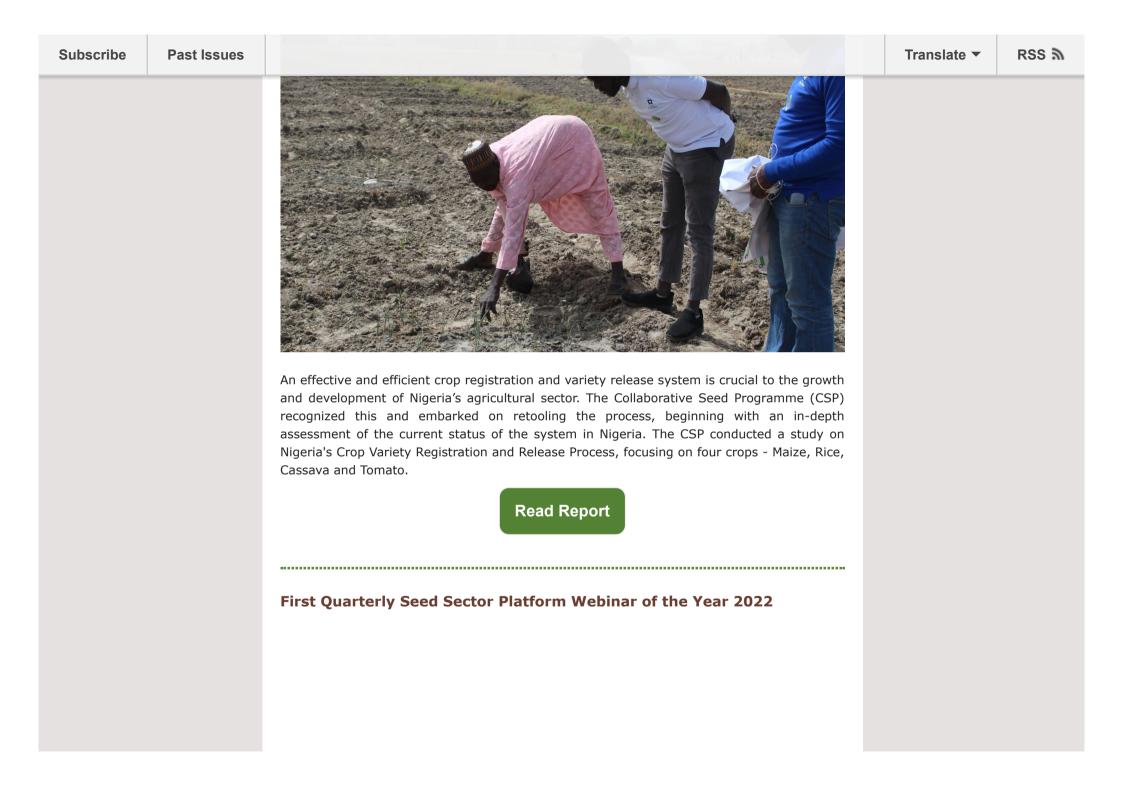
Tricot: An Innovative Method for On-Farm Crop Testing



The collaborative seed programme in partnership with the NextGen Cassava Breeding project and IITA Cassava Breeding Unit organized a triadic comparison of technologies (Tricot) workshop with the Nigerian variety release committee. The workshop explored the use of Tricot as a better approach for on-farm testing with farmers and processors in Africa. Tricot is an innovation that is cost-effective and involves more farmers compared to traditional methods and we look forward to the positive impact this innovation will have on the development of new crop varieties.

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Transforming Crop Variety Registration and Release in Nigeria





The Collaborative Seed Programme (CSP) facilitated the first quarterly seed platform meeting for 2022 on April 26th. The meeting, which held virtually, focused on the topic of SEEDCODEX and its potential to improve seed quality assurance and provide farmers with value for money. The meeting was a great success, with attendees gaining valuable insights and information about SEEDCODEX and its benefits to farmers.

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Official Launch of the Collaborative Seed Programme



Finally, we want to remind you that the Collaborative Seed Programme officially launched on April 28th, 2021. This four-year programme, financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, brings together Nigerian and Dutch seed sector stakeholders with the goal of enhancing the performance of the Nigerian seed sector. The programme takes a systemic approach to sustainably addressing seed sector challenges. CSP is housed under the Nigeria-Netherland Seed Partnership (NNSP) and contributes to the vision of the National Seed Road Map (NSRM).

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