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Alexis Mugisha. **Rwanda**



This Course was very useful for me because it is related to my career job of the project that I am working on it of reducing postharvest losses by using refrigeration. I have experienced an increase in knowledge and skills on good practices for reducing postharvest losses and improved postharvest management. I am very grateful to the organizers, the University of Cartagena and the Sponsors.

Analia Colletti. **Argentina**



I deeply appreciate the opportunity to participate in the '5<sup>th</sup> International Online Course on Postharvest & Fresh-cut Technologies'. This training allowed me to deepen the knowledge in primary production and processing of fruit and vegetable products, link with peer professionals and continue the vocation to research and innovate to grow as a person and a professional.

André José de Campos. **Brazil**



I am very grateful and happy for having this Scholarship and for the opportunity to be enrolled in this amazing Course. There were many motivations with the Course, but the main ones were related to two extremely important points. The first is that I have improved my postharvest knowledge, due to the large number of professionals/speakers in the Course. The second reason is that I will be able to teach to my students at the State University of Goiás (UEG), thereby providing even more knowledge and motivation to this field. Thanks much to Organizers and the Sponsors.



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Angela David. **Israel**



This Course allowed me to learn the latest technologies in the world and to update my knowledge in postharvest handling of fresh fruit and vegetables. I will try to implement these, either in kiwifruit on which I'm working on or other crop, contributing to maintain quality and reduce food losses. I am very grateful to the Organizers and the Sponsors.

Ashta Saulick. **Mauritius**



I am very happy to have been selected for a Scholarship to follow this online Course. I was indeed motivated to know different types of postharvest technologies which I can apply in the context of Mauritius where many local produce are underutilized and wasted. Being from the field of food sciences, this Course enhanced my knowledge and serves as a building block. I am very grateful to Universidad Politecnica de Cartagena and the Sponsors for granting me this Scholarship.

Burca Dundar. **Turkey**



I am working and focused on mainly processing and storage of fruits and vegetables. I think that this International online Course has been a great opportunity to improve my knowledge about postharvest technologies and fresh-cut and to gain new perspectives, while I am planning further researches. So, I would like to thank the University of Cartagena for this great opportunity.



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Cyril Akeme Njume. **Cameroon**



As a Cameroonian and a Master student of Postharvest Technology in Bogor Agricultural University I want to thank the Sponsors and UPCT for the Scholarship opportunity given to me to participate in this fascinating training program. I learnt new technologies from the expert lecturers in some of the world's best Universities and Research centers. The acquired skills will enable me to serve my country and the world better and also network me with other researchers.

Doreen Chelangat. **Uganda**



My motive for the postharvest and fresh cut technologies Course was the desire to fulfil my passion. I aspire to start up an export company that deals in horticultural produce. I therefore sought to equip myself with the knowledge and cutting edge technologies that will adequately prepare me to meet the market standards and excel in my business through minimizing postharvest losses. I am very grateful to the Sponsors of this grant, the University of Cartagena and to all the professors.

Elisha Otieno Gogo. **Kenya**



I am a lecturer at Pwani University, Kenya. Because of heavy postharvest losses, particularly on fresh commodities, farmers are losing money, consumers are losing nutritious and quality food and environment is suffering from postharvest waste resulting in environmental pollution. This has worsened the situation of poverty, malnutrition, environmental degradation, and climate change in Sub-Saharan Africa. Such situations can only be solved through research and attending this Course on postharvest has been very useful for me. Thanks to the UPCT for the opportunity.



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Faisal Zulfiqar. **Pakistan**



I work as Assistant Research Officer at the Hort. Research Institute for Floriculture and Landscaping, Rawalpindi. I feel honored and privileged to be a participant of this Course organized by the UPCT and with the help of important Companies as Sponsors. All the components of the training were very informative and learning sum and the instructors were well qualified. All of them justified the topics assigned to them. It has been a very good opportunity for the less privileged researchers and students from underdeveloped countries, like Pakistan, where such knowledge gaining opportunities are rarely available. In the end I would like to thank the Organizers, Sponsors and instructors for their cooperation and training program.

Janet Adeyinka Adebo. **Nigeria**



This on-line Course has been the right opportunity that now will help me to develop the skills needed to have a positive impact in my career as a young scientist whose desire is to address the challenges of food insecurity. This on-line Course has put me on a path to continuous learning and the training achieved through the on-line Course equip me about postharvest technologies and insights into possible ways and techniques of preventing these losses. Thank you all professors and the University.

Jessica Kukua Baidoo. **Ghana**



As a Research Assistant-Horticulturist at World Vegetable Center with Postharvest background, my ultimate goal does not end at the farm but runs through to fork. With research interest in Postharvest loss assessment and management of crops such as vegetables, food safety, food value chain and value addition, acquiring innovative Postharvest technological knowledge through this online Course in Postharvest and Fresh Cut Technologies greatly put me at some appreciable level above the standard in my career. Thanks to all who made it possible!!



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Johan Esteban Villamil. **Colombia**



During my career I have been actively involved in the world of fruit, vegetables industries and by-products valorization. I have participated in the research about the industrialization of native fruits in Colombia and other Latin-American countries. Therefore, this Course gave me the necessary tools to optimize and expand my results in countries with a lot of potential. I really appreciate the opportunity you offered me.

Jonathan Recillas. **Mexico**



I am very glad to be selected for this Scholarship. Thanks to the Course, I had the opportunity of increasing my knowledge and improving my skills in postharvest technology. Thank also to all the GPR team of the University of Cartagena and the Sponsors for this unique opportunity. I am sure that all I learnt in the Course will be very useful for my development and future studies.

Kumera Neme Geletta. **Ethiopia**



Loss of perishable crops is estimated 30–50% in Ethiopia. Improper postharvest handling practices due to lack of awareness, limited access to infrastructures, lack of sustainable, cost-effective, easily available and environmental friendly technologies are the major factors. The training Course has been very pertinent to my background and motivate me to find more knowledge and enrich skill on awareness creation, design and development of sustainable technologies which minimize losses. Thanks a lot for the opportunity!



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Mahshad Maghousi. **Iran**



This opportunity has provided me with a lot of additional knowledge that I needed to follow my research. The lessons were much appropriated and the professors were excellent. I really thank the Organizers, Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena and the Sponsors for this incredible opportunity you gave me.

Mekbib Hilegebrile Seife. **Ethiopia**



Ethiopia is one of the developing countries where the highest level of Postharvest losses ever recorded. It is estimated to be 25-30% for non-perishable crops and 50% and above for perishable products. To this effect, getting the International on-line Course on Postharvest and Fresh cut Technologies has been an asset for me to go one step forward in reducing postharvest loss of fruits and vegetables in my country by using the Course new skills, knowledge, and technology. Thanks for selecting me.

Mohamed Ibrahim. **Somalia**



This postharvest management and fresh-cut technologies Course helped to contribute one of the most crucial needs of my country and the world as well. I believe that Food production and maximum utilization of the produces in every part of the world is critical to meet food demands of the growing population, especially, to tackle challenges related to the food quality and quantity losses after the harvest. This Course has been very useful to increase my skills. I would like to thank the University of Cartagena and the Sponsors for the opportunity.



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Mohamed Zarid. **Morocco**



I hold an Engineer Diploma in AgriFood Technologies and a Master Science and Technology in Quality Management in AgriFood industries. This Course have expanded my knowledge in a strategic field of knowledge. I would like to express my gratitude to the organizers for the excellent program and also to the Sponsors for cooperating with students from developing countries.

Monia Jemni. **Tunisia**



As a teacher in higher Institute of Technological Studies of Kebili, I need to teach courses in postharvest and physiology of fruits. I'm also a researcher in the Research Center in Postharvest of dates. This Course helped me to improve and strengthened my skills in postharvest, since I would like to be specialized in that area. I consider this program as a great opportunity to helped me in my prospective career. Thank you very much for the Scholarship for this excellent Course!

Mustapha Yakubu Sadi. **Nigeria**



I believe that there is no better place to have such colossal acquaintance on postharvest and fresh cut technology than this 5<sup>th</sup> International On-Line Course. I consider it a vibrant experience. It gave me the opportunity to meet students from all over the world and learn about their culture and values. I also would like to thank the organizers of this great program, most especially to the selection committee for their swift progress of selecting me out of 120+ applicants.



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Noel Ndlovu. **Zimbabwe**



Postharvest losses represent a major threat to the sustainability and resilience-building of smallholder farmer communities in Developing Countries. The International online Course on Postharvest and Fresh-Cut Technologies created an ideal platform fostering technical expertise delivery and proper capacitation in the field of postharvest management. I treasure the opportunity to learn and appreciate the efficient and cost-effective postharvest technologies and methodologies explained in the Course. Thanks to Organizers.

H. M. Prathibhani Chamidha Kumarihami. **Sri Lanka**



It has been a great honor and pleasure of being selected and granted with the full registration fee Scholarship to follow this great Course. And herewith, I would like to express my gratitude to the organizing committee of the Course and the Scholarship Sponsors for giving me this pronounced opportunity. I has been one of the most suitable short duration Courses which highly fits with my academic fields of interests.

Tushar Kaushik. **India**



I am a research fellow. My project is the development of an off-grid, affordable, cold storage system for smallholder farmers in India. Since my background is totally different from agriculture, it's necessary to better understand field related to my project. The Course helped me to understand the requirements to achieve more accurate and effective design of the storage system together with providing a lot of really useful information. I really appreciate the knowledge received and would like to thank the University of Cartagena and Sponsors.



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Zaid Zecarias Fesseha. **Eritrea**



I moved from Eritrea to The Netherlands in 2014 as a refugee. Though I have tried to find a job related to my previous working experience, there is a gap between the technologies applied in Europe and the methods in poor underdeveloped countries. This Course open me a new market opportunity related to quality assurance and quality control of fresh produce, fresh-cut of juicing processing industry. As a single mam of two, this Scholarship gave me a big chance to develop my knowledge in postharvest management. I really thank the organizers, UPCT and Sponsors this exceptional opportunity.