

## Special Issue

# Genetic Improvement of Cassava

### Message from the Guest Editors

Cassava (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz) holds a significant position as one of the most vital energy sources in the diets of numerous tropical and subtropical countries. It plays an essential role in ensuring food security for millions of people, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. Recently, it has also emerged as the second most important starch source worldwide, solidifying its significance in various agro-industrial processes and as a crucial source of income for countless farmers. Previously regarded as an "orphan crop", cassava has witnessed remarkable progress in genetic improvement, comparable to advancements made in other major crops. In this Special Issue topic of the journal *Plants*, we cordially invite the scientific community to share their research findings focused on cassava improvement. We encourage contributions that explore diverse research approaches, aiming to resolve the current bottlenecks and maximize the effectiveness of cassava genetic improvement.

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