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GSG Board Welcomes Francis Onyekachi

The Global Stewardship Group is pleased to welcome Francis Onyekachi to its Board of Directors. Francis is Product Stewardship Manager for the [African Agricultural Technology Foundation](#) (AATF) and has been highly involved with GSG through AATF's membership in the Excellence Through Stewardship program.

Plant product stewardship in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is a growing area of interest for GSG. AATF is at the center of those efforts as a not-for-profit technology transfer organization that provides farmers in SSA with practical technology solutions to overcome farm productivity constraints.

The GSG Board is fortunate to have Francis's insight and perspective on stewardship in SSA as well as globally and looks forward to his contributions.



Francis Onyekachi, Product Stewardship Manager for AATF



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GSG Member Feedback Needed: GSG Program Audit Survey

The Global Stewardship Group is developing a Qualified Auditor Refresher Training scheduled for later this year. To help inform the

training agenda and content, we are asking those who have worked with our external Qualified Auditors to give us feedback on their experiences and auditor performance. Please complete a 10 question survey to assist the GSG in its ongoing efforts towards continuous improvement.

[Take the GSG Program Audit Survey](#)



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Feature Article:
Understanding the Differences Between GE, GMO, & GM

Evolving technology brings with it new and sometimes confusing terminology. Here, we break down the differences between GE, GMO, and GM.

[Differences Between GE, GMO, & GM](#)



GSG Presents to DC Ag Communicators

The quarterly meeting of the Washington, DC Ag Communicators Group took place this week at the office of the [American Feed Industry Association](#). The group is comprised of communications, public affairs, and policy professionals from various agriculture and agribusiness organizations, including the Global Stewardship Group.

The group discusses various topics and shares insights and common challenges. GSG staff shared information about the ETS, Plant Breeding Innovation Management, and GSG Learning programs with the audience that included various ally organizations.



Washington, DC Ag Communicators Meeting at AFIA



GSG Learning

New GSG Learning Web Page

With the expansion of GSG Learning offerings, we have created a new page on the GSG website with details on available opportunities. The page highlights four components:

- Stewardship Best Practices 101
- Program Audit Preparation Course
- Stewardship Workshops
- Member Visits

Please contact GSG staff with any questions.

[GSG Learning Web Page](#)



GSG All-Member Meeting Webinar

Last month, the Global Stewardship Group held its annual all-member meeting webinar where GSG staff shared updates on programs and activities. This year we had a special guest, Francis Onyekachi, Product Stewardship Manager for the [African Agricultural Technology Foundation](#) (AATF). Francis shared the challenges, successes, and opportunities in plant product stewardship in Sub-Saharan Africa.

[Watch the All-Member Meeting Webinar](#)



Spotlight on Member Resources

The Audit Checklists are valuable tools for audit preparation. They are organized to cover each of the Excellence Through Stewardship and Plant Breeding Innovation Management Program audit components that are applicable to a particular organization and includes questions which may be used by the auditor.

[ETS Audit Checklists](#)



GSG Seeks Program Committee Members

Global Stewardship Group committees are an integral part of the development of programs, projects, and initiatives. We are seeking members to join **from organizations that are not currently represented**. The GSG Committees are:

Technical Development Committee

Audit Operations Committee

Academic & E-Learning Committee

Communications Committee

GSG could not fulfill its mission without the knowledge and expertise of the talented people from our member organizations. If you are interested in receiving more information about the committees and their roles and responsibilities, please click below.

[GSG Committee Information](#)



Expert Chronicles Submissions Needed

GSG is seeking content for our Expert Chronicles series. Submissions can be in formats besides original written articles. Existing presentations, videos, and articles that have not yet reached the full GSG member audience are perfect offerings for Expert Chronicles.

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Have You Submitted Your Audit Plan?

At the beginning of every audit cycle, program participants are required to submit an Audit Plan.

The Audit Plan is a draft road map of your planned audits. It is a working document that can be updated at any time. We just ask that you notify GSG staff of any changes.

To submit your Audit Plan, click the **Send My Audit Plan** button.

If you do not know your Audit Plan status or have questions, click the **Know My Status** button.

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