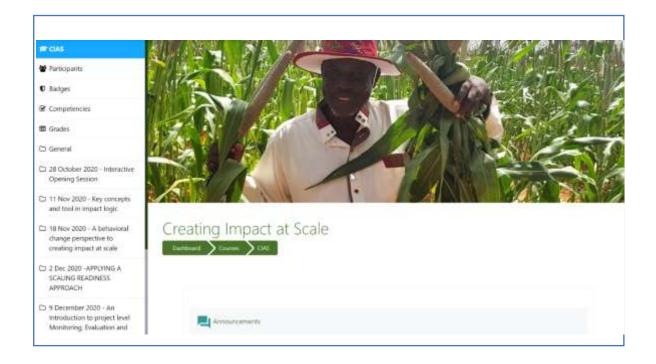# GLDC E-Learning Platform

Developments of GLDC Online Learning in 2020

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The GLDC Task Force set-up an E-Learning portal using a commonly known Learning Management Systems (LMS) to facilitate a flexible and user-friendly environment for both learners and facilitators. The site is accessible at GLDC - E-Learning Platform and currently seven courses are online and free to enroll for anyone, once registered. Topics address current issues related to the CRP GLDC such as "Breeding Approaches for Enhancing Genetic Gains in Food Legumes", "Sustainable Food and Agriculture" as well as "Creating Impact at Scale" or "Designing of Resilient Farming Systems".

In 2020 due to Covid-19 E-Learning experienced a huge boost across the globe. As there were lockdowns and restrictions in nearly every country in the world, formal and informal educators turned to online learning. Also, within the CRP GLDC we implemented more self-paced online courses that can be accessed by learners worldwide for free. If restrictions loosen up and face-to-face trainings will be more common again, it is planned to implement several courses in a blended manner, meaning the combination of face-to-face and online trainings. The site has about 180 registered users and it is aimed to achieve 500 users by the end of 2021.

Furthermore, in 2021 the platform shall be populated with more content by GLDC. The newly implemented forum for exchange for students and learners shall be populated regularly with relevant content. The E-Learning site is aimed at addressing a shift to mobile learning as well as time-, and place-independent access to education material for a broad audience.

About CRP-GLDC

The CGIAR Research Program on Grain Legumes and Dryland Cereals (CRP-GLDC) brings together research on seven legumes (chickpea, cowpea, pigeonpea, groundnut, lentil, soybean and common bean) and three cereals (pearl millet, finger millet and sorghum) to deliver improved livelihoods and nutrition by prioritizing demand driven innovations to increase production and market opportunities along value chains.
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