

Global Bean Project Updates

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE GLOBAL BEAN NETWORK? New Faces, New Plans, and Upcoming Events

Dear Global Bean Network,

It's a season of new beginnings at the Global Bean Project!

We're growing connections, sharing stories, and nurturing ideas that bring our vibrant community of legume lovers even closer.

In this edition, we're excited to introduce a new face, a refreshed structure for our partner meetings, and a series of inspiring events that celebrate the richness of legumes in our food systems and cultures.

Scroll down to see what's sprouting this month and how you can be part of it!

Warmly,

The Global Bean Team

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Gabriella Bruno Meet our New Coordinator

Hi! I'm Gabi, a Brazilian food activist and storyteller now based in Italy, and I'm truly excited to join the Global Bean Project as its new coordinator.

Growing up in Brazil, beans and rice were a daily staple, more than just food, they're a symbol of community, tradition, and resilience.

I believe legumes are incredible allies for the environment, and I'm passionate about encouraging more people to enjoy them for their flavor, nutrition, and vital role in sustainable food systems.

With experience in kitchens and a degree in gastronomic sciences, I look forward to helping our network grow stronger, share our stories, and promote wider bean consumption for the benefit of people and the planet.

Let's Organize by Passion! A New Way to Connect: 5 Categories of Bean Lovers

Our Global Bean universe is growing, and so are the ways we connect! To better reflect the strengths, interests, and creativity across our network, we're launching a new format:

 \rightarrow Monthly, informal partner meetings, each one focused on a shared area of passion. Here are the 5 categories we'll rotate through:

- Cultivation & Seedwork
- Education & Outreach
- Cooking & Culture
- Innovation & Changemaking
- Health & Nutrition

Each session will be led by a partner, and will be a relaxed space to share ideas, inspire one another, and collaborate more closely.

Interested in leading a session on one of the categories? We'd love to hear from you!



CULTIVATION & SEEDWORK PARTNER MEETING

JULY 8 | 5PM CET | ZOOM



Led by Mercy & Daniel, Seed Savers Network Kenya

JOIN US AND SHARE YOUR WORK WITH THE GLOBAL BEAN PROJECT NETWORK!

Coming Up Our First Themed Partner Meeting - June 8

Cultivation & Seedwork: July 8 | 5pm CET | 1-hour Zoom call

We're kicking things off with Cultivation & Seedwork, and are honored to have Mercy and Daniel from Seed Savers Network Kenya leading this session.

Seed Savers Network works to protect local biodiversity, preserve Indigenous seed knowledge, and empower smallholder farmers across Kenya. Learn more about them at: Seed Savers Network Kenya - Partners

Join us to hear about their work, share your own experiences with seeds, and connect with others passionate about growing from the ground up.



September 2nd Meeting Ahead! Get Involved: Share Your Bean Events

We're preparing for our next Global Bean public meeting on September 2nd (time to be confirmed), with the **theme: Bean-Related Events**. From farm tours and cooking classes to markets and workshops, we want to inspire and share the amazing activities happening across our network.

In the weeks before the meeting, we'll feature partner events in the newsletter and on Instagram. If you've hosted or plan to host a bean event, please send a short description, photos, or links — simply reply to this email or contact us at info@globalbean.eu We'd love to showcase your work!

We're also looking for a few partners willing to share their event experiences with a brief presentation during the meeting.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Recap What's Coming Up

July 8, 5pm CET – Partner Meeting: Cultivation & Seedwork

Led by Mercy and Daniel from Seed Savers Network Kenya. Don't miss it!

September 2 – Public Meeting: Bean-Related Events

Want to share your event? Send us a short description, photo, or link and let us know if you'd like to speak.

Monthly Partner Meetings by Passion are starting! Interested in leading one? We'd love to hear from you.

Thanks for being part of the Global Bean universe!



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