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Koffie Kouakou received a PhD in Plant virology from the University Félix Houphouët-Boigny in Côte d'Ivoire in collaboration with CNRA and CIRAD. Koffie has also completed a training on CSSV detection at the University of Reading in 2012 and he is a former Borlaug fellow in collaboration with the University of Arizona and USDA-ARS at Miami.