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Jamaica, dubbed a tropical paradise, provides some of the highest quality produce worldwide and its gastronomy boasts a rich culture shaped by creolization and its tropical environment. Extracting the value of Jamaica's gastronomy is essential to enable culinary professionals and emerging culinary talents reach their full potential.

As an Executive Chef emerging from the grassroots of agriculture, culinary and tourism, I am gratified to have mentored numerous Jamaican culinary professionals.

The use of local products to highlight Jamaica's gastronomy with a sustainable approach is the focus of my approach and has impacted gastronomic tourism locally and highlighted our potential in the global market.

The American Culinary Federation (ACF) Jamaica Chapter, established in 2019, with the aim to educate, train and certify, has ushered in approximately 200 members and continues to build on the culinary development of the industry. Together with the Jamaica Centre of Tourism Innovation (JCTI), the ACF has delivered free online courses and certification to culinary professionals furloughed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Since 2021, many of these candidates have gradually gone back to work with expanded knowledge and advanced qualification, acquiring higher positions and better remuneration.

IGCAT's World Region of Gastronomy initiative is a resource powerhouse of knowledge, experience and networking that undoubtedly can propel Jamaica's gastronomy. In addition, our team of IGCAT experts can provide valuable guidance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MOAF) and the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) through its networking platform towards greater sustainability and collaboration, employing chefs as agents of change.

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IGCAT News

Call open for candidate World Regions of Gastronomy

30 June 2021 - Regions hoping to be Awarded World or European Region of Gastronomy 2025 are invited to join IGCAT's growing Platform of regions that are working together to protect and promote cultural and food diversity. [Read more](#)



Creating cross-sectoral connections to support sustainable recovery

20 May 2021 - IGCAT experts and stakeholders in food, culture, wellness, nature and many other sectors from over 30 countries around the world took part in the webinar Spring into Recovery: resilience, recovery and raising excellence in tourism, held on 18-19 May 2021. Organised ... [Read more](#)

Sustainable Gastronomy Day - 18 June

18 June 2021 - Each year at IGCAT, we commemorate sustainable gastronomy as a pillar that represents each of our areas of interest; as gastronomy is the cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world. Today we ratify our commitment to sustainable gastronomy, which means "cuisine that takes into account the ... [Read more](#)



Tourism Film Festival sign-up to screen IGCAT's Food Film Menu

19 April 2021 - The renowned ART&TUR - International Tourism Film Festival (ART&TUR) and the brand-new EATSA ART & TOURISM Film Festival (EATSA - ATFF) have enriched the network of international cinematographic events that support IGCAT's Food Film Menu initiative. As a result of a ... [Read more](#)

News from the World Regions of Gastronomy

Kick-off of Coimbra Region 2021-22 title year

14 June 2021 - Coimbra Region officially started the celebrations of their title year as European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2021-2022 at an opening ceremony held on 11 May 2021 at the Convento São Francisco. The European Region of Gastronomy initiative involves all 19 municipalities of the Intermunicipal Community of Coimbra Region (CIMRC) in a com ... [Read more](#)



Slovenia 2021 issues commemorative stamp

8 June 2021 - A commemorative postage stamp of Slovenia, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2021 has been recently released as part of the celebrations of the region's title year. Issued by Slovenian Post, the stamp showcases local dishes arranged according to Slovenia's Gastronomic Pyramid, the country's food guide for a healthy and sustainabl ... [Read more](#)

Kuopio Region shines as an experiential food tourism destination

29 June 2021 - Three initiatives from Kuopio, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2020-21 are among the finalists of the Hungry for Finland national food tourism competition 2021, organised to boost and award top experiential food tourism products in the country. O ... [Read more](#)



Cross-sectoral synergies drive innovation on Menorca's food gifts

18 June 2021 - In the framework of Menorca, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2022, the Fundació Foment del Turisme de Menorca celebrated a local contest on 15 June 2021 to select the products that will represent the region at IGCAT's European Food Gift Challenge 2 ... [Read more](#)

Trondheim-Trøndelag's finalist to the EYCA 2021

25 June 2021 - A mystery box full of top-quality local products and two hours and a half to cook them and impress a jury of experts. This was the challenge for two young talents from Trondheim-Trøndelag, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2022, to earn a place in IGCAT's European Young Chef Award 2021. Both of them had to prepare one start ... [Read more](#)





A mouth-watering taste of Hauts-de-France 2023

21 June 2021 - Local chefs, producers and foods are the protagonists of the new, mouth-watering video of Hauts-de-France, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2023. The video showcases chefs and producers who are committed to boost gastronomic excellence in the region by highlight local food varieties and an inclusive and eco-responsible appro ... [Read more](#)

Sea and Sun, and So Much More - The South Aegean Welcomes the World

9 June 2021 - The Southern Aegean probably provides more images of Greece to the world than any place besides the Acropolis, according to C. Sirigos from The National Herald, who interviewed Governor George Chatzimarkos. "There is a reason why we say about Aegean Isl ... [Read more](#)



Local communities drive innovation in food and culture

4 June 2021 - As part of its legacy as European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2017, Aarhus-Central Denmark Region has developed the Microfunding initiative to support innovative small-scale projects in gastronomy and culture. Twice a year, the region co-funds exp ... [Read more](#)

North Brabant encourages plant-based food consumption

21 April 2021 - A frontrunner in campaigning for the substitution of meat with vegetables, North Brabant, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2018 is increasingly promoting the local production and consumption of vegetable proteins. As part of this effort, in 2020 FoodUp Brab ... [Read more](#)



Current news from around the globe



FAO report maps insights from and threats to Indigenous Peoples' food Systems

By FAO

28 June 2021 - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), together with the Alliance of Bioversity International and The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) released a n ... [Read more](#)

Call for nomination to the UNESCO International Prize for the Creative Economy

By UNESCO

24 June 2021 - In celebration of the 2021 UN International Year of Creative Economy, UNESCO is pleased to launch a call for nomination to the UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International ... [Read more](#)



Environmental Justice Impacts of Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution

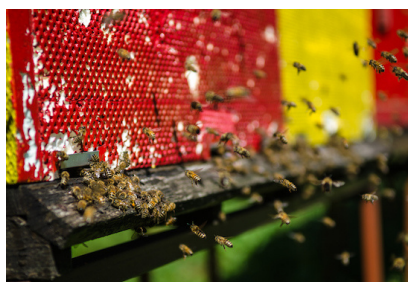
By One Planet Network

31 May 2021 - Vulnerable communities disproportionately bear the brunt of environmental degradation caused by plastics pollution, according to new UN Environment Programme report. The United Nations Environ ... [Read more](#)

Europe's travel & tourism sector welcomes the "EU Digital Covid Certificate"

By Tourism Manifesto

27 May 2021 - The European Tourism Manifesto alliance of more than 60 travel and tourism organisations warmly welcomes the adoption of the "EU Digital COVID Certificate" Regulation. The Alliance calls on Mem ... [Read more](#)



The fourth observance of World Bee Day

By Slovenian Tourist Board

21 May 2021 - The main purpose of World Bee Day, which is celebrated on 20 May, is to raise awareness about the significance of the bees and other pollinators for humanity. On 20 December 2017, the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) declared 20 May World Bee Day. The initiat ... [Read more](#)

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