

## **Workshop 3**

### **Database development across borders: Using cloud-based data storage to encourage collaboration**

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#### **Description**

In 2025, the Millennium Seed Bank (MSB) Partnership will mark 25 years of global collaboration to conserve native flora. The Weston Global Tree Seed Bank: Unlocked programme, based at the MSB, strengthens seed supply, restoration, and conservation in 16 countries, with its largest project being in Madagascar. The AETFAT 2025 conference offers a key opportunity to join forces with partners from across Africa to reflect on our achievements, discuss ongoing efforts, and explore ways to strengthen seed conservation networks across the continent. This workshop will feature UK and Madagascar experts collaborating on the GTSBU programme, with a focus on building African capacity in data management using Botanical Research and Herbarium Management System (BRAHMS) software. This workshop will include demonstrations of cloud-based storage solutions, aimed at enhancing data sharing and collaboration across seed conservation networks. Attendees will gain practical tools and strategies to overcome the limitations of traditional databases, promoting innovation and efficient data use. Additionally, the workshop will introduce the new SNGF web portal, designed to encourage the use of seed material and support propagation efforts for native tree species, furthering the MSB's goal of global conservation.

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**Duration:** Two (2) Hours