



AITC course 2023 : The application of a parabolic greenhouse solar dryer together with raw material preparation techniques to extend shelf-life and enhance quality of agricultural products

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### Expertise:

- *Creation of trans-free fats via several methods of structure modification (e.g., blending, organogelation, chemical and enzymatic interesterification and fractionation) for industrial uses*
- *Crystallization of fats and oils under various conditions and under the influence of different additives (e.g., emulsifiers, plant waxes, high-melting fats, mono-, di-, and triglycerides)*
- *Characterization of fats and oils from seeds of exotic plants found in tropical countries*
- *Production of cocoa butter alternatives, margarine fats and shortening from exotic fats*
- *In-depth study of fat bloom mechanism in chocolate and compound coating*



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## Publication:

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