Side Event on

Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture: The Way Forward

FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

12 June 2015

Room Sheikh Zayed Centre

A side event will be organized at FAO HQ, Rome, during the 39th Session of the FAO Conference, on 12 June 2015 13:00-14:00 in the Sheikh Zayed Centre on the theme Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture: The Way Forward.

Rationale

Following the launch of the Global Alliance for CSA (GACSA) on 23 September 2014 during the UN Secretary-General Climate Summit in New York, the emphasis was put on identifying early actions of the Alliance and defining the Governance structure, formulating Terms of Reference for the three Action Groups (AGs), and developing the work programme for the inception year.

The overall objectives of this side event are:

- · Facilitating and contributing to on-going dialogue on CSA;
- Sharing practical experiences, lessons learned in scaling up CSA;
- · Mobilising increased stakeholder participation in the GACSA and strengthening global drive and support for CSA.

GACSA members countries from Caribbean, Asian and African will present cases to show that CSA approach is both context specific and knowledge intensive.

This side-event will put forward a positive, actionable agenda on climate-smart agriculture practices for GACSA. The role of the AGs on knowledge, enabling environment and investment will be addressed by the GACSA co-chairs, highlighting the importance of the synergies among the three AGs' Work Plans.

Outline of the Side Event

The side event will be organized as a panel discussion.

Panel members will include:

- High level representatives of two countries –
 David Lane, Permanent Representative of the USA to the UN Agencies in Rome;
 Marco Vinicio Vargas Pereira, HE Ambassador of Costa Rica
- Small holder farmer Paul Zakariya, Zimbabwe
- Marco Marzano de Marinis, Secretary General, World Farmers Organization

• Research - Carlos Seré, Senior Advisor on Strategic Partnerships and Global

Initiatives, Office of the Director General, Bioversity International, CGIAR Consortium

Inge Rydland, GACSA Co-Chair

Moderator: Martin Frick, Director, NRC, FAO

Translation: English, Spanish, French

Programme (13:00 – 14:00)

• 13:00-13:05 Opening remarks by GACSA co-Chair "What value addition does GACSA

bring to the promotion and scaling up of CSA"

13:05-13:30 Panel discussion on "What is the added value for CSA for small holders, and

how can policies and research make a difference"

• Small holder farmer presentation – Paul Zakariya, Zimbabwe;

Country case – David Lane, Permanent Representative of the USA to the UN Agencies

in Rome;

Country case - Marco Vinicio Vargas Pereira, HE Ambassador of Costa Rica;

• Marco Marzano de Marinis, Secretary General, World Farmers Organization;

• Carlos Seré, Senior Advisor on Strategic Partnerships and Global Initiatives, Office of

the Director General, Bioversity International, CGIAR Consortium.

13:30-13:55 Interactive Session.

13:55-14:00 Closing remarks by Ms Semedo, DDG, FAO.