

INCEPTION YEAR WORK PLAN – January to December 2015

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EXPECTED RESULTS DURING THE INCEPTION YEAR

To enable people to achieve food security and for food producers to improve their livelihoods, there is a need for sustainable increases in agricultural productivity; for reducing food losses and waste; for all food systems to be more resilient and able to adapt to climate change; and for enabling agriculture to contribute to the reduction and removal of greenhouse gas emissions, where possible. Members of the Alliance recognize the urgent need to act at scale and to contribute towards three aspirational outcomes:

- i. Sustainable and equitable increases in agricultural productivity and incomes;
- ii. Greater resilience of food systems and farming livelihoods; and
- iii. Reduction and/or removal of greenhouse gas emissions associated with agriculture (including the relationship between agriculture and ecosystems), where possible.

The focus of the work in the Alliance Inception year will be on concrete actions to help deliver its overall aim to enhance the resilience of 500 million people in agriculture by 2030, through their use of climate smart agriculture approaches. This Program of Work sets out the results to be achieved in the first year. These are divided into results on governance and process in establishing the Alliance, and the start of the delivery of actions that members of the Alliance have announced and committed themselves to.

Actions on climate-smart agriculture

Before and at the launch of the Alliance members set out a number of actions and initiatives they plan to take under the Alliance. These will be at the heart of the Alliance and will determine its success. As the Alliance is open and voluntary members are not accountable to the Alliance, they will come together on these actions and the intention is they share what they have done under the Alliance. The results for this part of the Alliance will therefore come from the different initiatives.

Members are expected to provide periodic updates on their actions in support of these aspirational outcomes and on their qualitative or quantitative impact being achieved.

Annual feedback from actions being undertaken by members on climate smart agriculture, may include.

- Commitments by members to earmark or increase their investments in agriculture climate smart;
- X Knowledge products on climate smart agriculture produced;
- Innovative toolbox of options from which to chose, encompassing all scales and types of agriculture systems, across all climates and approaches to farming, including crop, livestock, fishery and forestry activities;
- Development of a Clearing House Mechanism;
- Brokerage service.

Governance, organizational structure

The aim is that by the end of the 2014 the Alliance will have a clear and efficient governance structure with an active and enlarging membership across all stakeholder groups. Results to deliver this are:

- Operational Strategic Committee in place mid December with co-chairs agreed during 1st Alliance working meeting;
- Supportive Facilitation Unit in place by mid December 2014;
- Enlarged membership of the Global Alliance across all stakeholders (ongoing).

TABLE OF ACTIVITIES

	Action item/deliverable	Start date	Finish date	Responsible focal point.
1.	<p>Pledges and commitments to Global Alliance for CSA</p> <p>Members make pledges and commitments, as measurable as possible, on actions which contribute to the overall aspirational outcomes of the Alliance. Members will report in 1st annual meeting in November 2015.</p>	Sept. 2014	Nov 2015	Strategic Committee, supported by interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit
2.	<p>Work and Action Areas</p> <p>The Facilitation Unit will support the continuation of the current action groups and facilitate their transition into a fully operational Alliance, this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Liaising with the institutions/organizations currently co-leading the action groups and determine their transition, and how action areas become operational; b) Facilitate members in developing joint action areas on different CSA priorities within different geographic contexts; c) Support existing and facilitate the creation of the regional coordination and implementation mechanisms; d) Compile pledges and facilitate the identification of organizations who can support stakeholders on CSA uptake; e) Facilitate the drafting of workplans for each individual platform and work programme. <p>Action Group on Investment</p> <p>Action Group on Enabling Environments</p> <p>Ad- hoc Action Group on Aspirational Outcomes</p>	Sept. 2014 (prep.)	End of Nov. 2015 then on going after that	<p>Strategic Committee, supported by interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit</p> <p>WB & IFAD</p> <p>GFAR, FANRPAN (tbc) Group tbd</p>

3.	<p>Action Group on CSA Knowledge (and capacity building)</p> <p>The Facilitation Unit will support the continuation of the current action groups and facilitate their transition into a of a fully operational alliance, this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Developing an infrastructure (e.g. website and database) for knowledge exchange and list of contributors; b) Establishing a programme to support south-south collaboration and other capacity building mechanisms requested by Alliance members. 			FAO/CCAFS + Facilitation Unit
4.	<p>Establishment of the Facilitation Unit</p> <p>Facilitation Unit established and operational through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Facilitation Unit ToR's and estimated yearly budget agreed with ad-hoc Strategic Committee and donors (completed by mid October 2014). b) Agreed initial FAO employed and seconded staffing structure, TORs and modalities (completed by mid October 2014). c) Multi-donor project document developed and finalized with interested donors (Completed 1 Nov 2014 first funds deposited end of Nov. 2014). d) Secretariat staff recruited (P5, G4 and G3) and seconded (minimum of 3) located at FAO HQ in Rome (end of Feb 2015). "Hubs" facilitating specific local or regional actions maybe agreed in a second phase. 	1 Sept. 2014	1 March 2015	Strategic Committee
5.	<p>Inception year governance arrangements</p> <p>To ensure the required objects are achieved in the inception year the following actions and supporting materials will be developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Establish governance and operational Alliance (start from 23 Sept. to Nov. 2015 when official Chair and vice chair will be appointed). b) Set up light interim governance arrangements, including TORs for the Strategic Committee and modalities to participate in discussions and decision making (completed by early October 2014). c) Appointment if interim/ad - hoc co-Chairs (November 2014). 			Strategic Committee

<p>6.</p>	<p>Approved Governance Arrangements of the Global Alliance Action items to be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update the Framework document where needed, on governance arrangements and modes of operation in consultation with the different groups using different communication methods and channels. (Final texts approved by the annual Alliance meeting in 2015); b) TOR's of the Strategic Committee with modalities of appointment and representation approved; c) Continued consultation on the development of the Alliance involving all stakeholder groups; d) Facilitation of regional groups/alliances and modalities in place on how these will interact between themselves and the Strategic Committee and Facilitation Unit (Nov. 2015); e) Development of modalities of country and location specific support mechanism (may be concept specific)(Nov 2015). 	<p>Oct. 2014</p>	<p>Nov. 2015</p>	<p>Interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>1st Annual Meeting of the Alliance Hold the first annual meeting of the Alliance, possibly linked to other major events to take advantage of delegates already attending. Some of the key elements of the event may include (subject to inputs/guidance from the Strategic Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A High Level segment with Ministers and/or senior representatives; b) Plenary sessions with active participation of all Alliance members; c) Appointment of Chair and co-chair(s); d) Appointment of the Strategic Committee by the Alliance members; e) Approval of second year work plan and work areas of action groups and regional groups; f) Meeting for finalizing estimated budget for 2nd year and beyond. g) <i>Amendments to the Framework document if needed (tbd)</i> 	<p>Dec. 2014</p>	<p>TBD 2015</p>	<p>Strategic Committee with support of the interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Strategic Committee meeting A first meeting of the Strategic Committee will be held at FAO HQ in Rome to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree and finalize Program of Work for the Alliance inception year; b) Agree and finalize Secretariat TORs; c) Review fundamental key points of the essential resources and action areas that need to be addressed, including governance and operational fundamentals. 	<p>Sept. 2014 (prep.)</p>	<p>End of Nov. 2014</p>	<p>Interim-secretariat</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Facilitate membership and active participation To ensure and increasingly larger participation of stakeholders the following tasks will be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Actively promote the Alliance principles and objectives; b) Develop modalities of participation (to be inserted in governance document); c) Provide facilitation of cross sector and member collaborations and interests; d) Develop online registration system and database to facilitate monitoring progress and acting at scale, and for use and referencing; e) Develop database on expertise and support members can provide; f) Specific focus on Civil Society involvement 	<p>Sept. 2014 (prep.)</p>	<p>End of Nov. 2015 then on going after that</p>	<p>Strategic Committee with support of the interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Communication The Facilitation Unit will develop and deliver the following communication products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A communication strategy for the Alliance inception year; b) Key communication products e.g. the Framework Document, Q&A, etc.; c) Establish communication channels (list server, social media, IT, networks, etc.); d) Outreach and advocacy, incl. for broadening the Alliance membership, in close consultation with the Strategic Committee; e) Where appropriate support engagement of major groups and events. 			<p>Strategic Committee with support of the interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit</p>

11.	<p>Monitoring For measuring the achievements of the aspirational outcomes progress and impact will be monitored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop targets and indicators; • Members will report on their individual and joint achievements. 			Strategic Committee, with support of the interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit, possibly supported by an ad hoc action group
12.	<p>Relevant International processes The Alliance will take into account other international processes, related to agriculture, food security and nutrition and climate change and make full synergies between them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop calendar with relevant meetings for next 12 months; • List meetings Alliance members are organizing. 	Sept. 2014 ongoing		Interim-secretariat and Facilitation Unit