GACSA GOVERNANCE

GACSA Members and Observers
Membership in the Alliance does not create any binding obligations and each member individually determines the nature of its participation. There is no fee for participation in the Alliance.

The Strategic Committee (SC)
The SC serves as a representative body of Alliance members and the decision authority for approving an annual Program of Work. For the first inception year (2015), all GACSA members may volunteer to be members of the GACSA Steering Committee.

SC Co-Chairs
The SC is lead by two Co-Chairs, who normally serve a one-year term with the possibility of a one-year extension. Any member of GACSA is eligible to be elected as Co-Chair.

Action Groups
Within the Alliance there are three initial action groups on:
- Knowledge;
- Investment;
- Enabling environments.

Annual Forum
The Annual Forum serves as an opportunity at which members and stakeholders interested in CSA can have an open dialogue, build consensus, set priorities and approve the overall direction, strategy and Programme of Work of the Alliance.

Facilitation Unit
The Facilitation Unit serves as the secretariat for the Alliance and helps Alliance members take action to deliver the three aspirational outcomes. The Facilitation Unit is hosted by FAO.

WHO WE ARE

An alliance of partners created to stimulate accelerated scaling up of CSA and thereby facilitating concrete food security and agriculture initiatives by tapping the wealth and diversity of resources, knowledge, information and expertise from its members.

The Alliance is open to membership from all continents and all sectors, including governments, inter-governmental organizations, farmer organizations, NGOs, civil society groups, research institutes and, private sector, whose objectives and activities are consistent with the vision and mission of GACSA, and who fulfill the criteria for membership. Individuals cannot become members of GACSA.

Entities interested in becoming a GACSA member, please contact: ACSA-Facilitation-Unit@fao.org

For more information, visit www.fao.org/gacsa
To address the challenges facing food security and agriculture by tapping the wealth and diversity of resources, knowledge, information and expertise, from and between its members, in order to stimulate concrete initiatives at all levels.

The vision of the Alliance is to improve people’s food security and nutrition in the face of climate change.

The Alliance will help governments, farmers, scientists, businesses, and civil society, as well as regional unions and international organizations, to adjust agricultural, forestry and fisheries practices, food systems and social policies.

Members of the Alliance recognize the urgent need to act at scale and to contribute towards three aspirational outcomes:

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

The facts that drive us:

1/3 of global fish stocks are over-exploited, depleted or recovering.

1/4 of all land on the planet is on the path to becoming highly degraded.

13 million hectares of forests are lost each year.