

Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture [GACSA]

Work Program: 2016 -2017

1. THE GACSA VISION AND MISSION

GACSA Vision

Seeking, through its members, to improve food security, nutrition, resilience and reduce where possible greenhouse gas emissions in the face of climate change

GACSA Mission Statement

Through an open, diverse and inclusive multi-stakeholder knowledge exchange and learning platforms and networking, contribute to enhancing agricultural, forestry and fisheries practices and systems while sustainably increasing productivity, improving resilience and where possible, reducing emissions

2. GACSA CORE COMPONENTS

Acknowledging its Vision and Mission Statement;

Acknowledging international agreed principles, conventions, and work done within the UN and international financial institutions;

GACSA seeks to accelerate the scaling-up of climate smart agriculture through the following core components:

2.1 Diverse and inclusive networking and platforms

- Provide an neutral space for dialogue, consultations and knowledge sharing
- Broker and catalyze partnerships for the development, scaling up and dissemination of innovative, evidence-based options for climate-smart agriculture
- Facilitate sharing information and experience, technologies, knowledge and practices on diverse climate-smart agriculture approaches, at all levels, taking a holistic, integrated, cross-sectoral and system-based approach ; that achieve measurable benefits

2.2 Advocacy and communication

- Contributing to informed public dialogue and public opinions on agriculture-climate change nexus issues
- provide an inclusive and diverse multi-stakeholder platform that provides a voice for farmers, bearing in mind women, smallholder and family farmers, youth and indigenous peoples, and recognizing that smallholders, including farmers, livestock keepers, fishers and foresters are the most vulnerable to climate change

2.3 Leveraging multi-institutional action on problem-solving knowledge generation

- Brokering/commissioning multi-institutional studies, analysis and research

- Documenting best-practice experiences and lessons

3. The 2016-17 PROGRAMME FOCUS

Bearing in mind the above the GACSA delivery model is carried out by collective membership actions of the Facilitation Unit; three Action Groups and various Ad Hoc groups with a focus on the following areas in 2016 and 2017:

Knowledge Action Group

- Ensure creation of knowledge in collaboration with institutions, organizations, universities and other stakeholders
- Ensure sharing of information and knowledge through a number of communication, capacity building and extension channels, in particular linking with universities, technical institutions and national and local entities
- Ensure collaboration with other action groups

Investment Action Group

- Develop metrics and increasing understanding of climate smart agriculture
- Share knowledge and lessons on the investment landscape
- Help transform private and public investment in climate smart agriculture (and landscapes)
- Facilitate more action at the national level (including on NDCs)

Enabling Environment Action Group

- Integrating climate-smart agriculture into policy through a comparative analysis of six country case studies
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- Involved more diverse stakeholders to address policies : on climate mitigation regulations and integrating climate data
- Foster policies that encourage addressing value chains and the synthesis of policy and science

Membership Engagement Team

- Highlight accomplishments of GACSA members
- Forge partnerships and facilitate dialogue and learning
- Assess need for new members

Communication Team

- Enhance understanding of GACSA
- Increase GACSA visibility
- Strengthen internal communication

Finance Team

- Analyze GACSA finances
- Identify options to optimize resource allocation
- Identify fundraising opportunities

Facilitation Unit

- Provide a Clearing House Mechanism for partnership enhancement
- Support to Action Groups and task teams
- Strengthen GACSA communication
- Organize meetings and events
- GACSA advocate

Regional Alliance Team

- Develop knowledge exchange among the CSA Alliances
- Foster dialogue and inclusiveness between the CSA Alliances
- Develop joint communication activities