

Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) - Investment Action Group (IAG)

Work Plan- 2016 to 2017

This draft plan is based on the first work plan for the IAG, and to take forward the agreed purpose and objectives of the IAG:

Purpose of IAG:

The IAG supports the work of GACSA members in their efforts to contribute to agreed vision and goals of GACSA, and its purpose *to improve the effectiveness, and ultimately to help increase the volume, of public and private investments that support the three pillars of climate-smart agriculture:*

- Achieve sustainable increases in the productivity of food systems in the face of climate change.
- Adapt people's livelihoods, especially women and smallholder farmers that are threatened by climate change.
- Reduce environmental impacts of agriculture, especially greenhouse gas emissions, and help stop deforestation as a result of agriculture.

During the 2016/2017 at the IAG meeting on 17 June it was agreed the group should focus its efforts on actions to deliver **outputs** under four **objectives**

- A. **Developing metrics and increasing understanding of climate smart agriculture** -To help and support the development of metrics¹ on climate smart agriculture that can be used by: public and private investors; private companies (commodity groups, input suppliers, traders and processors); producer and farmers' organisations; and, civil society organisations.
- B. **Sharing knowledge and lessons on the investment landscape** To help identify existing and new sources of financing for climate smart agriculture from domestic, private and public (multilateral and bilateral) sources; and,
- C. **Helping transforming private and public investment in climate smart agriculture** - To help existing public and private investors in agriculture to review their investments with the three pillars of climate smart agriculture and undertake the necessary changes to increase their focus on climate smart agriculture. A particular focus on the GCF was agreed.
- D. **Facilitate more action at the national level**, in particular, (a) mainstreaming CSA into national development planning and budget; and (b) capacity building. This includes considering how best to support country's plans and pipelines on implementing their NDCs presented at COP21.

Table 1 Summarises actions to deliver these outputs IAG members are taking individually or collectively **TO BE COMPLETED**.

¹ This will cover social, environmental and economic aspects. Synergies will be needed with wider work on investments e.g. Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, and the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment (RAI), and the development of appropriate safeguards.

Table 1 Investment Action Group Work Plan 2016-2017 **TO BE COMPLETED**

Challenge	Output	Actions	timeline	Lead person and contacts
IAG Objective: A. Developing metrics and increasing understanding of climate smart agriculture				
The need for a sophisticated yet simple set of consistent metrics for public and private investors and practitioners to use to monitor CSA progress, that also address gender and nutrition, and are part of relevant social and environment metrics and safeguards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreed set of metrics and/or principles on CSA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate and joint meeting/workshop with KAG to review work they have already done on metrics and provide views on whether these would meet the needs of public and private investors.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidelines and metrics used in climate/CSA finance mechanisms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop guidance documents to share with national and international climate/CSA finance actors		
IAG Objective: B. Sharing knowledge and lessons on the investment landscape				
Understanding where investment finance for CSA, landscapes and sustainable land use (SLU) is flowing, which is most significant.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mapping and analysis of fiscal instruments and mechanisms by IAG members that shape CSA and SLU finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Reports and publication	On-going	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Share information through IAG and during GACSA annual forums	<input type="checkbox"/> Successful AF and IAG meetings	On-going	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Post information to GACSA platform by IAG members.	<input type="checkbox"/> Updated GACSA web site	On-going	FU
IAG Objective: C. Helping transform private and public investment in climate smart agriculture (and landscapes)				
Transforming the way the corporate sector is viewing CSA from risk focused to opportunity focused, and making the transition from impact investments being funding mostly by the philanthropic and donors to the mainstream investment sector.	<input type="checkbox"/> To be added			
IAG Objective: D. Facilitate more action at the national level (including on NDCs)				
Capacity is needed to mainstreaming CSA into national development planning and budget. This includes considering how best to support country's plans and pipelines on implementing their NDCs presented at COP21	<input type="checkbox"/> To be added			