

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE SMART-AGRICULTURE (GACSA) AT COP22  
 MARRAKESH, MOROCCO, 7-18 NOVEMBER 2016**

**Exhibition**

<p><b>7 - 18 November</b></p>	<p><b>Exhibition Booth</b>          In cooperation with National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership, India  <u>Location:</u> Green Zone  <i>If you would like to show videos of your work on CSA at the exhibition booth, please send the MP4 file to <a href="mailto:emna.belgasmi@fao.org">emna.belgasmi@fao.org</a> before 7 November.</i></p>
<p><b>7 - 18 November</b></p>	<p><b>Exhibition Area</b>          In cooperation with the Government of the Netherlands  <u>Location:</u> Holland Pavilion, Green Zone</p>
<p><b>14 November</b>          11:00- 11:30  <b>15 November</b>          11:30- 12:00  <b>16 November</b>          10:30-11:00</p>	<p><b>Speakers Corner</b>          In cooperation with the Government of the Netherlands  <u>Location:</u> Holland Pavilion, Green Zone  <i>The Organizer provided GACSA members with 3 slots at their speaking corner.          Please send an email to <a href="mailto:olga.trynkova@fao.org">olga.trynkova@fao.org</a> before 7 November, if you are interested in participating.          First come, first served.          We invite our members to collaborate.</i></p>

**GACSA' Side Events**

<p><b>12 November</b>  <u>Time:</u> 15:00 to          16:30</p>	<p><u>Theme:</u> <b>Investment Opportunities for Scaling- up Climate-Smart Agriculture</b></p>
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Location:  
 Italian Pavilion,  
 Blue Zone

Brief  
Description:

The current global climate finance landscape shows that agriculture is generally underfunded. Furthermore, only a small portion of the agricultural finance trickles into CSA funding. If CSA is to produce the expected climate solution to food security it must be implemented at scale and this requires substantial investments. This calls for innovative approaches to resource mobilisation for scaling up CSA. This side event aims at exploring some opportunities for innovations in investment on CSA. The side event will bring together leading experts from various sectors including international organizations, financial institutions as well as government and research to discuss investment opportunities for CSA in the future, building on lessons learned from current success stories.

Speakers:

- Michael Hailu, Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation
- Swan Senesi, Advisor, Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy
- James Kinyangi, Chief Climate Change & Policy Officer, African Development Bank
- Farmer's Voice - World Farmers Organization
- Sonja Vermeulen, Head of Research, CCAFS - tbc

Moderator:

- GACSA Co-Chair

**16 November**

Time:  
 11:00 to 12.30

Location:  
 Morocco Pavilion

Theme: **Gender and Youth in CSA**

Organized with National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership, India

Brief  
Description:

A gender gap in agriculture is a pattern, documented worldwide, in which women in agriculture have less access to productive resources, financial capital and to advisory services compared to men. In the context of CSA, this gap means that men and women are not starting off on a level playing field. Globally, the youth are not attracted to agriculture due to lack of incentives, yet they are the ones from which most innovative ideas can be expected, especially in dealing with climate smart agriculture. This side event will focus on discussing the adoption of a gender-responsive approach that addresses the current gender-related gaps for effective implementation of CSA. The speakers will examine the particular needs, priorities, and realities of men, women and youth that need to be recognized and adequately addressed in the design and application of CSA so that all classes of the farming community can equally benefit.

Speakers:

- Welcome remarks by Dr. Kirit N Shelat, NCCSD
- Mr Charles Ogang, President of the Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE)
- Dr Sophia Huyer, Gender and Social Inclusion Leader, CCAFS
- Agripina Jenkins, Ministry of Agriculture, Costa Rica – tbc
- Dr. Odemari Mbuya, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Dr. V.V. Sadamate, NCCSD
- Mr Goslia Vivekand, Research and Training Institute, India

Moderator:

- GACSA Co-Chair

**GACSA Speaking Slots**

<p><b>8 November</b></p> <p><u>Time:</u> 12:00 to 14:00</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Africa Pavilion, Salle 1</p>	<p><b>Theme:</b> <b>Climate-Smart Agriculture, Agroecology and Food Security: Lessons Learned from Research and Community Development Projects in Africa</b></p> <p>Organizers: University Cornell University, UNDP Small Grants Program and CIRAD</p> <p><b>Brief Description:</b> National governments, research universities and international development organizations working in the sustainable natural resources management, agricultural and climate change sphere are conducting climate smart initiatives and research on adaptation and mitigation practices and implementing integrated research and community-based projects in many African countries, with varying methodologies, community partners, and outcomes. This session will provide lessons learned from these research and development projects in Africa, including projects in Ethiopia, Malawi, Morocco, Tanzania, and other African countries. We will also provide an update on newly published research findings from Cornell University on soil health and carbon sequestration using biochar systems and the applicability of this research in the African context.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Chatrchyan, Director, Cornell Institute for Climate Smart Solutions</li> <li>• Johannes Lehmann, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</li> <li>• Tefera Tadesse, NRM Director, Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources</li> <li>• Dawit Solomon, Senior Research Associate, Cornell University, USA</li> <li>• Rachel Bezner-Kerr, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</li> <li>• Charles Nyandiga, Program Manager, UNDP</li> <li>• Badia Sahmy, UNDP SGP Morocco</li> <li>• Emmanuel Torquebiau, CIRAD, France</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GACSA Co-Chair - tbc</li> </ul>
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GACSA's speaking slot at the side-event of National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development & Public Leadership (NCCCSD) and the Canadian Farmers Organization.

<p><b>9 November</b></p> <p><u>Time:</u> 15:00 to 16:30</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Observer room 2, Blue Zone</p>	<p><b>Theme:</b> <b>On-farm renewables: How the world's farmers can address climate change and support food security</b></p> <p><b>Brief Description:</b> Possibilities and practicalities of delivering and enhancing food security through transforming the world's energy systems. Discussion of renewable energy potential, co-benefits and trade-offs especially around land use, and exploration of funding options, alongside real-life experiences of farmers.</p>
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GACSA participation in the event organized by the Government of Japan

<p><b>10 November</b></p> <p><u>Time:</u> 15:00 to 18:30</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Japan Pavilion, Blue zone</p>	<p><b>Theme:</b></p>	<p><b>International Agricultural Research Cooperation for Climate Change - Follow-up side event of G7, Government of Japan</b></p>
	<p><b>Brief Description:</b></p>	<p>Sharing knowledge and experience is a key to tackling climate change issues, in particular, in agricultural research areas. Through such activities, we can achieve faster progress as well as better understanding towards identifying the solution needed for improving agricultural productivity and reducing its contribution to climate change. Given this importance, G7 Ministers stated in the G7 Niigata Agriculture Minister's Meeting Declaration that "We will follow these initiatives (the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA), 4/1000 Initiative, and FAO's Global Soil Partnership (GSP) and others) which address climate change issues in a concerted manner, by means of organizing a G7 Follow-up side event during COP22." at the G7 Niigata Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held in Niigata, Japan, on 23-24 this April. This side event will provide an opportunity for all participants to follow the existing initiatives, in particular, GRA, GACSA, 4/1000 Initiative, and GSP in a concerted manner and will act as a "catalyst" for facilitating the development of these initiatives, further.</p>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hayden Montgomery, GRA Special Representative</li> <li>• Martin Bwalya or Ms. Mi Nguyen, Co-Chair of GACSA</li> <li>• Ronald Vargas (TBC), the Secretary of the GSP</li> <li>• TBD, 4/1000</li> </ul>

GACSA's speaking slot at the side-event of Youth Network and CCAFS in cooperation with Youth Network.

<p><b>15 November</b></p> <p><u>Time:</u> 10:00 to 11:30</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Salle 2, African Pavillion</p>	<p><b>Theme:</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Engagement in Climate Smart Agriculture in Africa</b></p>
	<p><b>Brief Description:</b></p>	<p>Worldwide, there is growing concern that young people have become disenchanted with agriculture. About 85% of the young people live in developing countries, where agriculture is likely to provide the main source of income. It is, therefore, vital that young people are connected with agriculture as a source of income. Issues such as perception regarding agriculture across generations need to be addressed in order for the older generation to encourage young people to take up agriculture as a source of income. Essentially, governments need to put in place policies and incentives that will encourage youth participation in climate-smart agriculture (CSA). In order to take forward these issues, CCAFS in partnership with, ACLYP and the CSAYN will host a side event to discuss youth engagement in CSA and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.</p>
	<p><b>Objective of Event:</b></p>	

Speakers:	<p>Explore the contribution of African youth to CSA and showcase examples of youth taking the lead in CSA</p> <p>Highlight youth skills gap in the uptake and implementation of CSA, including resource gaps</p> <p>Identify available opportunities and incentives to promote youth engagement in CSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maren Radeny, East Africa Regional Program Coordinator, (CAAFS)</li> <li>• Catherine Mungai, Partnerships and Policy Engagement Specialist - CCAFS</li> <li>• Ntiokam Divine, Founder and member, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network and CLIMDEV-Africa Youth Platform (CSAYN/ACLYP)</li> <li>• Martin Bwalya, Head of the Programme Development Division - NEPAD</li> <li>• Olu Ajayi, Senior Programme Coordinator - CTA</li> <li>• Emma Bowa, Care International</li> <li>• Melinda Rooke, Social Media Specialist, Climate Smart Ag Youth Network (GCU) and CSAYN-Canada</li> </ul>
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### Informal Meetings

Informal Meeting with Farmers in cooperation with the World Farmers Organization  
**14 November 12:00 - 13:30, venue – tbc**

The co-Chairs would like to organize informal meetings with the private sector representatives of the GACSA and civil society.

We are currently working on it. Time, date and venue will be communicated shortly.

Working dinner with GACSA members @COP22 deadline 5 November  
 Please choose date [here](#)