2017 Message and a Special Thanks to the Facilitation Unit

With the end of 2016 and a fresh year ahead of us, we wish to thank you all for your continued and active engagement in GACSA, both collectively and individually. We have much to celebrate in the second year of the Alliance, where GACSA has doubled its membership and generated a positive momentum in rallying global and local interest in CSA.

World Food Center Launches the Climate-Smart Story Project

Weeks after showcasing UC Davis on the official U.S stage at the United Nations climate talks in Morocco, the World Food Center is again highlighting the campus’ climate-smart research, this time through a project connecting the personal stories of farmers and ranchers to the research and policy solutions tackling this global challenge.

Après Marrakech: Hope for Climate-Smart Agricultural Landscapes

On December 8th, 2016, EcoAgriculture Partners and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) hosted the first roundtable in our 2016-2017 series of Washington, DC roundtables on policy for integrated agricultural landscape management at the FAO North America Headquarters Office in Washington DC.

Climate-Smart Mission Statements Wanted

The GACSA Membership Engagement Team is currently working to build a comprehensive database of GACSA members. While we have contact information and links to most members, we are lacking the Mission Statements of many entities that have joined the Alliance.

Food Sustainability Media Award - Applications Open

The Thomson Reuters Foundation and Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition have opened up applications for the Food Sustainability Award. The global food system faces unprecedented challenges. Poverty, over-consumption, growing population and climate change are some of the most critical threats to our Planet. Now, more than ever, there is a pressing need to shed light on some of the paradoxes affecting our food system.

Calls, Meetings, Courses & Abstract Deadlines

- 18 January: GACSA Annual Forum Task Team Call: 3-4pm CET
- 23 January: Free Online Course Begins - The Future of Farming: Exploring Climate Smart Agriculture - Registration is open now
- 26 January: GACSA Investment Action Group Call: 3-4pm CET
- 31 January: Call for Abstracts Deadline - LANDac Annual Int. Conference 2017
- 2 February: Food Tank Summit D.C. 2017 - Let’s Build A Better Food Policy
- Mid to Late February: GACSA Strategic Committee Teleconference
- 6 - 9 March: African Landscapes Dialogue - Integrated Landscape Management in Practice

New Resources & Research

- North America Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance Adaptive Capacity Platform
- Lessons from Climate Modeling on the Design and Use of Ensembles for Crop Modeling - A collaboration by climate and crop-modelers, encouraged by AgMIP
- Measuring the Effectiveness of Landscape Approaches to Conservation and Development - Jeffrey Sayer et al.
- Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks Under 12 Climate Change Projections Over New South Wales, Australia - Gray and Bishop
- First Map of Smallholder Farms in the Developing World: They Produce More Than Half the Planet's Food Calories - University of Minnesota

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