

**GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE (GACSA)**

## **GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE**

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**Addendum to the Framework Document (GACSA 1)**

### ***I. GACSA Structure:***

GACSA is composed of the following elements:

- A. Annual High Level Forum of the Members of the Global Alliance;
- B. The Strategic Committee (SC) led by two co-Chairs;
- C. The Facilitation Unit (FU) hosted by FAO;
- D. Action Groups: On knowledge; investment, and enabling environment. Additional action groups may be established as required.

The structure of GACSA is intended to be sufficiently flexible to enable the organization additional working groups, actions and programme objectives.

*All decisions are to be made by consensus.*

### ***II. Composition of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture***

#### **A. The Annual Forum**

The Annual Forum will elevate climate-smart agriculture to an appropriately high-level of consideration in meeting Member food security and nutrition and climate challenges. **The Annual Forum is the decision authority for the Alliance for approving the program of work and the budget of the Alliance, submitted and implemented by the Strategic Committee.**

. The Annual Forum is open to all Members and observers and decisions will be made by consensus. Specifically the Annual Forum will:

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- Endorse the Alliance's overall strategy, vision, budget and programme of work.
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- Serve as a Global knowledge sharing and learning platform on CSA and CSA related issues.
- Serve as a platform to share information on progress from members and Action Groups and discuss areas of future prioritization.

- Welcome commitments, actions and initiatives of members.
- The co-chairs of the Annual Forum [will be elected by members] [will be the co-chairs of the SC].

## **B. Strategic Committee (SC)**

The SC serves as a representative body of Alliance members and the decision authority for approving an annual Program of Work and a budget for the Facilitation Unit. Among other responsibilities the SC oversees the implementation of the programme of work and main activities of the Alliance, and provides guidance to the Facilitation Unit.

### Structure of the SC:

- The SC is lead by two Co-Chairs, ideally one from a developing country and one from a developed country (andwhere possible, representing different stakeholder groups). The Co-Chairs, will serve a one-year term with the possibility of a one year extension. Where feasible the rotation of Co-Chairs should be staggered to ensure continuity. If deemed necessary Co-Chairs can appoint deputy-co chairs to assist them in their role.
- Any member of GACSA may become a SC member and is eligible to be elected as a Co-Chair .
- During the inception year (2015) SC is open to any interested GACSA members (this policy may be revised following a review at the end of the inception year). Members will be invited by the FU to express their commitment to serve as a SC member for the inception year.
- The SC meets at least once a year, on the side-lines of the GACSA Annual Forum and has the authority to call additional SC Meetings when necessary.
- The Head of the Facilitation Unit will participate in the SC meetings as an observer.
- During the inception year (2015), decisions of the SC will be made by consensus.
- During the inception year (2015) SC meetings are open to observers (this policy may be revised following a review at the end of the inception year), however observers will not take part in SC decision making.
- Agenda for, and minutes of, SC meetings will be made available on the GACSA website.
- The SC reports to the Annual Forum regarding its actions and the use of resources from the donors

### Function of the SC:

- Review the status of Alliance’s annual Programme of Work, and agree on adjustments as necessary;
- Review progress toward the Alliance achievement of its aspirational outcomes and impacts of Alliance members collective actions, particularly in terms of improved food security, nutrition, and resilience;
- Seek opportunities for the Alliance to broker, catalyze, and help to create transformational partnerships;
- The SC may establish and eliminate action groups
- The SC also provides oversight and guidance to the Facilitation Unit. The co-Chairs of the SC will approve the selection of the Head of the Facilitation Unit in consultation with the Host Institution (FAO) of the Facilitation Unit.
- Review performance of the Alliance against its aspirational outcomes.
- Approve advocacy and communication strategies and assess progress.
  - Validating the communication strategy and tools elaborated by the Facilitation unit

**C. Facilitation Unit:**

The key responsibilities, competencies and functions of the Facilitation Unit (FU) are described in a separate document approved by the Members of the Global Alliance for CSA “Terms of Reference of the Facilitation Unit (FU)”.

**D. Action Groups**

Initially there are three action groups on: 1. Knowledge; 2. Investment; 3. Enabling environment. AG specific functions will include:

- Support the work of GACSA members in their efforts to contribute to the agreed aspirational outcomes.
- Report regularly to the SC and take actions as requested by the SC.
- Act as the focal point to the Alliance on their respective thematic areas.
- Each AG will be led by facilitators, appointed by the SC.
- AGs will be open to participation by all members and observers during the inception year. This policy may be revised at the end of the inception year.
- AG activities for 2015 to be defined in the GACSA programme of work. Each AG develops individual work plans under the guidance of the SC and submit them to the SC for endorsement.
- FU, working with the AG facilitators and the SC Co-Chairs, will formulate and submit to the SC a “scoping document” summarizing progress and proposed way forward for each AG.
- Extra- action groups can be created as needed by the strategic committee.