

Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture

Enabling Environment Action Group

(DRAFT) Inception Year Program of Work

Outline of Actions

Focus: a limited number of agreed outcomes/objectives relevant to regional, national, and local policy-making that can be reported on at the Annual Forum via a set of 3 country case studies on Climate Smart Agriculture.

Case Studies

The concept to present 3 case studies on countries from 3 distinct parts of the world working on climate smart agriculture was put forth with the objectives of: (i) highlighting current on-the-ground strategies and national policies working to make agriculture climate-smart (i.e. adaptation, mitigation, sustainable increases in productivity), (ii) identifying areas for improvement or gaps to be filled. Reports on each selected case study will be presented at the Annual Forum, with the objective of showcasing how the GACSA platform can add value by helping countries continue to bolster current efforts in CSA and improve in absent or weak areas.

The work will be broken into 4 phases.

Phase I will include compiling existing case studies (from institutions such as World Bank, CIAT, CCAFS, FANRPAN, etc.) detailing the climate-smart challenges that countries face, and the policies and programs they are implementing to address those challenges. After a broad selection of reports have been selected, with representation from countries in all major world regions (Europe, North-America, Latin America, Africa, Asia), they will be posted on the GACSA website with the intent to bring in comments, suggestions, and feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders. Stakeholders can contribute on-the-ground expertise and outside knowledge to help inform our eventual selection of 3 country case studies to highlight at the Annual Forum. A call to member-countries will be issued to ask for volunteer countries to be selected as case study.

Phase II will focus on finalizing the 3 country case studies to be presented at the Annual Forum and acquiring country buy-in. This will include developing a formal written document to the selected countries, explaining the purpose behind the activity and

seeking their approval and involvement. Exact level of involvement and what we expect each country to contribute to be determined.

In **Phase III**, the Knowledge Action Group and Investment Action Group will add value to the developing case study reports by assessing and incorporating considerations relevant to their areas of specialization. Phase III will also include further developing relationships with outside stakeholders – including civil society organizations, NGOs, multilaterals, the private sector and development banks – to garner more feedback and remain transparent and participatory.

Leading up to the Annual Forum in January 2016, **Phase IV** is creating a report for each country case study that: (i) synthesizes information learned about current CSA practices/policies in each country, (ii) specific challenges faced/gaps and areas for improvement, and (iii) how the GACSA – through its network of expertise, investment mechanisms, and policy enabling – can help countries address said challenges. The report should combine input from all three Action Groups and would be examined and discussed in detail during the GACSA Annual Forum, to generate discussion and debate regarding key issues, trade-offs, impediments, and other related considerations, including the enabling policy environment for that particular Member state.

See table on following page for a concise breakdown of action items, outputs, deadlines, and responsible focal points.

Phase & Topic	Actions	Output	Start Date	Finish Date	Responsible Focal Point
Phase I: Identify and share relevant case studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Search for existing country case studies that highlight best practices of climate smart agriculture policies or strategies that include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthening and enhancement of public climate smart agriculture policy; b. Diversity of practices and technologies that enhance productivity, adaptation, and mitigation; c. Climate smart agriculture extension and outreach services; d. Representation and examples from Africa, Asia, and Latin America; e. call to member-countries to volunteer to be a case study 2. Post case study “inventory” on GACSA’s website. Consult with Knowledge Action Group and Investment Action group to select representative case studies to highlight at the Annual Forum; 3. Reach out to civil society organizations and other institutions and organizations for feedback and comments. <p>*Case studies from non-member countries may be collected, but membership in GACSA will be a condition for a country being a highlighted at the Annual Forum.</p>	<p>- Information: a broad selection of reports from a variety of institutions (World Bank, CIAT, CCAFS, FANRPAN, etc.) detailing the climate-smart challenges that countries face, and the policies and programs they are implementing to address those challenges</p> <p>- Outside feedback</p>	May 12, 2015	Jan, 2016	TBD
Phase II: Select and confirm case studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use information collected – including outside feedback – to select 6 distinct case studies: 2 countries in each major region, 1 first choice; and 1 back up (for example: Malawi and Zambia for Africa; El Salvador and Costa Rica for Central America); 2. Develop written plan for acquiring country buy-in: decide, with input from the KAG and IAG, what the country is saying “yes” to (format for presentation at Annual Forum); who to contact (Ag. Minister, GACSA 	<p>- 3 case studies from 3 different countries confirmed to present at the Annual Forum</p>	May 12, 2015	End-June, 2015	TBD

	<p>point of contact, or other); and send written request under signature of Strategic Committee co-chairs or Facilitation Unit Head;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Contact 1st choice countries, request written consent by a specific date to being a focus-country at the Annual Forum; resort to back up choice as necessary; 4. Finalize the three case study countries. Notify other GACSA members and relevant stakeholders. 				
Phase III: Action Group Coordination & Relationships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with KAG and IAG to add value to the selected case study(ies) by assessing and incorporating relevant considerations; 2. Build relationships by bringing in other relevant stakeholders for each case study country, including regional/sub-regional development banks and multilateral institutions, CSOs, the private sector, commodity groups, civil society, and academia; inform stakeholders of process and ask for input; 	<p>- value added: clear picture of where countries can improve in CSA practices and how GACSA can support the filling of such gaps;</p> <p>- build relationships in three distinct regions of the world</p>	May 12, 2015		TBD
Phase IV: Report for Annual Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create document for report out at the annual forum: Global Alliance Case Studies: Climate-smart Agriculture in [country]. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Integrate information from existing chosen case study, feedback from outside stakeholders, and proposed recommendations from all three Action Groups to fill gaps/improve CSA in country of focus b. 1 report for each country; all three Action Groups – Knowledge, Enabling Environments, & Investment – contribute in their area of specialty 	<p>- comprehensive report that (i) tells what is currently happening in country x on CSA (based on a synthesis of best sources currently available and on-the-ground knowledge from stakeholders), (ii) areas for improvement or gaps that need to be filled, and (iii) clear instruction on how the GACSA platform can fill these gaps moving forward from the Annual Forum</p>		Jan 2016	