

Teleconference of the GACSA Action Groups
Thursday 11 June 2015 (16:00-17:00 CET)
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Chair: Inge Rydland

Participants: Andrew Achuo Enow, Martin Frick, Anette Friis, Chris Hegadorn, Mark Holderness, David Howlett, Mark Manis, Federica Matteoli

Notes: Alashiya Gordes

Agenda

1. Introduce the new Coordinator of the Facilitation Unit (FU), Mr. Andrew Achuo Enow.
2. Inform FU and co-chairs about the synergies identified between the three Action Groups (AGs).
3. Identify how the FU can support the three AGs.

Notes

Item 1. Mr. Andrew Achuo Enow was introduced and welcomed as the new Coordinator of the FU. Colleagues were invited to contact the FU for any support required.

Item 2. Mr. Rydland thanked all AGs for submitting their workplans and encouraged their operationalization. Mr. Manis noted the need to better highlight linkages and continuity between the three individual groups, and inquired whether there was still scope for further comment and revision. Ms. Friis recalled the extensive consultation process already concluded with members of the Knowledge Action Group (KAG). Mr. Holderness and Mr. Howlett emphasized the importance of a unified communications approach.

>> It was agreed that the work plans would be treated as 'living documents' and that, once posted on the GACSA website, further comments could still be submitted to the FU. In addition, the FU would prepare an overarching work plan emphasizing synergies between the three individual documents.

The formulation of Country Case Studies was identified as useful output for the inception year.

The three AGs agreed that these efforts should be coordinated by the EEAG, demonstrating the interconnectedness between the thematic groups. These case studies would demonstrate the theoretical principles of CSA in action on-the-ground. Countries mentioned for consideration as potential case study subjects included the Costa Rica, France, Ireland, Malawi, Tanzania, and Vietnam. Mr. Hegadorn noted that a small group of countries should be selected with a regional balance in mind. These countries would also have a role to play at GACSA's Annual Forum (AF) in January 2016.

>> It was agreed that the FU would send letters formally inviting selected countries to become the CSA case study subjects. The GACSA Co-Chairs would provide support as required. A separate conversation with the three AGs' Co-Conveners would be held to produce a brief (2-3 page) Guidance Document outlining the desired contents of a Country Case Study.

Item 3. In summary, it was decided that the FU would:

- Upload the three AGs' workplans on the GACSA website.
- Receive any further comments on the AG workplans, and channel these to the relevant AG(s).
- Prepare an overarching workplan emphasizing synergies between the three individual AGs' workplans.
- Facilitate a teleconference between the AGs to formulate a Guidance Document for the formulation of Country Case Studies.
- Send letters to potential case study countries formally inviting their participation in this regard.
- Facilitate a further Steering Committee call – a call schedule would be posted online shortly.

Upcoming events

Opportunities to showcase the work of the AGs include:

- **12-15 October 2015:** Side Event during the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on the Action Groups
- **12-15 October 2015:** Meeting between GACSA and CSOs/NGOs
- **12-15 October 2015:** Strategic Committee meeting (face to face)
- **January 2016:** GACSA Annual Forum