



GACSA's Regional Engagement and collaboration with the regional CSA alliances, networks and processes

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A respectful dialogue

Regional CSA alliances, networks and processes are:

- **Voluntary** processes
- **Bottom-up** processes
- **Independent** processes
- **Context-specific** processes
- Multi-stakeholders platforms with their **strengths and weaknesses**
- **Not subsets of GACSA** but partners

Need to:

- Be **respectful** of their specificities
- Be **inclusive** of their diversity
- Listen their voice and be **open to dialogue**
- **Understand the regional contexts:** farming systems, regional trends, policy agenda, ecosystem of stakeholders, patterns of partnerships, etc.
- **Have a joint steering process** for reinforcing ownership



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A continuous engagement

1. **Introducing GACSA** and exchanging views
2. Invitation to participate in, and speak at the **2016 GACSA Annual Forum**
3. **1st Technical Meeting** to meet each other, share experiences and lessons learnt, and identify issues of mutual interest for potential collaboration
4. Building a **joint program of work (2016-2017)** based on issues of mutual interest
5. **Being supportive of each region**, even if only a light support is being brought
6. **Seizing opportunities!!** Collaborations with various regions
7. **Expanding** to new regional networks and processes through constant outreach
8. Invitation to the **2017 Annual Forum**, and dedicate more time and visibility
9. **2nd Technical Meeting**: report on progress + update work program (2018-2019)
10. Developing an **inclusive study towards joint project proposal(s) for fundraising**



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A constellation of regional partners



Lessons learnt

- **Bottom-up, rather inclusive, independent and voluntary processes**, with specific objectives, functioning and institutional setting
- **Developed on an *ad hoc* basis** through region and context specific approaches
- **Diverse in terms of organizational setting:** alliance, network, platform, hub
- **Diverse in terms of focus:** CSA, climate adaptation, climate resilience, etc.
- **Diverse in terms of leadership:** government-driven/led, REIO-driven/led, farmer-driven/led, iNGO-driven/led, etc.
- Some include a large number members (various stakeholders), while others are have a limited number (focus)
- Some have a coordination mandate in implementing a regional policy intervention framework or working group, while others are project-based



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Lessons learnt

- **The CSA Alliances have built consensus and convergence** among stakeholders by building consensus on the outcomes of CSA (3 pillars) / “power of CSA”
- **CSA implementation is framed by regional and national policies, and each country remains sovereign in turning CSA into practice:** conservation agriculture, agroecology, precision farming, etc., and it is usually a mix based on local context, production basins, policy priorities, etc.
 - CSA is not an agricultural model, nor a set of practices: it is an approach to climate action in agriculture, addressing jointly adaptation, mitigation and productivity / food security
- **CSA and Agroecology are not competing, and can be complementary:**
 - Example of West Africa: CSA intervention framework of the regional agricultural policy
→ national & regional programs on agroecology, conservation agriculture, sustain. intensif.,...
- **Most of the time: no major issue** in engaging regional NGOs, CSOs, farmers' organizations, women organizations, etc.



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Lessons learnt

- **Regional CSA Alliances are embedded in, and/or aligned with regional and continental agendas and frameworks:**
 - Regional agricultural policies, climate change strategies, CSA intervention framework, multi-sectoral framework on climate change, ministerial conferences/councils, regional working groups, etc.
- **Regional CSA Alliances are also part of global agendas (COP, SDGs)**
 - several of them being engaged, through their regional economic integration organization (ASEAN, ECOWAS, African Union) with the COP process of the UNFCCC (e.g. SBSTA, GCAA)
- **Regional CSA Alliances are facing similar issues...**
 - Demonstrating their value added, engaging with members, coordinating large-scale group of stakeholders, strengthening inter-sectoral consistency for CSA, communicating effectively, and mobilizing resources
- **... like GACSA is!**

Joint work program 2016-2017

Objective 1: To foster **knowledge exchange, experience sharing and cooperation building on issues of mutual interest among the CSA alliances**

- Activity 1.1: Develop a light mechanism to foster dialogue and exchange
- Activity 1.2: Organize meetings for cross-learning on issues of mutual interest (e.g. demonstrating value-added; promoting CSA; engaging with members; mobilizing resources)
- Activity 1.3: Develop linkages between the regional alliances and the GACSA Action Groups

Objective 2: To foster **dialogue and inclusiveness between the CSA alliances, networks and processes**

- Activity 2.1: Organize Annual Forum sessions and events for the regional alliances
- Activity 2.2: Ensure GACSA's participation to key meetings of regional alliances
- Activity 2.3: Facilitate cooperation and articulation among the CSA Alliances in Africa


Objective 3: To develop joint and mutually beneficial **communication activities**

Budget: 20,000 USD

Engagement in/with the regions

- **1st joint Newsletter** + dedicated webpage and news

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Special Regional Newsletter: July 2017
NEWS ROUND UP ON REGIONAL CSA ALLIANCES

AFRICA

- [ECOWAS reporting progress of the West Africa CSA Alliance at the COP22 Action Event on Agriculture and Food Security](#)




The Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) was invited to participate in the Action Day on Agriculture and Food Security at COP22 in Marrakesh, to report on the progress achieved by this initiative...

- [Recap on 2nd Annual Forum of the Africa CSA Alliance](#)

CENTRAL AMERICA

- [Note from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica on the CSA Networking in Central America and the Dominican Republic](#)




The Central American Agricultural Council (CAC) has been leading the process of designing a Regional Strategy on Climate Adapted Sustainable Agriculture, while promoting initiatives focused on reducing climate risks, increasing resilience and achieving mitigation goals...

- [Towards a Regional Strategy on Climate Adapted Sustainable Agriculture for Central America and the Dominican Republic](#)
- [Recap on the Declaration of Eight Ministers of Agriculture at GLF 2015 during COP21, to Promote CSA across Central America and the Caribbean](#)

CENTRAL ASIA


- [Second Phase of the Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management \(CACILM2\) in Central Asia and Turkey](#)



FAO will start the Second Phase of the Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM2), a FAO / GEF-funded project on Drought-prone and Salt-affected Agricultural Production Landscapes in Central Asia and Turkey...

EUROPE

- [The CSA Booster, a regional CSA network for Europe and new GACSA member](#)




In addition to becoming a new GACSA member, the CSA Booster will also join the group of the regional CSA alliances, platforms and networks and their joint work program under GACSA's coordination...

- [Climate-KIC's: Climate Change Adaptation Innovation Approach](#)
- [Free Online Course on "The Future of Farming: Exploring Climate Smart Agriculture"](#)

NORTH AMERICA

- [North-America CSA Alliance released a new Adaptive Management Platform](#)



The North-America CSA Alliance (NACSAA) is a platform for inspiring, educating, and equipping agricultural partners to innovate effective local adaptations that sustain productivity, enhance climate resilience, and contribute to the local and global...

SOUTH-EAST ASIA

- [Third Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Climate Resilience Network \(ASEAN-CRN\)](#)



Agreement on a way forward to continue to advance climate change related responses in the context of recent developments, INDCs, Paris Agreement, mitigation, SBSTA, landscape approach, other land-use sectors...

- [GACSA participated in the Regional Workshop on Developing ASEAN Public-Private Partnership Framework for Technology Development in the Agriculture Sector](#)
- [GACSA and ASEAN-CRN contributing to the Regional Conference "Let's get to work. Building a food secure future," organized by Vietnam and the Netherlands](#)
- [ASEAN-CRN Regional Workshop on "Effective Climate-Information Services for Agriculture"](#)
- [ASEAN-CRN concluded its support project to Vietnam to field-test a stress tolerant variety of rice to adapt to climate change](#)

Questions or Comments?

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Engagement in/with the regions

- **1st joint Newsletter** + dedicated webpage and news
- **1st ever regional event co-organized by GACSA and involving the 3 Action Groups (Asia)**
- **1st ever regional project proposal submitted with GACSA as partner (Asia, IKI call)**
- **1st ever regional side-events as part of the GACSA Annual Forum (Africa and Asia)**
- **1st ever GACSA study, on and for the CSA alliances, towards the development of joint proposal(s) for fundraising**



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Engagement in/with the regions

- **Africa:**

- ✓ Participation in the **Annual Forum of ACSAA** 2016 (incl. WACSAA and EACSAP)
- ✓ **Organization of the Regional Event for Africa** with the African Development Bank, the Africa Union / NEPAD and FAO during the 2017 GACSAC Forum
 - Synergies and partnerships for implementation of the the new Africa CSA Program of the African Development Bank

- **Europe and Central Asia:**

- ✓ Facilitation of the dialogue between **Climate-KIC/CSA booster and FAO/REU toward a joint collaboration in building a regional CSA network** for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- **North America:**

- ✓ Light facilitation of the dialogue between NACSAA and WBCSD towards WBCSD's regional CSA work plan for North America (GreenBiz 2017, Phoenix, Feb. 2017)



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Engagement in/with the regions

- **South-East Asia:**

- ✓ GACSA supported the Netherlands and Viet Nam in organizing the CSA session of the **Regional Conference on Food Security** (Hanoi, March 2017), in collaboration with ASEAN-CRN and FAO-RAP
- ✓ **Brokerage between ASEAN-CRN and WBCSD towards**
 - WBCSD's regional CSA work plan for South-East Asia (RBF, Jakarta, March 2017)
 - WBCSD's project proposal to GEF-7 on "Inclusive Rice Landscapes"
- ✓ GACSA participated in the **3rd Annual Meeting of the ASEAN Climate Resilience Network** (Cambodia, 16 May 2017)
 - Collaboration proposals to the ASEAN-CRN Work Plan 2017-2020 (contribution to the Strategic Plan of the ASEAN Food Agriculture and Forestry Cooperation Vision 2025)
- ✓ GACSA participated in the **regional workshop on "Developing ASEAN PPP Framework for Technology Development in the Agriculture Sector"** (Siem Reap, Cambodia, March 2017), upon invitation by ASEAN-CRN

Engagement in/with the regions

- **Asia:**

- ✓ **GACSA as partner of the Asia event “Climate Action for Agriculture in Asia: Strengthening the role of scientific foresight and CSA in addressing NDC priorities”** (Bangkok, Oct. 2017), organized by FAO/RAP in partnership with USAID, ASEAN-CRN, GIZ, CIAT, WBCSD and GACSA
 - Organization of the CSA session, jointly with ASEAN-CRN
 - The 3 Actions Groups of GACSA involved in delivering the event
 - Outcomes: Country-specific pre-2020 Roadmap for the engagement of the agriculture sector into the NDC implementation, and engagement with the private sector
- ✓ **GACSA engaged as implementing partner in the project proposal for the ASEAN region led by FAO/RAP to the IKI call 2017:**
 - Financing Implementation of NDC priorities for Agriculture and Land-use Sectors in Southeast Asia (FINA-SEA) (Laos, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand; 2019-2023)
- ✓ **Organization Regional Event for Asia** with WBCSD, FAO-RAP, and ASEAN-CRN of the during the 2017 Annual Forum of GACSA
 - Identifying a sustainable pipeline of CSA projects for scale up across the South-East Asia region

Towards joint project proposal(s) for fundraising

- Objective: To provide an **analytic and strategic overview of the potential and readiness for a joint collaboration** between the global and the regional CSA alliances and processes, based on issues of mutual interest and opportunities in the regions
- This includes a **project proposal for fundraising, to be articulated with the GACSA actions groups, vision and work program.**
 - Rationale: Stronger together, towards CSA-alliance friendly donors and south-south cooperation
 - Tailored project proposal(s) and partnerships
 - Complementarily to the GACSA core funding
- Timeframe: 15 November 2017 – 23 March 2018 (January for feedback)
- International consultant: Kevin Henry (Kevin.HenryConsulting@gmail.com)



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GACSA strategic role in regional engagement?

- **GACSA as Convenor?**

- Convene of Global Multi-Stakeholder CSA Platform?
- Co-convene Regional and Thematic CSA Events?

- **GACSA as Catalyst?**

- Strengthen Regional CSA Alliances?
- Catalyze National Multi-Stakeholder CSA Alliances?
- Broker Partnerships for Bankable Projects?

- **GACSA as Communicator?**

- Develop a Robust CSA Communication Platform and Strategy?



Thank you for your attention

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