

Agenda Item 3. Governance: Composition of the Strategic Committee

3.1. Strategic Committee Composition

During the last Annual Forum of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA, November 2021) several governance issues were discussed, amongst others the composition of the Strategic Committee. During this meeting, GACSA members approved a new composition for the Strategic Committee in order to work more efficiently and effectively. This composition consisted of 31* members, including the:

- Co-Chairs (2)
- Co-Conveners of the three Action Groups (6)
- Chairs of the Regional Alliances (7)
- Up to two representatives of each of the six constituencies (i.e., governments, businesses, farmers' and producers' organizations, civil society, research bodies, and intergovernmental entities) (12)
- FAO representative (1)
- (Possibility to have 3 co-opted members if necessary)
- Other GACSA members can participate as observers on issues of interest, upon invitation or request

**Kindly note that following the inauguration of two new Regional Alliances in 2022, this Strategic Committee Composition currently numbers officially 33 members.*

After the approval of this new composition, the GACSA Facilitation Unit has requested the SC members to appoint up to 2 (two) representatives per constituency as of the 31st of December 2021. Reminders were sent by the Facilitation Unit, as well as the Co-Chairs, asking members to appoint up to 2 (two) representatives per constituency before July 15, 2022.

As of 15 July 2022, the current situation is as per below:

Only 2 (two) out of 6 (six) constituencies organized themselves and appointed 2 (two) representatives on behalf of the whole constituency. These are:

Research Constituency:

1. Euridice Leyequien Abarca from Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences (with Jill Cairns as alternate rep)
2. Semir Bechir Suheil Gaouar from University of Tlemcen, Algeria (with Hafeez ur Rehman as alternate rep)

CSO Constituency:

1. Memory Muchenga from Zimbabwe Women's Bureau
2. Jackson Buzingo from One More Salary

The Facilitation Unit has received no nominations from the Governments Constituency. It only received nomination of individual countries: *Armenia, Costa Rica, Nigeria and The Netherlands*.

The same situation has happened with the Private Sector Constituency. The Facilitation Unit has received no nominations from the Private Sector Constituency. Individual were received from: *Rosemary Navarrete (IAFN) and Mr. Kristjan Hebert*.

No nominations were received from the Farmers Constituency and Intergovernmental Constituency.

In addition to the representatives of the constituencies, the Investment Action Group currently misses both co-conveners, while the Enabling Environment Action Group currently misses one of their co-conveners.

In conclusion, since not all constituencies have nominated representatives the old SC Composition is currently still in place.

The Strategic Committee is invited to provide comments and feedback on how to address this issue and decide on follow-up actions.

Options for follow-up:

In order to facilitate the discussion two options are given:

- *Option 1: Continue with the current broad SC*
- *Option 2: Continue with the proposed new approach*
- *Option 3: Suggest a new approach and procedures on how this is implemented*

3.2 Action Groups

Regarding the GACSA Action Groups there is a vacancy for the co-convener of GACSA Investment Action Group and Enabling Environment Action Group.

The SC should select new co-leaders.

Proposed decisions:

The Strategic Committee is invited to:

- Decide on the way forward for the composition of the Strategic Committee
- Encourage the Investment and Enabling Environment Action Group to convene and appoint up to two co-conveners

Supporting Documents:

- SC Member List - October 2021
- Previous Strategic Committee Meeting Minutes