THE FUTURE OF GACSA

The 2023 Annual Forum concept note is framed around GACSA’s crosscutting themes of youth, women and finance, emphasizing in all sessions the central role of farmers. In addition, the Annual Forum will focus on showcasing the new activity proposals, giving the opportunity to all GACSA members to be more involved with the Alliance, as these proposals focus on accelerating GACSA’s multi-stakeholder actions, create new tools and share knowledge to lead positive change.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Highlight the important role of CSA in sustainable food systems, investments and actions on global, regional and country level
- Engage GACSA Members in new activity proposals
- Promote scaling-up of climate-smart agriculture innovations and technologies
- Strengthen collaborations amongst Action Groups and Regional Alliances
- Create "satellites" for GACSA countries, regions and constituencies

FORMAT

Date & Venue

The Annual Forum will be hosted in a hybrid format in person in Rome, Italy, with a possibility of virtual attendance via Zoom platform. The Annual Forum will take place on the 4th and 5th of May 2023.

Participants & Audience

The Annual Forum will gather GACSA’s member institutions - encouraging participation from all geographic regions, with representation from all key stakeholders from government, research institutions, universities, farmer organizations, ‘agri-business’, agricultural financiers, civil society, non governmental organizations, and the media, including technical divisions from Rome Based Agencies and the permanent representations to Italy.
Event Organizers

The GACSA Facilitation Unit will work with GACSA members, under the leadership of GASCA Co-Chairs. This group will contribute to the event's design, organization and logistics, including mobilizing participants and speakers.

AGENDA

Day 1 - 04 May 2023
09.00 - 16.00 (1 hour break)

09:00-10:00
Session 1

Setting the Scene
Key note opening highlighting the role of CSA and its importance on global level

Cross cutting themes of GACSA's Strategic Plan and farmers as central role

10:00-12:00
Session 2

New Faces of GACSA
New Activity Proposals were developed, giving the opportunity to all GACSA members to be more involved with the Alliance, these proposals focus on accelerating GACSA's multi-stakeholder actions, create new tools and share knowledge to lead positive change. The activities are:

- Capacity Building
- Compass Funding Platform
- Shark Tank Approach

12:00-13:00 (1 hour break)

From Global to Local
Showing importance and strengthening partnerships amongst GACSA Action Groups and Regional Alliances

Cross cutting themes (women, finances, indigenous people)
(this session will have breakout rooms and all members will have the possibility to join discussions)

- Importance of farmers on country level, especially women farmers
- Regional work and indigenous people - problems and solutions
- Knowledge sharing, education and trainings including information regarding CSA finances
Day 2 - 05 May 2023
09.00 - 15:00 (1 hour break)

Innovation and Technology
GACSA Members from 6 constituencies presenting their CSA innovation practices and technology used

GACSA Members showcasing their CSA related work on regional and country level with the focus on innovation and technology. Open discussion for members to share their experiences and lessons learned

Youth is the future!
All youth GACSA Members are welcomed to speak up. Presenting start-ups, new CSA practices, e-learnings, trainings, impact of youth in general.

Giving voices to youth groups and providing an opportunity for them to be heard out by senior level experts, government representatives, CEO's and other youth groups from various regions on global level.

12:00-13:00 (1 hour break)

GACSA Governance
Presenting the new structure of Strategic Committee and any other governance related matters

Concluding session and steps forward
Open discussion

End Results for agreements for GACSA members to have their suggestions