

Agenda Item 5. Preparation Annual Forum 2023

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.

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.

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

In-person participation of GACSA Members from developing countries is to be funded by potential donors from private sector, the estimated amount is USD 50k, to ensure all six constituencies are well represented during the Annual Forum in Rome, Italy. The estimate amount is based on previously held GACSA Annual Forums and their costs.

A draft concept note and program for the GACSA Annual Forum 2023 is proposed:

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The Future of GACSA

Addressing food systems challenges will likely involve increasing agricultural productivity in sustainable ways that are resilient to climate impacts, enhancing social protection that builds productive assets, and reducing inequalities in food access, among other things. As countries are updating their Nationally Determined Contributions, this is an opportune moment to involve all key stakeholders in transforming food systems in the context of climate change. CSA can play a vital role in middle- and long-term national agricultural and climate change strategies, together with GACSA's new activity proposals and cross cutting themes, ensuring farmers are placed in the central role of value chains.

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

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Day 1_04 May 2023_09:00 – 16:00 (1 hour break)

Session #	Time	Content
1	09:00 – 10:00	<u>Setting the Scene</u> : Key note opening highlighting the role of CSA and its importance on global level. Specifically dedicated to the Cross cutting themes of GACSA's Strategic Plan and the central role of farmers in food systems.
2	10:00 – 12:00	<u>New Faces of GACSA</u> : 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity Building - Compass Funding Platform - Shark Tank Approach
X	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
3	13:00 – 16:00	<u>From Global to Local</u> : 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). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)		
Session #	Time	Content
4	09:00 – 11:00	<u>Innovation and Technology</u> : 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
5	11:00 – 12:00	<u>Youth is the future</u> : All youth GACSA Members are welcomed to speak up. Presenting start-ups, new CSA practices, e-learning, 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.
X	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
6	13:30 – 13:30	<u>GACSA Governance</u> : Presenting the new structure of Strategic Committee and any other governance related matters.
7	13:30 – 15:00	<u>Concluding session and steps forward</u> : Open discussion between GACSA Members about the End Results of the Annual Forum, in order for GACSA Members to add and discuss their suggestions.

Proposed decision:

- SC to approve the Annual Forum dates, program and design

Supporting documents:

- Draft Annual Forum concept and program