**Monthly Highlights - November 2020**

**UN Climate Change Dialogues - Technology Day, 30 November 2020**

Technology Day - "Innovative approaches on adaptation technologies" - launch and thematic session on climate-smart agriculture, the objective was to promote innovative approaches to deploy, disseminate and scale up adaptation technologies in various key sectors.

GACSA Co-Chair, H.E. Hoogeveen Hans was keynote speaker on Climate Smart Agriculture, as well as Tony Santonias from WBCSD – World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Bruce Campbell from CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) and Dale Crammond from the Government of Ireland.

**GACSA Members Talks - Opportunity for GACSA Members!**

Opportunity for GACSA Members - share your work with us! Get in touch with us and share your latest work on Climate Smart Agriculture! "GACSA Members Talks" is a new concept, where you can give us an update on your latest projects, programs or inform us regarding upcoming virtual events and webinars plus you will meet the other GACSA Members.

Two GACSA Talks already took place with: Farm Africa; and with PRINS Land, Water & Food Consult.

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**ECOWAS launched a new project as part of the West Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (WACSSA) Intervention Framework**

Organized in Abergouvé (Togo) from 17 to 20 November 2020, the launching and planning workshop of the “Regional Project to Promote Climate-Smart Agriculture in West Africa” was attended by all the stakeholders. Funded by the Adaptation Fund through Banque Ouest-Africaine de Développement (BOAD), this 3 year project is implemented by ECOWAS Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF) in five beneficiary countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo), to reduce the vulnerability of farmers and pastoralists facing increasing climate risks.

**Gender Inclusion and Pacific Values Affirmed in New Organic Agriculture Strategy Launch**

A ground-breaking gender inclusive people-centred approach marks a new organic agriculture strategy for the Pacific, launched on 19 November in Suva, Fiji. The Pacific Organics and Ethical Trade Community's (POETCom)

**CLIMATE DIALOGUES 2020**

**Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture: Workshops during UNFCCC Climate Dialogues**

Dr Allison M. Chatrchyhan, GACSA Knowledge Action Group Leader, represented RINGO in the Koronivia workshop on socioeconomic and food

**Transforming Agriculture and Innovation Systems to win the Race to Zero - The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS)**

The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) hosted this ‘Race to Zero’ dialogue event in partnership with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth

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2021-2025 Strategic Plan provides key contributions to sustaining cultures and communities, improving farmer livelihoods, people’s health, and the environment in the Pacific. This is not a plan just for POETCom staff at SPC, it is a plan for the organic movement in the Pacific and all stakeholders have a role in achieving its goals and objectives.

security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector during the UNFCCC Climate Dialogues. The outcomes of the workshop were to help Parties in advancing the consideration of issues as well as identify the key elements and potential modalities for implementation relating to socioeconomic and food security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector.

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