

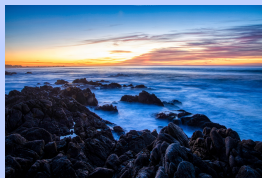
Monthly Highlights - December 2020



First African Youth Dialogue - 18 December 2020

First African Youth Kick-off Meeting on food systems, was organized by African youth leaders and GACSA in support of the UN Food Systems Summit. This regional conversation included food systems champions and leaders of the Summit's Action Tracks, learning about their local food systems, identifying challenges and solutions, sharing knowledge, and advancing actions that will transform current food systems. African youth are taking the lead in advocating and calling for action to transform future food systems on the continent. Webinar recording will be available in due course on GACSA YouTube channel.

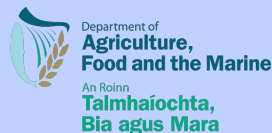
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Inaugural meeting for the establishment of the Pacific CSA Alliance (PaCSAA)

17 December 2020
GACSA initiated inaugural meeting for the establishment of the Pacific CSA Alliance which was hosted by Pacific Community (SPC) focusing on "Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture Best Practices in the Pacific to Build Resilient and Food Secure Communities post-COVID19". H.E. Hans Hoogeveen GACSA Co-Chair welcomed the participants with opening remarks. During this webinar lessons learned were shared from the Pacific, and a discussion on way forward in strengthening partnership on CSA in the region, took place. The webinar's main objective were to mobilize action on policies, practices, and financing for climate-smart agriculture. The webinar recording will be available in due course.

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A Roadmap towards Climate Neutrality - Government of Ireland

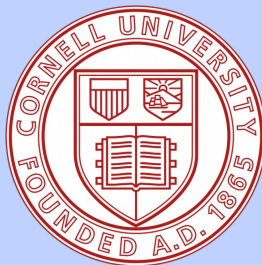
A Roadmap towards Climate Neutrality has been developed and launched by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), Government of Ireland. This roadmap on foot of extensive engagement with industry, research, policy, farmer and environmental stakeholders. It is designed to help all stakeholders to work together to tackle climate change and air pollution, by clearly explaining what we need to do and when we need to do it. By collectively pooling expertise and energy its possible to determine how best to do it, ensuring the sector remains at the forefront of globally sustainable food production systems.

[Roadmap](#)



The Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP) - Eighth online workshop

The Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP), a well-established, global community of agricultural modelers, recently held its eighth workshop online. The free event had over 1000 registrants and encouraged involvement amongst those new to food systems as well as experts within agriculture and nutrition fields, framed



Survey report: Scaling -Up Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) Globally Through GACSA

Students at Cornell University collaborated with Professor Allison Chatrchyan and Federica Matteoli of the Food and Agriculture Organization, in collaboration with the Facilitation Unit of the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA),



NACSAA Represents Farmers at Global Climate Workshop

Lois Wright Morton, a NACSAA Steering Committee member and SFL board member, advised fellow delegates participating in a UN-sponsored workshop on 2 December not to take a singular approach when considering the socioeconomic and food-security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector. Morton, an Ohio specialty crop producer, was the only farmer participating in the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture event.

by perspectives of a diverse stakeholder panel inclusive of GACSA. AgMIP8 examined three themes central to AgMIP research and development – food systems, shocks, and actions – including from the lenses of health and nutrition, modeling, environmental stresses, and resilience. Feel free to watch all the recordings below !

[Recordings](#)

to produce a report detailing GACSA member needs in “Scaling-Up Global Climate-Smart Agriculture.” The team analyzed results of a survey that was carried out in 2019 in a report that details the greatest barriers to successful implementation of CSA and what resources GACSA members feel they need to support regional alliances and farmers. Based on the survey results, the team also developed a more detailed set of recommendations for the GACSA Action Groups to carry out in 2021.

[Report](#)

“Policymakers “ need to listen to farmers,” she said. “Many are outside looking in, offering advice to farmers without acknowledging the complexities, risks, and uncertainties we face in producing the food and ecosystem services that benefit us all.”

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