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**Concept note on the presentation event on the Global Research Alliance on
Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA) and the Global Alliance on Climate Smart
Agriculture (GACSA)
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Agriculture is essential. Not only does it provide food but it is directly interrelated with many other sectors such as energy, transport or waste as well. It is multifunctional and central for our economies, for our society, for our rural development and for our landscapes. Therefore it is our duty to preserve it, to understand its vulnerability and how climate change is impacting on it. All of this while reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring that its capacity to absorb carbon dioxide by using the right management measures is maintained. Agriculture has overcome many challenges during history. Now, a new and difficult challenge has to be faced by the humanity and therefore by the agriculture sector. However, Spain believes that tackling it with the right policies, research and innovation while ensuring food security is possible.

Many efforts have been made from a global to a regional level. Within this climate context, the Global Research Alliance for Agricultural Greenhouse Gases and the Global Alliance for a Climate Smart Agriculture, create an environment where many things can be done to ensure an adequate response from this sector, in a way that provides an inclusive atmosphere where all stakeholders can participate in tackling climate change and ensuring food security.

Within this context, Spain would like to share with all interested stakeholders what those international initiatives being GRA and GACSA mean what opportunities may offer and how they plan to evolve.

Therefore, an **event** has been organised **10th November in Madrid** where main representatives from **GACSA and GRA** will be present, and where different countries, private companies and civil society and scientist will share their experiences on both Alliances and will debate on how to better reach a common objective that is produce food in a changing climate in both an environmental and economic sustainable way.