

EEAG Work Plan 2016-2017

Enabling Environment Action Group: Integrating climate-smart agriculture into policy, strategies and planning at regional, national, and local levels and across landscapes.

Challenge	Output	Actions	Budget	Timeline	Lead
How will conclusions be drawn from the case studies to help advance the enabling environment for CSA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary analysis of six country case studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Meg Walsh of the KAG and Clarmondial of IAG (to be confirmed) to conduct analysis of six country case studies to identify gaps and inform future case study efforts Develop review parameters Conduct analysis and synthesize findings Review by each Action Group before becoming publically available. 	In-kind	This activity will commence upon completion and peer review of the six case studies. Reports received and peer review process underway for Costa Rica, France, Ireland, Vietnam case studies. Malawi and Tanzania reports are pending completion. A minimum of four months will be necessary for the analysis.	United States Department of Agriculture; FANRPAN, AFAAS, GFAR; NEPAD Agency / Africa Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Alliance [For African countries case studies].; WMO Commission for Agricultural Meteorology – and Global Federation of Agricultural Meteorology
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of enabling environment elements of the GACSA member survey responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review GACSA member survey responses Consolidate and validate among members, the common themes to inform EEAG future work Disseminate results as appropriate 			Colorado State University, Institute of Himalayan Environmental Research and Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can GACSA contribute to strengthen regional CSA Alliances development and to improve coordination among CSA alliances at regional and global level? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional case studies related to regional CSA alliances and platform across the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify relevant regions to develop regional case studies highlighting the diversity of approach in developing CSA alliances and platforms Conduct regional case studies on 2 to 3 regional CSA alliances and platforms Develop knowledge and experience exchange products out of the regional case studies, to foster dialogue and experience sharing among regional CSA alliances 			Regional economic integration organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subgroup on case study coordination: original six case studies and new case studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a subgroup to provide guidance to existing and future case study partners on improved methodology to draw conclusions and expand influence. 			University of California Davis, Global Affairs Canada, GFAR

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Farmers and Civil Society Organizations direct benefits from GACSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering Farmers Organizations & communities with Foresight capacity to cope with interconnected challenges around CC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further strengthening the GFAR “Food for Sight” Initiative, one of the proposals submitted at GACSA launch at the UN Climate Summit (September 2014) 			In Asia (AFA, INHERE,); in Sub Saharan Africa (PROPAC, ROPPA, EAFF); in LAC (COPROFAM, CAFAN) – GFAR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case study: mitigation, water management, adaptation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the policy enabling environment spanning climate mitigation regulations, focusing on sustainable water management regulations that create the environment for increasing investment in practices that mitigate as well as promote adaptation. Discuss the role of research, NGO’s and producer organizations in creating momentum for CSA. 			University of California Davis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case study on CSA farming: data and modeling; agroecology research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the integration of climate data and modeling, agro-ecological research, stakeholder engagement and outreach for New York and Northeastern United States 			Cornell University
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central America regional case study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional strategy for Climate adapted sustainable agriculture: in the meeting of the Technical Group on Climate Change and Integrated Risk Management of Consejo Agropecuario Centroamericano in June 14th 2016 it was decided to start the process to develop a regional strategy on climate smart agriculture under the concept Climate adapted sustainable agriculture. The first step of the initiative is supported by CCAFS-CIAT. It consists in the analysis of climate smart agriculture in each country. 	TBD	TOR August 2016	Government of Costa Rica; FORAGRO-GFAR
How can GACSA contribute to an emerging regional platform on food security and climate change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation regional case study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate consultations with APEC partners. Identify interested partners Identify gaps/challenges to scaling up CSA in the context of food security in APEC economies 	15,000	August 2016- October 2017	Government of Vietnam; APAARI-GFAR

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share findings in APEC forums Publish report 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value chain cross-cutting case study 				World Business Council for Sustainable Development
There are multiple models for policy engagement. Which model is more effective in certain contexts and why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synthesis of science and policy engagement projects - comparative study analyzing the various approaches used by 14 national, regional and global level CCAFS projects to encourage uptake of scientific evidence in decision making and to inform policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a series of semi-structured interviews with project leaders and key stakeholders Assess whether CCAFS policy engagement work fits an existing model or has emerged in different ways that were successful for different reasons in different places. Assess the relative effectiveness of project strategies and seek to understand if one method is more effective and could be applied in other contexts. 	To be covered by CCAFS	Interviews – September 2016 Data analysis – October 2016 First draft – December 2016 Final paper – February 2017	CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security