

GLOBAL RESEARCH ALLIANCE

ON AGRICULTURAL GREENHOUSE GASES

GRA Partners



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Current Partners

GRA Partners:



worldAgriculturalforum



Inter-American
Development Bank



GRA Member or Observer:



GRA Charter and Strategic Plan

- The GRA, as stated in its Charter, seeks to develop partnerships with farmers and farmer organisations, the private sector, international and regional research institutions, foundations and non-governmental organisations, to facilitate and enhance the coordination of research activities and sharing of beneficial practices and technologies.
- This was further endorsed by the adoption of the GRA's Strategic Plan where one of four key strategies is to build effective partnerships and ensure that the GRA is well connected with other initiatives that carry out activities relevant to GRA work and objectives.
- In consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the GRA, the Special Representative has been assessing options for new partnerships that could assist the GRA in achieving its objectives and purpose.

Key benefits of new Partners

Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Integration of GRA knowledge into the agricultural development work of the ADB.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - Integration of GRA knowledge into the agricultural development work of IFAD to promote sustainable agricultural intensification and improved farming practices.

International Soil Reference and Information Centre (ISRIC) - linkages between soil, climate change mitigation and food security will be strengthened for all involved partners.

Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI) – GRA activities integrated into regional research programmes, including increasing performance of small ruminants and forage based feeding systems. Helps to address geographic coverage of GRA.

Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) – efficient integration with Africa's national agricultural research organisations and possibility of delivering regional activities in Africa. Helps to address geographic coverage of GRA.

Key benefits of proposed new Partners

Global Agri-business Alliance (GAA) - testing and scaling solutions through centres of excellence, field days, and extension roadshows. GAA will be seeking to invest in science and knowledge resources as its revenue grows.

World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD) - WBCSD work on climate change and agriculture could provide an excellent vehicle for the GRA to transfer knowledge and help us to implement our Strategic Plan.

Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform) - SAI Platform's working groups on rice, arable crops, beef and dairy could provide an excellent vehicle for the GRA to transfer knowledge and tools to farmers.

International Fertiliser Development Centre (IFDC) - IFDC is involved in large scale on-the-ground implementation programs that could be even more effective with GRA expertise. Opportunities for synergies in training developing countries.

Proposed next steps

- Re-issue invitations to the Asian Development Bank and International Fund for Agricultural Development to be partners of the GRA.
- Recommend that the Council accept the request for partnership from the International Soil Reference and Information Centre (ISRIC).
- Recommend that the Council pursue partnerships with the following organisations:
 - ❖ Global Agri-business Alliance (GAA)
 - ❖ World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
 - ❖ Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform)
 - ❖ International Fertiliser Development Centre (IFDC)
 - ❖ Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI)
 - ❖ Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)

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