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ON AGRICULTURAL GREENHOUSE GASES

GRA Strategic Plan review of progress



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GRA Secretariat analysis of progress in implementation of priority actions of the GRA Strategic Plan.

Key:

No progress

Limited progress

Good progress

1. Facilitate participation in GRA Research Group activities from across the diversity of GRA Member countries via need-based travel support and other means. (Action: Council, Members, Partners)
2. Develop a schedule of events to promote global dialogues related to the work of the GRA. (Action: Secretariat, Members, Partners)
3. Expand GRA membership to include active participation from regions currently underrepresented. (Action: Council, Special Representative)
4. Promote technical and scientific exchanges among national agricultural research systems of member countries. (Action: Members)
5. Invite Members to integrate national research programmes with the activities of the GRA where possible.
6. Encourage GRA knowledge sharing and information exchange to build member country capabilities for research, development and innovation. (Action: Members, Secretariat)
7. Develop a schedule of workshops to build technical capacity related to the work of the GRA. (Action: Secretariat, Members, Partners)
8. Increase reporting of fellowship and scholarship opportunities to the Secretariat for distribution to GRA members. (Action: Secretariat, Members, Partners)
9. Encourage an increase in the number and types of scholarships for studies and training available to GRA Members. (Action: Members, Partners)
10. Assist Members to develop improved GHG Inventories in order to recognise sustainable productivity increases, in accordance with nationally defined priorities and policies. (Action: Partners, Research Groups, Members, Council, Special Representative)

11. Promote the exchange of experiences in the area of inventory improvement among countries. (Action: Research Groups, Members)
12. Support capacity building efforts of the Research Groups. (Action: Partners, Council, Members, Research Groups)
13. Identify synergies between mitigation and adaptation practices and technologies. (Action: Council, Research Groups, Partners)
14. Encourage assessment of the social and economic impacts of the GRA's work on farmers and other stakeholders. (Action: Members, Partners)
15. Ensure that all Research Groups establish regularly scheduled teleconferences. (Action: Research Groups, Secretariat)
16. Encourage Members to report on their activities relevant to the Research Group work plans ahead of Research Group annual meetings. (Action: Members)
17. Conduct ongoing review of the effectiveness of existing research collaboration mechanisms and, if indicated, develop new mechanisms to increase research collaboration and resourcing, including through regional networks. (Action: Council, Council Chair, Vice Chair)
19. Promote appropriate integration of research across the Research Groups. (Action: Council, Members, Research Groups)
20. Ensure that key cross-cutting topics are addressed adequately in the work of the Research Groups. (Action: Integrative Research Group, other Research Groups)

21. Encourage participation by all Members in GRA Council meetings. (Action: Members, Secretariat, Special Representative)
22. Organise quarterly regional teleconferences of Council, e.g. Americas, Europe-Africa, Asia-Oceania. (Action: Secretariat, Members, Special Representative)
23. Develop a GRA communications plan, to identify target audiences and identify mechanisms to disseminate GRA information and results to internal and external audiences. (Action: Council, Secretariat, Members)
24. Identify and promote those GRA research priorities that contribute to and support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. (Action: Research Groups, Council, Members, Special Representative)
25. Develop and disseminate material on the impact of the GRA's work including environmental, health, social and economic benefits not directly related to climate so that the GRA "story" is known and understood by stakeholder groups. (Action: Research Groups, Secretariat)
26. Ensure country pages on the GRA website are populated and updated regularly. (Action: Members, Secretariat)
27. Publish outputs of the GRA Research Groups and Networks on the GRA website and encourage dissemination of data and research results via other fora. (Action: Research Groups, Secretariat)
28. Translate GRA outputs, including relevant documents and the website, into UN languages where possible. (Action: Members, Partners, Secretariat)
29. Work with Partners to ensure that the results of their GRA collaborations are communicated to their audiences. (Action: Members, Partners, Special Representative)
30. Encourage the use of webinars and other social media to provide information about the GRA purpose, work and results and conduct online meetings and conferences. (Action: Research Groups, Council)

31. Develop and present research summaries for policy-makers at GRA meetings, with further distribution as appropriate. (Action: Council, Research Groups)
32. Work with relevant stakeholders, farmers' organisations, GRA Partners, and development agencies that encourage and support the adoption of relevant practices and technologies, to communicate the benefits and impacts of GRA research results. (Action: Council, Research Groups, Partners, Special Representative)
33. Encourage development of mechanisms to foster the lasting incorporation of technological innovation by producers, considering differences in production systems and social, economic and cultural environments. (Action: Research Groups, Members)
34. Promote the use of improved technologies and policies in pilot development projects and on demonstration farms to facilitate the diffusion and adoption of relevant technologies and practices by farmers. (Action: Partners, Members, Research Groups)
35. Assess the way existing Partnerships assist the GRA in achieving its objectives and purpose, and prioritize new active and productive Partnerships, taking into account geographical balance. (Action: Council Chair and Vice-Chair, Special Representative)
36. Consider how the work of the GRA complements the work of Partner organizations in achieving their objectives and purposes. (Action: Council, Partners)
37. Ensure GRA representation at all relevant major meetings of Partner organisations, and keep the Council informed about their results. (Action: Council, Council Chair and Vice-Chair, Special Representative, Partners)
38. Ensure Partner representation at all relevant major meetings of the GRA. (Action: Council, Research Groups, Secretariat, Special Representative)
39. Engage GRA Partners during the development of GRA Research Group plans. (Action: Research Groups, Council, Special Representative).
40. Explore new partnerships with funding organizations and development agencies. (Action: Council, Special Representative)

41. Seek observer status for the GRA in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (Action: Council, Council Chair and Vice-Chair, Special Representative)
42. Incorporate national agricultural research systems into the strategy of inter-institutional linking among the members.
43. Engage with GRA Partners that have the potential to provide financial and other resources to support GRA activities. (Action: Council, Council Chair and Vice Chair, Members, Special Representative)
44. Engage with development assistance organisations and programmes to explore the integration of GRA outputs into agricultural development cooperation, as appropriate. (Action: Members, Special Representative)
45. Actively engage and work with Partners to support and fund activities and projects of mutual interest that will advance the work of respective organisations. (Action: Council, Members, Partners, Special Representative)
46. Establish a working group to explore possible mechanisms for resourcing collaborative research. (Action: Council, Secretariat, Interested Members, Partners)
47. Identify possible GRA Flagship Research Projects for presentation to and review by the Council for potential adoption on an annual basis. (Action: Research Groups, Council)
48. Utilise the International Research Consortia model to mobilise resources to support collaborative research. (Action: Members)
49. Undertake GRA joint programming on an annual basis, beginning no later than August 2017, to support collaborative research, including GRA Flagships. (Action: Council, Members)
50. Notify the Secretariat of resource contributions and related funding mechanisms available to the GRA for the Secretariat to compile and report to the Council on an annual basis. (Action: Members, Partners, Secretariat, Council)

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