

## **GACSA Side Event during the CFS**

### **Food security and nutrition in the context of Climate Smart Agriculture. Examples from GACSA's Action groups**

**15 October 2015**

**8.30-9.30, Red Room**

#### **Concept note**

The side event will be held on 15 October 2015 from 08:30 to 09:00hrs during the week of the world Committee on Food Security (CFS) annual conference.

#### **Objectives and Expected Outcomes**

During the side event the three Action Groups of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) will share and discuss their plans and activities.

#### **Introduction to GACSA**

The Global Alliance on Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) was launched during the UN Climate Summit held in 23 September in New York. There was broad agreement around the urgent need to address the nexus of climate change and agriculture, food security and nutrition. A large number of speakers voiced support for the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture and urged that it pay close attention to issues of gender, climate justice and human rights, particularly focusing on the needs of smallholders.

Three actions groups were defined: Knowledge, Enabling Environment and Investment.

The Knowledge Action Group focuses on increasing and promoting knowledge, research and development into technologies, practices, and policy approaches for climate-smart agriculture (CSA); the Investment Action Group aims to improve the effectiveness of public and private investments support CSA; and the Enabling Environment Action Group aims at integrating climate-smart agriculture into policy, strategies and planning at all levels and across landscapes.

**The Enabling Environment action group (EEAG)** will discuss plans for country case studies in: Costa Rica, Ireland, France, Malawi, Tanzania and Viet Nam.

**The Knowledge action group (KAG)** will share key activities and outputs in the inception year along its priority work areas:

1. Technical interventions and practices in CSA
2. Evidence base of CSA
3. Support, services and extension for CSA
4. Inclusive knowledge systems for CSA
5. Integrated planning and monitoring for CSA

The results and expected outcomes of these activities will be shared.

**The Investment action group (IAG)** will discuss it plans on:

1. Mapping and sharing knowledge of current investments in climate smart agriculture;
2. Identifying new private and public investment opportunities that could support climate smart agriculture; and,
3. Developing metrics on climate smart agriculture that capture gender and nutrition aspects to guide existing public and private investment strategies and frameworks.

**Tentative Programme (08:30 – 09:30)**

Moderator: Andrew Achuo Enow, Coordinator, GACSA Facilitation Unit

08:30 - 08:35 Introduction and Opening (GACSA co-Chair)

08:35 - 08:41 Presentation by KAG – Anette Friis (CGIAR-CCAFS)

08:41- 08:47 Presentation by EEAG – Mark Manis (USDA)

08:47 – 08:53 Presentation by IAG – David Howlett (DFID)

08:53 – 09:23 Interactive panel-Questions

09:23 – 09:30 Wrap up and closing