

Side Event on
Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture: The Way Forward

FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

12 June 2015

Room Sheikh Zayed Centre

A side event will be organized at FAO HQ in Rome, Italy during the 39th Session of the FAO Conference, on 12 June 2015 from 13:00 to 14:00hrs on the theme: Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture: The Way Forward.

Rationale

Following the launch of the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA) on 23 September 2014 at the UN Secretary-General Climate Summit in New York, the emphasis has been to identify early actions of the Alliance and define the Governance structure, formulate Terms of Reference for the three Action Groups (AGs), and develop the work programme for the inception year.

The overall objectives of this side event are to:

- Facilitate and contribute to ongoing dialogue on CSA;
- Facilitate shared and peer learning from on-the-ground experiences and lessons learned in scaling up CSA;
- Mobilise increased stakeholder participation in the GACSA and strengthen global drive and support for CSA.

GACSA Members from the Caribbean, Asian and African regions will present case studies to demonstrate that the CSA approach is both context-specific and knowledge-intensive.

This side event will present a positive, action-oriented agenda on climate-smart agriculture practices for GACSA. The role of the three AGs on knowledge, enabling environment and investment will be addressed by the GACSA co-chairs, highlighting the importance of the synergies among all three AGs' Work Plans.

Proposed Outline of the Side Event

The side event will be organized as a panel discussion.

Panel members will include:

- High-level representatives of two countries (tbc)
- Frank Rijsberman, CEO, CGIAR Consortium
- Smallholder farmer
- International NGO (tbc)
- GACSA Co-Chair

Moderator: Martin Frick, Director, NRC, FAO

Translation: English, Spanish, French

Tentative Programme (13:00 – 14:00)

- **13:00-13:05** Opening remarks by GACSA co-Chair *“What value addition does GACSA bring to the promotion and scaling up of CSA”*

13:05-13:30 Panel discussion on *“What is the added value for CSA for smallholders, and how can policies and research make a difference”*

- Smallholder farmer presentation – (Speaker tbc)
- Country case (Speaker tbc)
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- Frank Rijsberman, CEO, CGIAR Consortium
- International NGO (Speaker tbc)

13:30-13:55 Interactive Session

13:55-14:00 Closing remarks by Ms Semedo, DDG, FAO

14:00-14:30 Light refreshments will be served outside Sheikh Zayed Centre