

GACSA Annual Forum

4-5 May 2023



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Expanding Global Adoption of Climate-Smart Agriculture

The future of GACSA

The 2023 Annual Forum concept note is framed around GACSA's crosscutting themes of youth, women and finance, emphasizing in all sessions the central role of farmers. In addition, the Annual Forum will focus on showcasing the new activity proposals, giving the opportunity to all GACSA members to be more involved with the Alliance, as these proposals focus on accelerating GACSA's multi-stakeholder actions, create new tools and share knowledge to lead positive change.

The Annual Forum will be hosted in a hybrid format in person in Rome, Italy, with a possibility of virtual attendance via Zoom platform.

The Annual Forum will take place on the 4th and 5th of May 2023.

For more information or to apply to participate contact:

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Link for the registration:

> <https://forms.gle/ie4n8sybyzhMbie77>

9:30–10:15

Session 1**Keynote Opening**

Highlighting the role of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) and the importance on global level.

- GACSA Co-Chairs
- **Martien van Nieuwkoop**, Global Director, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank
- **Agnes Kalibata**, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to the 2021 Food Systems Summit and President of Sustainably Growing Africa's Food Systems (AGRA)
- **Michael Keller**, Chair of the Agri-Food Networks (IAFN)
- **Divine Ntiokam**, Founder and Managing Director of the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)

10:15–11:30

Session 2**Innovation and Technology**

GACSA members from the 6 constituencies presenting their CSA Innovation practices and technology used.

Moderator: GACSA Co-chairs

- **Dr. Kirit Shelat**, Executive Chairman National Council for Climate Change Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD)
- **Cristina Chirico**, Head of International Office Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori (CIA)
- **Walid Nasr**, CEO of ZR3i
- **Gladys Morales**, Senior Innovation Adviser IFAD
- **Harry Hunter**, CEO NextGen Tek Consulting

11:30–13:00

Session 3**Youth is the Future**

Welcoming all youth GACSA Members to speak up and presenting starts ups, new CSA practices, e-learnings, training, impact of youth in general

Moderator: **Kazuki Kitaoka**

- **Kazuki Kitaoka**, Global Coordinator World Food Forum (WFF/FAO)
- **Roberta Ianna**, Senior Advisor Italian Ministry for the Environment and Energy Security Youth 4 Climate
- **Emanuela Vignola**, Senior Advisor Italian Ministry for the Environment and Energy Security and co-leader of Youth 4 Climate
- **Divine Ntiokam**, Founder of Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (GCSAYN)
- **Jesca Muzamhindo**, Zimbabwe CSA Coordinator

13:00–14:30

Lunch break

14:30–16:00

Session 4**Action Group Session**

Highlighting the crosscutting themes of GACSA's Strategic Plan and to show the importance of farmers as central role on country level as well as provide knowledge sharing regarding Climate Smart Agriculture and recent activities and solutions of the Action Group.

Moderator: **Allison Chatrchyan** and **Ernest Shea**, Knowledge Action Group

- **Allison Chatrchyan**, Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and co-chair of the Knowledge Action Group
- **Ernest Shea**, President of Solutions from the Land and co-chair of the Knowledge Action Group
- **Maria Rosa Mosquera**, Professor Crop production and Project Engineering Universidad Santiago de Compostela and co-chair of the Enabling Environment Group

16:15

8th Floor**Reception and Closing Day**

From Global to Local followed by some products tasting

9:00–9:30

Wrap Up and reflections on Day 1

- Co-Chairs

9:30–11:00

Session 5

Capacity Building (GACSA E-learning and GACSA app)

- Presentation of the proposals from the Project Manager **Famke Van der Meer**
- **Stefano Marras**, Director of Global Partnership- UN Affair Bayer
- **Maria Giulia de Castro**, Advocacy Policy and Partnership World Farmers Organization (WFO)
- **Domenico Vito**, Global Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Country Coordinator for Italy
- **Alexandre Shinebourne** and **Julius Davier**, from Landwirtschaftlicher Betrieb von Davier Seggerde

Compass Funding Platform

- Presentation from the Project Manager **Asja Cortellessa**
- **Oshani Perera**, Co-founder of Shamba Centre for Food & Climate
- **Margaret Munene**, CEO Palmhouse Dairies & Founder Trustee Palmhouse Foundation

Launch of the Shark Tank Approach

- Presentation from the Project Manager **Valentina Vitale**
- **John Cordaro**, Former Special Representative for Food Security for Mars
- **Charles Spillane**, Director Ryan Institute National University of Ireland Galway from Galway (NUIG)
- **Josphat Mokaya**, Agri Tanzania Hackaton winner from last edition

11:00–12:30

Session 6

Regional Alliances Session

Showcasing Climate Smart Agriculture related activities and sharing CSA practices from various regions. Four billboards will be in the room and a pitch of 2 minutes by using the platform Mentimeter.

Moderator: **Fred Yoder**, co-chair of Solutions from the Land and Focal Point of the North America Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (NACSAA)

12:30–14:00

Lunch break

14:00–15:00

Session 7

GACSA Governance

Issues to be discussed. Items from the Strategic Committee: the new Strategic Composition, co-hosting arrangements and financial matters.

15:00–16:30

Session 8

Concluding Session and Steps forwards

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