



# **GACSA ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2021 marked the endpoint of the Strategic Plan 2018-2022, and one of the main achievements of 2021 was the development of the new Strategic Plan for 2022-2032. The result of the multi-stakeholder approach has recognized GACSA, as a valuable platform to support CSA related work on productive, resilient, and low carbon agriculture. As per the Strategic Plan 2018-2022, GACSA Facilitation Unit and Member Institutions worked towards the three strategic objectives highlighted below.

## **Strategic Objective 1 - Voluntary and inclusive multi-stakeholder platforms to foster dialogue and learning that lead to action**

- **Governance:**  
The Strategic Committee (SC) was convened on 7 and 14 October 2021 being the preamble for the Annual Forum that took place on 18 and 19 November 2021 led by co-chair Mr. Hans Hoogeveen and outgoing co-chair Ms. Lindiwe Sibanda. During the Annual Forum, the GACSA Strategic Plan 2022-2032 was adopted together with the appointment of Ms. Imelda Bacudo, as a new Co-Chair was approved.
- **Membership Engagement and Outreach:**  
During 2021, the Facilitation Unit maintained regular engagement with the Alliance Members, Regional CSA Alliances (RACSA), and partners through different online platforms.  
During 2021, GACSA convened regional dialogues covering two regions Southeast Asia (with the ASEAN Climate Resilience Network (ASEAN-CRN) and Africa (with the Southern Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance - SACSAA). In addition, GACSA and the Platform for Climate Action in Agriculture (PLACA) in Latin America held an independent food systems dialogue on 26 August 2021. GACSA, as well supported independent dialogues in the Pacific Region with the Pacific Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (PaCSAA).

## **Strategic Objective 2 - Leveraging multi-institutional action to generate problem-solving knowledge and partnerships**

- **Connecting GACSA members:**  
GACSA's online knowledge sharing platform (GACSA Members group on LinkedIn), which was developed in 2020, effectively eased communication amongst GACSA Members, with 263 users at the end of 2021. In addition, the FU showcased different partner initiatives on GACSA platforms and contributed to knowledge sharing and to facilitating cross learning of ideas and lessons (CSA related publications, any upcoming CSA related virtual dialogues, reports, call to actions for GACSA Members such as document reviews etc.).
- **Networking:**  
The Facilitation Unit engaged with GACSA Members to facilitate linkages with other members and partners. The 2021 Annual Forum provided a further opportunity for networking, following the interest expressed by Members, the FU has linked GACSA Members to one another.

### Strategic Objective 3 - Purpose-built CSA knowledge management support system

- GACSA Engagements and advocacy opportunities:  
The FU continued to scout for opportunities to grow its global and regional presence and mechanisms to increase its visibility through participating in e-conferences, virtual dialogues, and online discussions. GACSA together with GACSA Members co-convened more than 100 virtual dialogues, discussions, and virtual events with over 15k registrations from more than 90 countries overall.
- Action Groups:  
The FU continued to use its online platforms to host live discussions with Action Group co-leaders and GACSA members, connecting members and showcasing their initiatives. In 2021 three GACSA's Action Groups hosted three dialogues in total on Investments, Enabling Environments and Knowledge Sharing in Climate Smart Agriculture.
- Publications:  
In 2021 GACSA Facilitation Unit was engaging in CSA knowledge sharing amongst the GACSA network and its members. The knowledge sharing activities and publications were widely distributed not only amongst GACSA members, but also shared with external networks, which included FAO technical divisions, CSA youth focused groups and farmers networks. Global and regional CSA Alliances have served, as an effective platform for sharing knowledge on CSA practices.



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ACTION GROUPS

# INTRODUCTION

As a global multi-stakeholder platform for Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), with an integrated knowledge-intensive approach, the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA) seeks to catalyze and rally action to accelerate the scaling up of CSA through its members' own initiatives, engagements and programs. Members work collaboratively through three Action Groups (Knowledge, Investment, Enabling Environment) and through Regional Alliances, focusing on bringing concrete solutions to fruition, accelerating coordinated efforts within and across regions on scaling up CSA initiatives, facilitating networking opportunities and project development towards tangible effects on the ground.

GACSA has participated in, and co-convened many events on global and high-level (main events are listed further down in this document), where CSA topic has been discussed and was part of the agenda items, such as Pre-COP26, COP26, CFS and many more. The Facilitation Unit (FU) has worked towards connecting GACSA Members during global and regional events, where they could present their on-going CSA related work and participate in round table discussions, ensuring their voice is being heard and enlarge their networks.

In 2021, FU focused on strengthening its relationship with GACSA member institutions, Regional Alliances and Action Groups. A special emphasis was placed on youth, women, and farmers institutions. The FU focused on the main aim to convene, connect, and share knowledge amongst its broad range at global level with GACSA Member Institutions.

The FU worked closely with GACSA Co-Chairs on various governance matters, such as strengthening governance of the Alliance, to reach the best results towards GACSA's three strategic objectives identified in its Strategic Plan 2018-2022. In October 2022, a two-days Strategic Committee Meeting was successfully delivered, followed by a two-days virtual Annual Forum in November 2022, GACSA's flagship event. During the Annual Forum a new Strategic Plan 2022-2032 "GACSA 2030 and beyond" has been adopted and approved, a new Strategic Committee structure was welcomed, and GACSA Member institutions appointed Ms. Imelda Bacudo, as the new Co-Chair for a two-year term, as the previous GACSA Co-Chair's Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda two-years term was concluded.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In 2021 the GACSA Facilitation Unit was financed by two Multi-Donors Trust Funds: (i) MUL/585 (,); and (ii) MUL/124 (). In 2021 GACSA received only from one donor (The Netherlands). The detail contributions by the donor for the two Trust Funds are, as per below.

## Financial Contributions in 2021

- (i) In 2021 financial contributions into the multi-donor Trust Fund MUL/586 to the Alliance, have been made only by The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of The Netherlands.

The detailed table of donors' contributions up to 31 December 2021 is reflected in the table below:

Donor contributions	Pledged Contributions during 2021
Funds received	
Netherlands	150,000
Interest earned	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED</b>	<b>150,000</b>

- (ii) The second multi-donor trust fund MUL/124 is financed by The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of The Netherlands, and there were not any further financial contributions made in 2021.

## Expenditures

The detailed breakdown of expenditures for 2021, of the Trust Fund MUL/586, is as per below:

Budget Lines (USD)	Expenses 2021
Consultants & local labor	88,073
General Operating Expenses	562
5029 Support Costs (7%)	6,205
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>94,840</b>
Available Budget	542,614

In 2021 the total expenditures were USD 94,840 which included only salaries of GACSA FU team, General Operating Costs and Support Costs were charged for being hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The remaining available budget is USD 542,614.

The detailed breakdown of expenditures for 2021, of the Trust Fund MUL/124, is s per below:



Budget Lines (USD)	Expenses 2021
Consultants & local labor	145,164
General Operating Expenses	10,829
5029 Support Costs (7%)	10,919
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>166,912</b>
Available Budget	7,304

In 2021 the expenditures were USD 166,912 which was mainly allocated to the salaries of consultants of GACSA Facilitation Unit, General Operating Expenses and support cost (7%) with a remaining budget of USD 7,304.

MUL/124 terminated in December 2021, all remaining funds (i.e., USD 7,304) will be transferred to MUL/586 to have one active trust fund, only. Therefore, from January 2022, GACSA Facilitation Unit will have only one FAO budget code (MUL/586) on which all expenditures related to the GACSA Facilitation Unit will be charged and reflected.

Due to the on-going COVID-19 global pandemic all travels were suspended for the Facilitation Unit, therefore no work travel related expenditures were applied. As well due to travel restrictions, the Strategic Committee Meeting and Annual Forum took place virtually during the second half of 2021.

In 2021, the Facilitation Unit included the following roles: Coordinator, Regional Alliance Leader (until October 2021), FAO Liaison Officer for matchmaking (until December 2021), Communications Consultant and Administrative Support.

Since 2019, the following GACSA Facilitation Unit roles were paid by GACSA Trust Funds: GACSA Coordinator; Regional Alliance Leader (until October); and Communication Specialist.



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1 - VOLUNTARY AND INCLUSIVE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLATFORMS TO FOSTER DIALOGUE AND LEARNING THAT LEAD TO ACTION

## **Governance: Strategic Committee and Annual Forum**

The Strategic Committee (SC) was convened on 7 and 14 October 2021. Important decisions and discussion points included the following were highlighted: (i) the GACSA Action Group co-leaders presented a proposal to review the structure during the next SC meeting; (ii) the need to broaden and diversify GACSA's funding base was discussed; (iii) the possible establishment of a GACSA Bureau will be revisited next year; (iv) a new composition of the SC was proposed; (v) a new Strategic Plan for 2022-2032 was presented; and (vi) the SC endorsed the nomination of Ms. Imelda Bacudo as the new Co-Chair.

The Annual Forum took place on 18 and 19 November 2021. The Annual Forum provided an opportunity for GACSA Members to interact and discuss the future of GACSA and how GACSA and its members can support each other to bring CSA forward.

During the Annual Forum, the GACSA Strategic Plan 2022-2032 was adopted, and the new SC composition together with the appointment of Ms. Imelda Bacudo, as a new Co-Chair was approved, as the previous GACSA Co-Chair's Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda two-years term was concluded. GACSA Members expressed a clear wish for a stronger link between the Action Groups and Regional Alliances, strong involvement of women and youth, more knowledge-sharing activities such, as roundtables and mapping out good practices, and support in disseminating innovations to farmers and helping them access resources.

During the Action Groups session, GACSA Members were allocated into three different breakout rooms, focusing on three main questions, capturing their main results of discussions in online jam boards. The results from each breakout room were presented by the moderators (mentioned above) back in the plenary to support and carry forward the vision and momentum for GACSA. These results included:

- Setting up a network with universities/research centers to develop scientific research on CSA;
- Organizing dialogues with GACSA members and the Regional Alliances to collect what farmers are doing at country level;
- Organizing regular engagement to share info on CSA practices;
- Strengthening partnerships with the private sector;
- Involving the Regional Alliances in all Action Group activities;
- Organizing round tables with the private sector with a regional focus;
- Linking up with GACSA members, especially focus on bringing corporates to discuss farmer-centric solutions;
- Mapping out best practices to create direct links between communities/organizations and companies;
- An analysis of business environments where sustainable practices are promoted; and
- Sharing best practices with the Regional Alliances, who can provide baselines in CSA indicators.



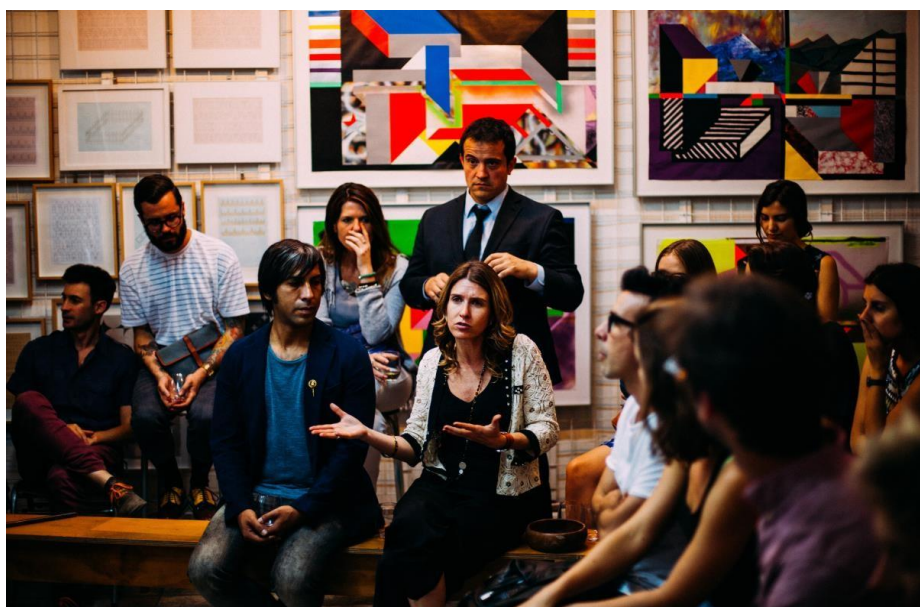
The two GACSA flagship events contributed to stakeholders' motivation to engage in GACSA processes and undertakings for cross sector and inter-disciplinary dialogue and collaborative action and stakeholders in most vulnerable/marginalized situations (e.g., smallholders, women, youth, Indigenous people) were empowered to participate in GACSA processes and undertakings. During the Annual Forum, decisions were taken from GACSA Members especially on the new Strategic Plan "GACSA 2030 and beyond", with the lead of GACSA Co-Chairs.

## **Strengthening Regional CSA platforms in regional and global dialogue platforms**

During 2021, the Facilitation Unit enhanced to increase GACSA's presence in sustainable food systems and position the Alliance amongst key regional and global actors. GACSA has maintained the position to support its members and regional alliances through regional and global independent dialogue platforms.

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# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2 - LEVERAGING MULTIINSTITUTIONAL ACTION TO GENERATE PROBLEMSOLVING KNOWLEDGE AND PARTNERSHIPS

## Connecting GACSA members

GACSA's online knowledge sharing platform (GACSA Members group on LinkedIn), which was developed in 2020, effectively eased communication amongst GACSA Members, with 263 users at the end of 2021. In addition, the FU showcased different partner initiatives on GACSA platforms and contributed to knowledge sharing and to facilitating cross learning of ideas and lessons.

In September 2021, a joint report by ASEAN-CRN and GACSA was developed ahead of the UN Food Systems Summit, consolidating the key outcomes and recommendations of the Independent Summit Dialogues held in ASEAN region to guide the country focal points. This report contributed to the knowledge sharing around CSA practices, especially at the regional level.

## Mainstreaming Networking

The Facilitation Unit engaged with GACSA Members to facilitate linkages with other members and partners. In addition, the Facilitation Unit engaged in several networking activities:

- ✓ A call for sustainable food systems innovative ideas was published, and the FU showcased various ideas that were received; this prompted members' interest and calls for the FU to engage and foster links with other members and partners for further collaboration.
- ✓ Pilot project in Asia-Pacific: during one of the Independent Summit Dialogues that GACSA convened with ASEAN-CRN, the "Agrisim" innovation tool was presented, which sparked the interest of several GACSA Members. The FU facilitated the linkage between interested GACSA Members and the Pacific Community to explore this tool.
- ✓ CSA - Nutrition Nexus: GACSA FU collaboration with FAO ESN: the FU held discussions with the FAO Food and Nutrition Division (ESN) to collaborate on an event on the nexus between nutrition and climate change. These discussions have generated a wider discussion within the OCB and have resulted in a preCOP26 side event.
- ✓ GACSA Action Groups: Three live discussions were convened during 2021 (Enabling Environment, Investment and Knowledge Sharing).
- ✓ The 2021 Annual Forum provided a great opportunity for networking. Following the interest expressed by Members, the FU has linked GACSA Members to one another.

To mainstream networking, a matrix with indicators was developed to track possible initiatives better. This helped the FU to ensure that networking is entrenched in all activities.

Finally, the youth had a central role in the networking activities, exemplified by the increased collaboration with the Global CSA Youth Network (CSAYN Global), which resulted in 8 independent dialogues towards the UN Food Systems Summit focusing on opportunities for youth, innovation and young farmers.

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3 - PURPOSE-BUILT CSA KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

## GACSA Engagements and advocacy opportunities

The FU continued to scout for opportunities to grow its global and regional presence and mechanisms to increase its visibility through participating in e-conferences, virtual dialogues, and online discussions. GACSA has featured in many main events during 2021 and together with GACSA Members co-convened and participated in more than 100 virtual dialogues, discussions, and events with over 15k registrations from more than 90 countries overall.

During the first two quarters of 2021, most of the virtual dialogues, were independent dialogues towards the UN Food System Summit focusing on the main challenges of climate change and introducing climate smart agriculture practices from GACSA members, and ensuring the participations of youth, farmers and women, representing GACSA member institutions.

Few examples of virtual events in which GACSA participated and co-convened are the following, amongst many other high-level events:

- Independent Food System Summit Dialogue: “Embracing change and harnessing diversity: the roles of livestock in future food systems. GACSA, Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL) and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) The event featured both GACSA co-chairs, Dale Crammond (Ireland) and Alwin Kopse (Switzerland)
- "Farmers and Consumers at the center of 2021 UN SG Food Systems Summit" Independent Dialogue - GACSA Coordinator participated as a speaker.
- CSA Youth Network Food Systems dialogues rallying youth voices and engagement towards the UNFSS
- CFS Side Event on “The role of the private sector in implementing CFS guidelines for people and planet” - the session was moderated by Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, GACSA Co-Chair and the opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, GACSA Co-Chair
- COP 26 side event on "Achieving NDC commitments through transforming agri-food systems". This event was done in collaboration with FAO OCB division.

Regarding advocacy opportunities the FU was focusing on further building its presence and seeking opportunities to establish GACSA among global and regional actors.

The main advocacy related activities of the GACSA FU are listed as per below:

- ✓ 04 March - UNFCCC COP26 - application was submitted and approved together with FAO technical divisions for hosting a side event focusing on “An interactive session showcasing global innovative CSA ideas and the required investments to upscale CSA innovation and uptake”
- ✓ The FU engaged in the 2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress, supported by the Italian Government, the Alliance of Biodiversity International and CIAT - mid-October 2021
- ✓ The FU, together with SACSA and CARE International developed an advocacy piece on agriculture and food systems. The audience of the piece is the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment

(AMCEN) and targets the negotiators meeting in Bonn (particularly the African negotiators) to raise the awareness on agriculture.

## Partnerships and Collaborations

The FU continued to receive growing interest from partners seeking collaboration and networking opportunities.

During 2021, the GASCA FU's main collaboration activities included:

- YOUNGO (Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC): The Youth Climate Movement or International Youth Climate Movement have expressed interest to partner with the FU on youth focused event which was hosted during the second quarter 2021.
- CSAYN Global (Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global): as a part of the growing Food Systems Summit process to engage the youth, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) reached out to GACSA to host a series of Youth Discussion towards the UN Food System Summit and throughout 2021 more than 60 virtual dialogues and webinar were successfully co-convened.
- CGIAR (CIAT - International Center for Tropical Agriculture): Co-Chair Hans Hoogeveen has been invited at The Business Forum discussion with a keynote address on "Value Chain Vulnerability" at 2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress, supported by the Italian Government, the Alliance of Biodiversity International and CIAT.
- Pre-COP 26: the FU partnered with the Food and Nutrition Division and the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), together with the Government of the Netherlands, and the Scaling up Nutrition Movement and hosted a Climate Change and Nutrition side event at Pre-COP 26.
- Collaboration with Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL) and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).
- GACSA partnered with World Food Forum (WFF) and supported the inaugural event.

## Knowledge sharing and CSA related Publications

In 2021 GACSA Facilitation Unit was engaging in CSA knowledge sharing amongst the GACSA network and its members. The below mentioned knowledge sharing activities and publications were widely distributed not only amongst GACSA members, but also shared with external networks, which included FAO technical divisions, CSA youth focused groups and farmers networks.

- FU's technical contributions and inputs in the [policy brief](#) that documents the tentative "One Africa Voice" to be presented the UN Food Systems Summit on AR4D in September 2021. Lead author Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- GACSA FU contribution to FAO's submission "[Call for SDG good practices](#)", 2021
- GACSA FU technical contributions to FAO's "[The future of food and agriculture](#)", 2021
- GACSA Newsletter on monthly bases - all issues are available on [GACSA website](#)
- [Article](#) co-authored with Dhanush Dinesh (CCAFS) on "Why do multi-stakeholder platforms matter anyway?" featuring GACSA was distributed amongst GACSA Members and shared on GACSA website

- Policy brief on Upscaling Climate Smart Agriculture adoption in Africa was published to which GACSA contributed to during the Biennial Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Stakeholders Conference
- African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) advocacy piece targeting the negotiators meeting in Bonn to raise the awareness on agriculture
- New section on GACSA Website (GACSA Members) addition to support a new initiative launched by the FU, showcasing GACSA Members' success stories. During 2021 GACSA FU has produced seven (7) success stories related to CSA from GACSA Members. The success stories included:
  1. One Billion Trees for Africa - GreenAid
  2. Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network - CSAYN Global
  3. Sidona Media - Let's Talk Agriculture!
  4. Fundación Ingenio - Protective Band Mar Menor (Spain)
  5. Soil Carbon Co. - New Carbon Sequestering Technology to Farmers (Australia)
  6. The Salt Doctors - Salt Solution Project (Bangladesh)
  7. PRINS, Land, Water and Food Consult - Resilient Farming Model (Cambodia)
- Development of advisory note: "Innovation to Boost Nature-Positive Production in the ASEAN Region, highlighting key messages for the UN Food Systems Summit." The piece targets the ASEAN Food Systems Dialogue country leads ahead of the UN Food Systems Summit.

## **GACSA's Visibility**

The FU maintained increase of its activities on its website and social media platforms, which included LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube channel and Facebook.

Each Social Media channel is being used to target different type of CSA related audience and the number of engagements and followers was increasing on monthly bases.

The summary of GACSA Social Media channels and main highlights of 2021 can be found below:

- Twitter: During the week of 27 September - 01 October 2021. GACSA Twitter account had the highest number of potential impressions which was 1.4 million and 1.2 million reached accounts, this was due to a repost from CNN Philippines. At the end of 2021 GACSA Twitter account had over 1.6k followers, which is more than 350 new followers compared to previous year. On average the weekly potential impressions were over 60k.
- LinkedIn: During 2021 GACSA LinkedIn account has gained more than 600 new followers, reaching over 4.9k followers in December 2021. GACSA's LinkedIn views on monthly bases, during the last four months of 2021, were on average 34k, which is 136k views,
- YouTube channel: During 2021 GACSA FU uploaded 5 new recording of virtual dialogues, which GACSA FU co-convened. 50 new subscribers were gained, and the total views increased by more than 230 views comparing to previous year

- GACSA FU was actively promoting all GACSA members CSA related activities, call to actions for GACSA members mainly youth organizations, farmers, and civil society
- Through GACSA Social Media Channels the outreach engagement has increased massively and GACSA has been contacted throughout the whole year for collaborations and to create partnerships



## CONCLUSION

2021 was a year of further development for the Alliance. It marked the endpoint of the Strategic Plan 2018-2022 and adopted a new GACSA “2030 and Beyond”.

The recommended objectives in this GACSA 2030 Strategic Plan are based on an assumption of a significant increase in funding. Since its creation, GACSA has received financial support from a few member governments, including Norway, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, and the United States of America. These resources have largely been depleted and need replenishment, also avoiding dependency on one donor. In case a more diversified resource base is not achieved, GACSA is at risk of not being financially sustainable. Sufficient funding for the Facilitation Unit is a requirement to enable GACSA members to meet the recommended objectives set out in this vision.

The global challenges and opportunities, including those related to the SDGs, in the agriculture and climate change spheres are enormous. GACSA can play a significant role in a transformation if it plays a stronger role in catalyzing



change through facilitation. Helping GACSA's members reach their objectives is the primary goal of GACSA's Facilitation Unit. It may convene action groups, support members as GACSA champions and work closely with regional alliances while implementing a global matchmaking platform, if it is sufficiently funded.

**It is paramount that GACSA:**

- Secures high-level political and financial support of key members to unlock the human and financial resources required for effective coordination.
- Is seen as a dynamic platform for contributing to the implementation of the landmark Paris Agreement. GACSA should focus on catalyzing action by all key stakeholders to help countries achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions in the agriculture sector. By scaling CSA practices, it can overcome challenges to achieve its ambitious goals. This will only be possible with stronger institutional backing and financial support from member organizations committed to its success.
- Strengthens its collaboration with Rome-based UN agencies and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).
- Diversifies its membership in recognition of the opportunities of collaborating with key actors beyond the agricultural sector, including the financial and insurance sectors.

Reaching these objectives requires long-term investments by governments and other partners in CSA programmes to support GACSA's core action-oriented functions: connect, convene, and communicate.

As we enter an era of climate transformation, novelty, and uncertainty, it is crucial to scale up feasible climate smart options and innovations for agriculture and provide ready access to these innovations to governments and farmers worldwide. The Alliance ensures constructive, multi-stakeholder engagement to face the challenges of our future, together.