

Monthly Highlights - October and November 2021



9th GACSA Strategic Committee Meeting 7 and 14 October

On 7 and 14 October, GACSA 9th Strategic Committee meeting took place. During this two-day meeting, Strategic Committee members discussed key achievements of GACSA aligned with the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, Action Group leaders presented their highlights and a discussion on Governance was held. One of the main topics was GACSA's Future: "GACSA 2030 and beyond" and the GACSA Annual Forum.

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GACSA Annual Forum 18 and 19 November

GACSA Annual Forum took place virtually and it was a highly interactive event, which was full of valuable learning, networking opportunities and open discussions. During Day 1, the new Strategic Plan was presented and Regional Alliances and Action Groups had an interactive session full of breakout rooms with GACSA Members. During Day 2 a session focused on COP26, Innovation and Youth took place.

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New GACSA Co-Chair

During the GACSA Annual Forum, Ms Imelda Bacudo was appointed as a new GACSA Co-Chair. Ms Imelda Bacudo has over 20 years' experience in the areas of biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, and conservation finance in the Philippines, Latin America, Uganda and Southeast Asia, working with NGOs, national governments, and international development agencies, she has an overall knowledge from various sectors.

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GACSA at COP 26: Achieving NDC commitments through transforming agri-food systems

Resilient agri-food systems help achieve the NDCs by lowering emissions, supporting vulnerable communities to adapt to climate change and reducing possible L&D of climate risks. This event highlighted opportunities and good practices from agri-food systems to enhance preparedness towards climate change and extreme weather events, thus strategically supporting the achievement of NDCs and NAPs. Speakers on behalf of GACSA: H.E. Hoogetveen Hans, GACSA Co-Chair and H.E. Tom Arnold, Irish Government's Special Envoy for Food.

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CFS SIDE EVENT Innovation as a force for good in the fight against climate change and malnutrition
14 OCTOBER 2021 12:45-14:15 (CEST)

 Zitouni Ould-Dada Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change, Resilience and Environment, FAO	 Semaiane Elouafi Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	 Tom Kelly UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	 Theresaad Tennet Chairperson, EIT and Programme Representative of The World Bank, Agriculture in Rome	 Philip Thornton Flagship Leader, Resilience and Climate Action, CGIAR	 Hans Hoogetveen Co-Chair, Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture	 Leah Wambui Senior Policy Officer, African Union Commission
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Organizers:

GACSA at Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

On the sidelines of the 49th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), we organized an event to explore opportunities to achieve joint outcomes for climate change and nutrition and highlight the role of innovation in delivering these outcomes.

The side event was organized by the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA) and Italy's Ministry for Ecological Transition (MITE).

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