

Monthly Highlights - March 2021



UNFSSD - Climate-Smart Innovations for Boosting Nature-Positive Food Production in ASEAN Region

On 15 March 2021, ASEAN Climate Resilience Network (ASEAN-CRN) GACSA and FAO RAP held a dialogue towards UN Food System Summit 2021. This regional Food Systems Dialogue brought together food systems experts and farmers, private sector and policy leaders as they explored, debate and then shape pathways to sustainable food systems that will inform the ASEAN region's contributions to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. The full recording is available on our YouTube channel! Stay tuned for next Dialogues! Follow us on Social Media for daily updates.

[Webinar Recording](#)



CGAIR - Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS): A roadmap for gender equality in agriculture in Central America

Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) is an approach that can promote gender equality and women's empowerment in agriculture. It does so by taking into account the priorities and capacities of women and men when they adopt CSA practices. Combined, different CSA practices can benefit women in a specific context. Researchers must identify which practices have proved to advance the transformation of agriculture and rural development in a way that promotes gender equality



GACSA Members group! Join NOW!

We have exciting news for GACSA Members! GACSA vision is to improve food security, nutrition and resilience in the face of climate change. GACSA aims to catalyze and help create transformational partnerships to encourage actions that reflect an integrated approach to the three pillars of CSA. GACSA Facilitation Unit launched a new knowledge platform, where GACSA Members can share knowledge, information, ideas, events and news in a faster and broader way!

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POWER FOR ALL

20 April - 13.00 CET Global Dialogue: Scaling a clean energy-based food transformation

Join a UN Food Systems dialogue Co-convoked by GACSA, Power for All, The Rockefeller Foundation and the MaMo Panel, that will identify and discuss renewable energy breakthroughs in using renewable energy to transform food systems in Africa and developing Asia. Strengthening the food-energy link is critical to building a more climate-resilient future for smallholder farmers, improving livelihoods and driving economic growth. Not just for solar irrigation, but for agro-processing, cold storage and much more. According to the IFC, however, affordability is the main barrier preventing smallholder



GACSA Investment Action Group (IAG) - Mobilising Private Investment in the Great Green Wall

The GACSA IAG supported an important dialogue on Mobilising Private Investment in the Great Green Wall. Taking place from 23rd - 25th March 2021, this E-Conference was organized to connect diverse groups of actors, to share experiences, promote innovation, and stimulate investment in the Great Green Wall. Information was shared on establishing safeguards for responsible investment as well as potential gaps and risks, and recommendations for establishing an enabling policy environment for private investment.

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CALL TO ACTION Feedback on FAO's new Farm Sustainability Assessment Tool for CSA by 23 April

The FAO Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment is developing a survey-based M&E tool to assess farm sustainability in the context of CSA projects. The tool will help identify interventions and practices that can support farmers transition toward more sustainable production systems. The initiative is part of the project [Sustainable productivity in agriculture](#), funded through FAO's [Flexible Multi-partner Mechanism \(FMM\)](#). A draft guidance document presenting the tool is currently undergoing peer review. If you want to learn

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farmers from adopting these solutions at scale. Register below!

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