

# Monthly Highlights - May 2021



#### UNFSSD - Climate-Smart Innovations for Boosting Nature-Positive Food Production in ASEAN Region \*SERIES 2\*

On 18 May, GACSA Coorganized an independent dialogue on Climate-Smart Innovations for Boosting Nature-Positive Food Production in ASEAN Region, together with ASEAN-CRN and FAORAP. The main aim was to provide a multistakeholder platform for stakeholders to explore various existing and emerging approaches that have the potential to deliver nature-positive solutions at scale and encourage collaborative action in the ASEAN region and beyond and to directly inform the United Nations Food Systems Summit process.

## Recording



#### Supporting Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa

On 25 May, in celebration of the progress Africa has made and reflecting upon the common challenges that the continent faces, the Southern Africa Climate-Smart Agriculture Alliance (SACSAA), hosted by the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), in collaboration with GACSA and CARE International hosted an independent regional food systems dialogue to promote the Africa agenda, whilst embracing peace, stability, unity and prosperity.

#### Recording



Budget Proposal, USDA Progress Report on CSA Reflect Sound Approach to Climate

The Biden administration has bolstered the president's intentions to take on climate change with a fiscal 2022 federal budget proposal that boosts agriculture's role in taking on the changes that have ratcheted up severe and often violent weather events experienced by farmers, ranchers and forestland owners. Within the \$6trillion spending plan are major new climate change investments - an increase of more than \$14 billion compared to fiscal 2021 across nearly every agency, including USDA, to restore what the White House calls "the critical capacity needed to carry out their core functions and to take a whole-ofgovernment approach to tackling climate change.

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#### A Climate-Smart African Future Driven by Science and Innovation in Agriculture

On 17 May, CCAFS organized the official launch of the Accelerating the Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) project. Through AICCRA, the World Bank supports research and capacity-building activities carried out by the CGIAR centers and (regional and national) partner organizations, with the goal of enhancing access to climate information services and validated climate-smart agriculture technologies in Africa. With the support of AICCRA projects, farmers and livestock keepers will be



#### GRA webinar - Full Inversion tillage in mixed crop/pasture systems to sequester soil C and reduce the risk of N20 emissions

The Croplands Research Group of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), organized a webinar on 12 May focused on full inversion tillage (FIT) as an interesting technique for boosting C sequestration and reducing the risk of N2O emissions in mixed crop/pasture systems. This webinar was offered by Dr Mike Beare, a renowned



#### GACSA Members group! Send us your ideas for innovations!

GACSA Facilitation Unit launched a new knowledge sharing platform, where GACSA Members can share knowledge, information, ideas, events and news in a faster and broader way! We would also love to hear about some innovative ideas in agriculture and food production that can restore, manage or protect ecosystems and natural resources. If you have and/or know about such a project, let us know! Email us: GACSA-

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