

## **ALLIANCE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

**Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon, Canada**

Tuesday 5 June – Thursday 7 June 2012

# **Meeting Summary**

## **OVERVIEW**

The second Alliance Council meeting took place from Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 June 2012 in Saskatoon, Canada. New Zealand (Paul Stocks, Deputy Director General, New Zealand Minister for Primary Industries), as outgoing Chair, opened the meeting and then handed the Chair over to Canada (Jamshed Merchant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agri-Environment Services Branch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada). Secretariat support was provided by Hayden Montgomery and Andrea Pickering.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The meeting was attended by 38 Alliance representatives from 21 Member countries and representatives from invited Partner organisations: Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), and the World Bank.

## **KEY OUTCOMES OF MEETING**

The Council meeting achieved the following outcomes:

- New Zealand handed over Council Chairing responsibilities to Canada and Uruguay is confirmed as vice-Chair.
- Brazil confirmed as co-chair of Croplands Research Group.
- New Zealand confirmed to continue as Alliance Secretariat.
- Alliance Communication Policy finalised and adopted by Council.
- Council to engage further work to decide how partners may participate in the Alliance.

Identified actions for the Research and Cross-cutting Groups:

- All Co-Chairs to communicate by teleconference with Chair and secretariat every three months.
- Action plans of research Groups and cross cutting groups will be made available to Council.
- Reports from the Research and Cross-cutting Groups will be presented to the Alliance Council every six months.

Identified actions for Alliance Members:

- Highlight the Alliance in other related activities for example G20, APEC, etc
- Make use of regional meetings to promote the Alliance in African nations
- Integrate the Alliance into national agricultural research programs, and provide a link to these activities to be placed on the Alliance website.

Identified actions for the Alliance Secretariat:

- Liaise with existing Alliance Partners to identify and agree mutually beneficial activities.
- Undertake an analysis of potential new partners for Council review.
- Participate on Stakeholder Advisory Board of FACCE-JPI.
- Develop a work plan for the Council based on discussions at Council meeting.

The next Council meeting will take place in Uruguay in mid-2013. For more information regarding the Alliance Council and the outcomes mentioned in this meeting report please contact your country's council representative or see [www.globalresearchalliance.org](http://www.globalresearchalliance.org).