

ALLIANCE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Palladium Business Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay

Tuesday 18 June – Wednesday 19 June 2013

Meeting Summary

OVERVIEW

The second Alliance Council meeting took place from Tuesday 18 to Wednesday 19 June 2013 in Montevideo, Uruguay. Canada (Gilles Siandon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada), as outgoing Chair, opened the meeting and then handed the Chair over to Uruguay (Walter Oyhantcabal, Ministry of Agriculture). Secretariat support was provided by Hayden Montgomery and Deborah Knox.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting was attended by 41 Alliance representatives from 19 Member countries and representatives from invited Partner organisations: UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), and the World Farmers Organisation (WFO).

KEY OUTCOMES OF MEETING

The Council meeting achieved the following outcomes:

- Canada handed over Council Chairing responsibilities to Uruguay and the Netherlands is confirmed as vice-Chair.
- Alliance Communication Policy reviewed and adopted by Council.

Identified actions for the Research and Cross-cutting Groups:

- Provide the Council with a list of all partners and organisations that Research and Cross-Cutting Groups are collaborating with.
- Research and Cross-Cutting Groups to conduct a review of mitigation and adaptation synergies within workplan activities.
- Research and Cross-Cutting Groups should create Networks to promote mitigation and adaptation synergies and include activities of these Networks within six-monthly and annual reporting to the Council.

Identified actions for Alliance Members:

- Promote the Alliance and its activities at the World Agricultural Forum.
- Highlight the Alliance in other related activities for example Ministerial meetings/speeches and information about national activities on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions research.

- All Member countries to discuss how they can best support the Alliance, as discussed in the mobilisation of resources session, and integrate the Alliance into national agricultural research programs.
- Member countries should identify opportunities and activities to include in the Research and Cross-Cutting Group workplans, including identifying and resourcing mitigation research and activities that have synergies with adaptation and improve productivity, resilience and adaptive capacity of agriculture.

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.
- Review of global initiatives and Partner management
- Update the workplan for the Council based on discussions at Council meeting.

The next Council meeting will see the Netherlands as host and will take place in mid-2014. 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.