

## **Paddy Rice Research Group Meeting**

**Latin America Room, CIAT, Cali, Colombia**

5 – 8 May 2014

# **Overview and Meeting Summary**

The meeting of the first America's sub-Group of the Paddy Rice Research Group of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases ("the Alliance") and the related regional workshop "Towards a common protocol for generating and processing greenhouse gas data in rice systems" was held at the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) 5-8 May 2014.

The Alliance meeting was chaired by Uruguay (Mr Gonzalo Zorrilla, INIA) and Japan (Dr Kazuyuki Yagi, NIAES) as co-Chairs of the Paddy Rice Research Group and was attended by 17 participants, representing 8 Alliance Member countries and 3 partner organisations.

The meeting achieved the following outcomes:

- Overview from the Alliance Secretariat on the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases and aims of the Council and other Research Groups.
- Developed a list of researchers and national contacts of the Paddy Rice Research Group in the Americas and identified countries that should be invited to join.
- Developed a common understanding on the principles for measuring GHG emissions in rice systems.
- Reviewed the draft standard protocol on necessary equipment and important considerations for data collection and processing.
- Developed an action plan for each country
- Developed a timeline to draft a concept note and proposal for a multi-site/country experiment.
- Identified the next steps for the Group and date for the next meeting

The Group agreed to meet next alongside the 12<sup>th</sup> International Rice Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean in Porto Alegre, Brazil during February 2015

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