### 5th GRA Council Meeting



### 8-11 September 2015 | Des Moines, Iowa, US

# DRAFT AGENDA

**Chair**: Netherlands handing over to United States.

## Tuesday 8 September

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| **Time** | **Session** |
| 0900-1700 | GRA Coordinators meeting: World Food Prize Hall of Laureates |
| 1230-1700 | Half Day field trip to DuPont and Producers- Depart from Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel, return to World Food Prize Hall of Laureates |
| 1700-1900 | Reception and registration: World Food Prize Hall of Laureates |

## Wednesday 9 September

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| **Time** | **Session** |
| 0830 | Registration |
| 0900 | Welcome by the Host- *Dr. Cathie Woteki* |
| 0915 | Welcome by the Chair- *Dr. Rudy Rabbinge* |
| 0930 | Opening of meeting- *Dr. Rudy Rabbinge and Dr. Cathie Woteki*   * Handover of Chair from Netherlands to United States * Review of 2014 Council Meeting Minutes * Review and adoption of agenda * Identification of new Vice-Chair and host of next Council meeting * Announcements from Member Countries |
| *10:00* | *Coffee break* |
| 10:15 | 2015-2016 Research and Cross-cutting Group Roadmap presentation and discussion |
| 11:15 | New Partners   * WAF – *Dr. Kenneth Baker* * CABI –*Patricia Neenan* |
| *1215* | *Lunch* |
| 1315 | Strategic Relationships:   * GODAN- *André Laperrière* * GACSA- *TBD* |
| *1415* | *GRA Strategy Documents Part 1- Dr. Cathie Woteki*   * 2015-2020 Strategy Outline |
| *1515* | *Coffee Break* |
| 1530 | *GRA Strategy Documents Part 2- Dr. Cathie Woteki*   * Future of the Secretariat * Partners Strategy * Leadership Guidelines for GRA Research Groups * Communication Policy review |
| 1700 | Meeting adjourns |
| 1700 | Refreshments followed immediately by dinner at World Food Prize Hall |

Thursday 10 September

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| **Time** | **Session** |
| *0830* | Individual Research Group Presentations and Discussion (30 min each)   * Croplands Research Group*- Dr. Alan Franzluebbers and Dr. Ladislau Martin-Neto* * Livestock Research Group- *Dr. Harry Clark and Dr. Martin Scholten* * Paddy Rice Research Group- *Dr. Kazuyuki Yagi and Mr. Gonzalo Zorrilla* |
| *1000* | *Coffee break* |
| 1015 | Individual Research Group Presentations and Discussion (30 min each, continued )   * Inventories and Monitoring Cross-cutting Group- *Dr. Brian McConkey* * Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Cross-cutting Group- *Dr.* *Jean-François Soussana* |
| 1115 | Summary Discussion of Research Group Activities and Strategies- *Dr. Cathie Woteki and* *RG Chairs* |
| 1145 | Grow GRA members: Focus on Africa engagement- *Dr. Rudy Rabbinge* |
| *1215* | *Lunch* |
| 1315 | Closed Session – Outcomes, Decisions and Expectations**-** *Dr. Cathie Woteki*   * Secretariat Future * Strategy documents * Specific partners   CABI  SAI  CCAC  WAF   * Next steps for strategic relationships   GODAN  GACSA |
| *1445* | *Coffee break* |
| 1515 | Outcomes, Decisions and Expectations (continued) - *Dr. Cathie Woteki* |
| 1600 | Expectations for 2015-2016- *Dr. Cathie Woteki* |
| *1700* | Meeting Close |
| *1700* | Dinner- Court Avenue Restaurant and Brewing Company |

## Friday 11 September

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| **Time** | **Session** |
| 0800-1600 | Field Tour   * Depart to Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa at 8am, return to Des Moines at approximately 4pm. |

**Meeting Locations: Next Page**

**Event Hotel:**

Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel

401 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

T 515.365.7241   F 515.244.1228

Group Rate: $129 USD/night for 2 double beds

5 minute, 0.3 km walk from the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dsmbr-renaissance-des-moines-savery-hotel/>

To get the group rate, mention Global Research Alliance Room Block when booking. All reservations within the block must be made by **July 27, 2015**.

**Meeting Location:**

World Food Prize Hall of Laureates

100 Locust Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

[www.worldfoodprize.org](http://www.worldfoodprize.org)

**Thursday September 10th Dinner:**

Court Avenue Restaurant and Brewing Company

309 Court Avenue

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

[www.courtavebrew.com](http://www.courtavebrew.com)