

**Croplands Research Group Meeting**  
**Embrapa Headquarters, Parque Estação Biológica, Brasília, Brazil**  
11-12 July, 2015

## Overview and Meeting Summary

The seventh meeting of the Croplands Research Group (CRG) of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA) was held at Embrapa Headquarters,

Brasília, Brazil on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July 2015, alongside the fourth meeting of the Inventories & Monitoring (I&M) Cross-Cutting Group, and ahead of the World Congress on Integrated Crop-Livestock-Forest Systems. The CRG meeting was co-chaired by the USA (Dr Alan Franzluebbers, USDA-ARS) and Brazil (Dr Ladislau Martin-Neto, Embrapa), as Co-Chairs of the CRG.

The meeting was attended by 25 participants from 12 GRA Member countries: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, UK, and USA, as well as invited experts.

The meeting achieved the following outcomes:

- Research updates from Member countries.
- Announcement of the publication of a paper reviewing policy options to manage agricultural peatlands.
- Update on the development and official launch of the Global Research Alliance Modelling Platform (GRAMP).
- Report on MAGGnet and collaborations with other research projects and GRA Research Groups.
- Updates from the I&M Cross-Cutting Group and the identification of joint activity areas.
- Agreement to update the 2011 Action Plan by restructuring the components of the CRG into new focussed theme areas.

The next meeting of the CRG will be on 10-11 November 2016 in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, immediately following the ASA-CSSA-SSSA “Tri Societies” 2016 annual meeting.

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