

Alliance Council Meeting

Krystal Grand Reforma Uno, Mexico City,
Mexico

11-13 October 2016

Meeting Summary

OVERVIEW

The sixth Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (Alliance) Council meeting took place on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 of October 2016 in Mexico City, Mexico. Following the meeting, meeting participants visited the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT), Postgraduates College (COLPOS), and Autonomous University of Chapingo.

Dr Raul Urteaga, incoming Chair of the Alliance Council, opened the meeting on Tuesday morning and welcomed all delegates to Mexico. The meeting was attended by 61 Alliance representatives from 25 member countries, and by partner organisations.

The Council meeting achieved the following outcomes:

- Mexico became the new Chair of the Alliance, and Japan the new Vice-Chair.
- Report on activities for the four Research Groups of the Alliance, including a briefing session outlining activities of the Integrative Research Group which was established at the 2015 Council meeting.
- The Alliance Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was finalised.
- Four Alliance flagships, projects involving the participation of a broad range of Alliance Members and Partners and addressing a critical research and/or capability building need of the Alliance, were provisionally adopted:
 - On-farm assessment of multi-beneficial water management techniques in the rice sector;
 - Improved greenhouse gas inventories – making them count;
 - Enteric fermentation mitigation hub; and
- Soil carbon sequestration task forces will be established to further develop the activities for each flagship.
- A third Co-Chair for the Croplands Research Group will be appointed.

- The Council agreed to invite the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) as a Partner of the Alliance. The Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (FONTAGRO) and Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) were confirmed as Partners, and the Alliance will seek observer status with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Next Meetings

The next Council meeting will be held in Japan in 2017. For more information on the Global Research Alliance, or to find out who your country representative is, please contact the Alliance Secretariat (Secretariat@globalresearchalliance.org).