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# Secretariat Update

July 2015

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# Members

- 46 member countries:

Argentina  
 Australia  
 Belgium  
 Bolivia  
 Brazil  
 Canada  
 Chile  
 China  
 Colombia  
 Costa Rica  
 Denmark  
 Dominican Republic  
 Ecuador  
 Egypt  
 Finland  
 France  
 Germany  
 Ghana  
 Honduras  
 Indonesia  
 Italy  
 Ireland  
 Japan  
 Korea  
 Lithuania  
 Malaysia  
 Mexico  
 Nicaragua  
 Netherlands  
 New Zealand  
 Norway  
 Panama  
 Paraguay  
 Peru  
 Philippines  
 Poland  
 Spain  
 Sri Lanka  
 Sweden  
 Switzerland  
 Thailand  
 Tunisia  
 United Kingdom  
 United States  
 Uruguay  
 Vietnam

# 2014 Council Outcomes

**Build on the achievements of the GRA and promote activities in which the GRA has added value.**

- 1. Alignment with other global platforms and initiatives: including identifying new Partners;**
- 2. Expanding membership and outreach beyond Members;**
- 3. How to strengthen cooperation with Partner organisations;**
- 4. Increasing impact at the policy level and transfer of knowledge to farmers.**



# Alliance Council 2015

- 8-11 September in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.
- The Netherlands to hand over the role of Council Chair to the US.

## Focus for the 2015 Council

- Highlighting the benefits of membership for all countries
- Increasing the impact of the GRA at the policy and Farmer level
- Identifying the synergies between adaptation and mitigation
- Strengthening the collaboration between the GRA and other organisations





# GRA Activities

## Engagement workshops :

- Mediterranean regional workshop, 5-6 March 2015 in Tunisia. Participants attended from Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Portugal, Tunisia and Turkey.
- Planning is underway for an engagement workshop in Ankara, Turkey, November 2015. Supported by the governments of Turkey and the Netherlands.

## GRA promotion :

- Updated GRA Brochure produced, UN Climate Summit, 23 September 2014
- GRA-CCAFS Side Event 15 March 2015 alongside the Climate-Smart Agriculture Science Conference, Montpellier, France

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Working together to help farmers grow the world's food without growing greenhouse gas emissions



The Global Research Alliance (GRA) provides a framework for cooperation and investment in research activities that support the agricultural sector in meeting the growing demand for food while reducing greenhouse gas emissions intensity. Our work is focused on improving efficiency, productivity, resilience, and adaptive capacity across the agricultural sector.

Established in 2009, the GRA has over 40 member countries. We partner with farmer organisations like the World Farmers' Organisation and international organisations that we share common goals with such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Bank. In addition to our members and partners, the GRA collaborates with other non-government and government organisations and scientists from around the world.

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# Research Group Priorities

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## Framework

- Promote practical outcomes

## Developing Partner relationships

- Partner roadmaps

## Communication

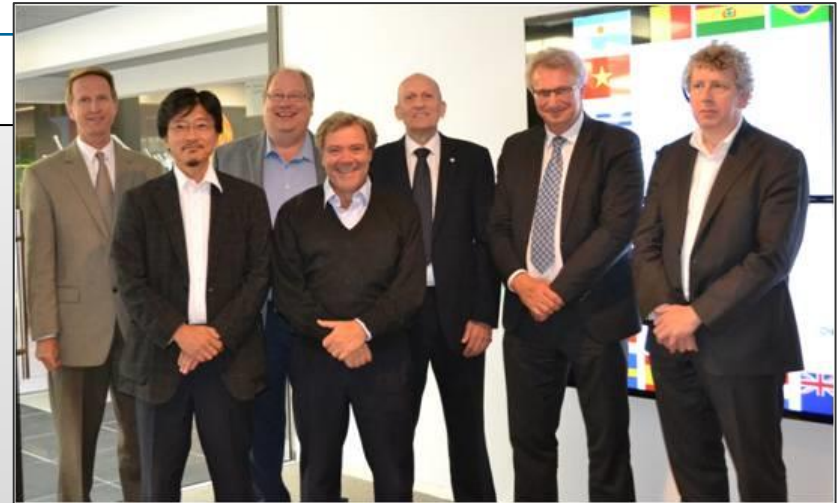
- Develop targeted communications, including promotion of outputs
- dedicated country contacts for each of the Groups

## Adaptation

- Stocktake of synergies between adaptation and mitigation

## Cross-cutting Issues

- RGs to support Cross-Cutting meetings and activities
- Integrated Networks: Modelling, Monitoring, Inventories



# Livestock Research Group

**Co-chairs:**  Martin Scholten, Wageningen UR  
 Harry Clark, NZAGRC

## Group activities:

- GLEAM –CCAC global livestock systems
- SAI document
- Development of a LRG brochure
- Joint between the Grasslands Network and Soil C&N cycling cross-cutting group on soil carbon sequestration in grazed grasslands

## Group Meetings

23-24 June 2015, Lodi, Italy

February 2016, Melbourne,  
Australia – alongside GGAA

**Selection  
&  
Genomics**

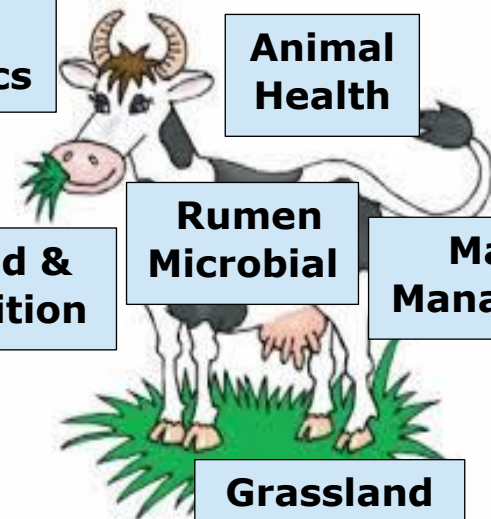
**Animal  
Health**

**Feed &  
Nutrition**

**Rumen  
Microbial**

**Manure  
Management**

**Grassland  
Research**



# Paddy Rice Research Group

**Co-chairs:**  Kazuyuki Yagi, NIAES

 Gonzalo Zorrilla, INIA

## **Action plan:**

- Standardise measurement techniques
- Database of publications and experts
- Increase country participation
- Pilot multi-country experiment

## **Group Meetings**

- America sub-Group  
20-21 February 2015  
Porto Allegre, Brazil
- Asia sub-Group  
18 September 2015  
Nanjing, China





# Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Cycling Cross-Cutting Group

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Co-chairs:  Jean-François Soussana, INRA  
 Department of Agriculture

## Group activities:

- Improved methodologies and models for mitigation
- Define common objectives across Research Groups
- Build collective expertise on applicability of models, uncertainty and range of mitigation options
- Build a common modelling platform from multiple models
- Develop advanced methods for soil carbon and CO<sub>2</sub> flux measurements

## Group Workshops

**Model Intercomparison**  
**2-4 March 2015**  
**Fort Collins, Colorado, US**

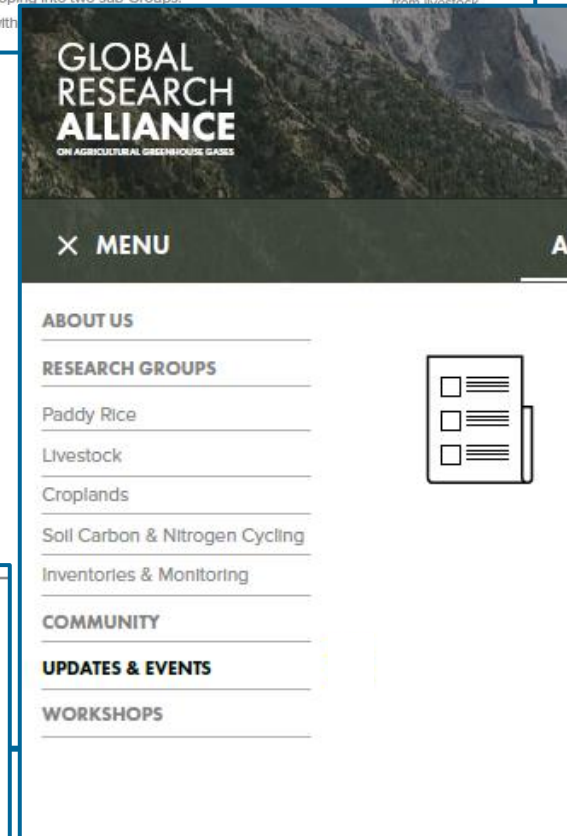
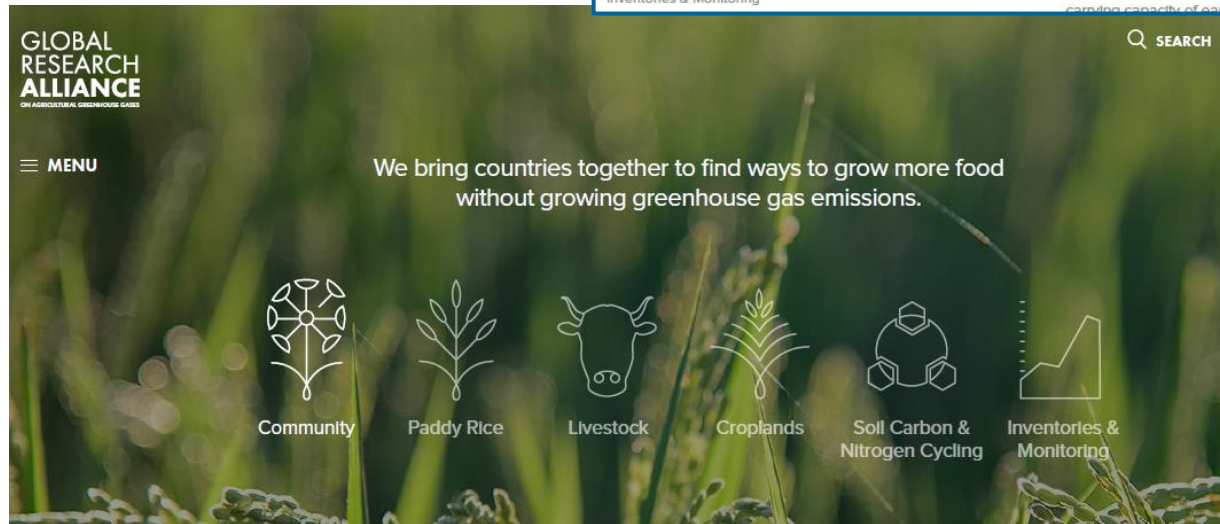
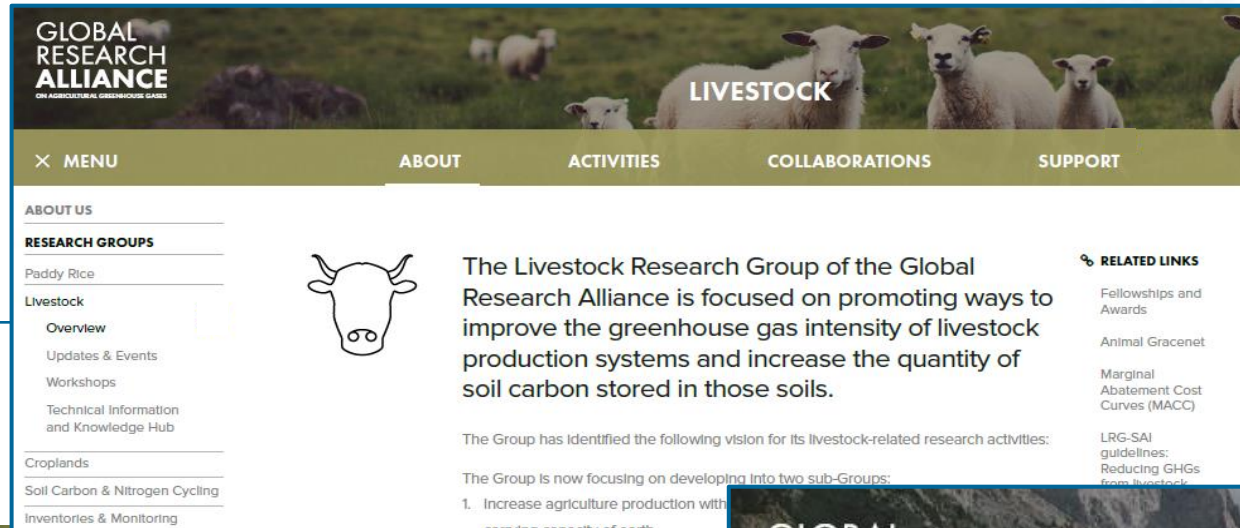
**Soil Carbon in Grasslands**  
**25 June 2015**  
**Lodi, Italy**

# Secretariat

- **Communications to promoting achievements and frame the profile of the GRA.**
  - Website update – next slide
  - Social media, Twitter: @GRA\_GHG
- **Stable contacts - Council and RGs**
- **Council GRA Strategy**
- **Member country WebPages**
  - promoting the activities that each member leads or contributes to.



# Website Refresh



March 26, 2014

Report from African Regional Meeting now available.

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