

Governance Working Group Meeting
Hotel Madero, Buenos Aires, Argentina

27-28 July 2010

Meeting Report

OVERVIEW

A meeting of the Governance Working Group of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases ("the Alliance") was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 27-28 July 2010, with a field trip on Thursday 29 July to Argentina's Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Agropecuaria (INTA). This document is a summary of discussions during that meeting, its outcomes and the agreed action points.

PARTICIPANTS

2 Twenty-one countries were represented at the meeting. Of these, three were observer countries. A full list of participants is attached as Appendix 1.

- **Participating Alliance Members:** Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, USA, Uruguay, Viet Nam
- **Alliance Members unable to attend:** Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ghana, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Russia, Sweden, UK
- **Observers to the meeting:** Brazil, European Commission, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Thailand
- **Chairing:** The meeting was chaired by Jamshed Merchant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The Secretariat was represented by Hayden Montgomery from New Zealand and rapporteur services were provided by Argentina.

MEETING OUTCOMES

The meeting achieved the following outcomes:

- A full read-through of the first draft of the Charter, including:

- Clarification of drafting in a number of places;
- Identification of areas requiring further work and/or ongoing discussion by countries; and
- Identification of areas where advice was needed from Research Groups in order to advance the draft.
- Agreement to a process for further development of the Charter ahead of the proposed Ministerial event to adopt the Charter in mid-2011, including:
 - Countries to submit electronically any further comments on the current (first) draft by 13 August 2010
 - Countries preliminary views are also sought by this date on:
 - The proposal for a Senior Officials meeting in early 2011, including a venue for this meeting
 - Scope, format, timing and venue of the 2011 Ministerial event to adopt the Charter
 - The Secretariat to prepare a second draft of the Charter by end of August 2010 to reflect discussions in Argentina and comments received electronically
 - The Secretariat to prepare a third draft of the Charter by the end of 2010 based on feedback received from the Research Groups and from countries
 - Countries to come together at a Senior Officials meeting in early 2011 to finalise the Charter, advance the work of the Research Groups, and agree the agenda for the Ministerial event
- New Zealand Ministers, as host of the Secretariat, to write to their colleagues updating them on progress with the Alliance's establishment and upcoming key milestones.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

TUESDAY 27 JULY

Welcome

3 Dr Lorenzo R Basso, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Argentina welcomed participants and opened the meeting. His address focused on the opportunity that the Alliance provided to make progress on agricultural mitigation research. He provided an overview of Argentina's livestock and agricultural situation, including the importance of agricultural emissions in Argentina's greenhouse gas inventory.

Recap of the April Senior Officials meeting

4 The Chair recapped on the outcomes of the first Alliance Senior Officials' meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, 7-9 April 2010, to set the context for this meeting of the Governance Working Group. The Chair stressed the guiding principles that were the focus of discussions in Wellington, namely:

- That the Alliance was about strengthening research collaboration and leveraging collective effort - creating tangible, practical outcomes in regard to agricultural emissions mitigation;
- That the governance system should be flexible, light and not bureaucratic in nature; and
- That the Alliance was a voluntary endeavour and imposed no obligations or liabilities on countries.

Update from the Secretariat

5 The Secretariat provided an update of the activities undertaken since that April meeting, including:

- Two new members (Finland and Russia);
- Launch of the Alliance website (www.globalresearchalliance.org);
- Interaction between the Alliance Secretariat and other related initiatives, in particular the CGIAR's Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Challenge Programme (www.ccafs.cgiar.org), and the EU Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Climate Change and Food Security Secretariat (www.faccejpi.com);
- Start of the Alliance Stock-take process (due to conclude on 11 August 2010), collecting information from countries on their domestic efforts in agricultural greenhouse gas research;
- Confirmation of the dates of the first meetings of the Research Groups:
 - Paddy Field Management Group: 1-3 September 2010, Tsukuba, Japan
 - Livestock Group: 8-9 October 2010, Banff, Canada
 - Cropping Group: 4 November 2010, Long Beach, California.

6 The Secretariat's presentation will be circulated with the meeting report.

Discussion of the Draft Charter

7 The Chair gave a brief overview of the Charter, before opening discussion of the document section-by-section. The following is a summary of these discussions:

Mission and Objectives (Charter paragraphs 2-4)

8 Participants considered the draft Charter as a whole to be an excellent basis from which to begin discussions. It was identified that the document could do more to clearly articulate the nature of the Alliance and its purpose, e.g. emphasising the cooperative and collaborative intent of the initiative. For the most part, this was seen as a matter of drafting and rearrangement of text. The value of a preambular section was discussed (see below).

9 The non-legally binding nature of the Charter was reflected on by participants and it was agreed that paragraph 47 (currently under the heading "Participation Framework" in the Charter) should be moved to the front of the Charter.

10 There was also a discussion about whether there was a need to build upon and further develop the ideas contained in the Joint Ministerial Statement, as the foundation document of the Alliance. Some countries thought that the Mission and Objectives section, which is drawn from the Joint Ministerial Statement, should be expanded to give greater acknowledgement of adaptation issues. A number of participants expressed concern at the prospect of opening up the Joint Ministerial Statement in this way. Countries argued that the Alliance's focus must stay manageable and not overlap with existing initiatives set up on adaptation (e.g. CGIAR). Some participants also expressed a reluctance to go back to their Ministers and tell them that what had been agreed as the Alliance's focus was being reopened. However, countries were in agreement about the synergies between mitigation and adaptation and sought that any new preambular section should reflect this.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to draft two options for this section:
 - **Option 1:** A preamble that would take key elements from the current draft Mission (paragraph 2-3), acknowledging the important synergies between mitigation and adaptation, as well as referencing the collaborative nature of the Alliance and its non-legally binding nature (paragraph 47). Option 1 would replace the Mission but retain the Objectives section as currently drafted;
 - **Option 2:** This option would replace the Mission and Objectives sections with a simple opening paragraph along the lines of "In accordance with the Joint Ministerial Statement, the undersigned Member Countries agreed to establish a Global Research Alliance...", and would also incorporate paragraph 47 regarding the non-legally binding nature of the Alliance. The Joint Ministerial Statement would then be appended to the Charter.

Alliance Council (Charter paragraphs 5-12)

11 The discussion on paragraphs 5-12 was broadly focused on whether the organisational structure of the Alliance proposed in the current draft Charter was too "top-down" as opposed to "bottom up".

12 Participants considered what was meant by "consensus" in paragraph 9 and how to clarify what would happen in situations where there was no consensus, and specifically if voting would be an option. It was noted that in determining how the Alliance would operate, creating the right culture for the Alliance was just as important as the actual structure.

13 Participants agreed that the Charter should adopt a consensus approach to decision making at Council level. The Secretariat was asked to amend the relevant paragraphs to take into account the specific drafting suggestions proposed.

14 There was a brief discussion on Council Chairing arrangements (this is currently blank in paragraph 11) and the possible options available. There was a desire for continuity of Chairing between Council meetings and on this basis, it was agreed that there could be a Chair and Vice-Chair, the Chair being from the host country of the current meeting, and the Vice-Chair being from the host country of the next

Council meeting. There was a suggestion that the Chair and Vice-Chair could remain in place to facilitate any Alliance Council discussions and decisions that may need to occur inter-sessionally, i.e. between Council meetings.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.

Alliance Secretariat (Charter paragraphs 13-17)

15 The main discussion in this part of the Charter focused on paragraph 17 and its notion that the hosting of the Secretariat could be rotated between Member Countries. While participants saw merit in this idea in principle, there were concerns both about the transaction costs associated with rotating the Secretariat (whether at two yearly intervals as proposed in the draft Charter or after a longer period) and the impact of those countries with limited resources and capabilities to undertake such a task. It was noted that paragraph 16 went some way to addressing these concerns (being focused on personnel supplied to the Secretariat). It was agreed that the wording of paragraph 17 would be modified so that the hosting of the Secretariat would be reviewed as appropriate by the Council, rather than specifying a time period for rotation.

16 As well the hosting of the Secretariat, countries discussed the functions of the Secretariat as outlined in paragraphs 14 and 15. Participants emphasised the importance of paragraph 15, that the role of the Secretariat will be “administrative and facilitative.” It was agreed that this should be moved to sit before paragraph 14. There was some concern expressed about paragraph 14(f) and the Secretariat’s potential role in “collating and publicly releasing information from the Research Groups”. As currently worded this suggests that the Secretariat could have responsibility for summarising for public consumption the information it receives. There was agreement that this was inappropriate and that “information should circulate as freely as possible”, i.e. in its full form, as received by the Secretariat.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.

Research Groups (Charter paragraphs 18-25)

17 The intent of the section on Research Groups was generally acceptable to participants, although a number of drafting suggestions were made to provide clarity and ensure consistency with other parts of the Charter. Participants were keen to ensure that the Council and Secretariat would facilitate rather than direct the work of the Research Groups. Participants agreed that further Research Groups could be created by decision of the Council. There was also agreement that Research Groups should not be listed in an appendix of the Charter (paragraph 19) but rather should be listed on the Alliance website. Participants were keen that the Research Groups use their upcoming meetings to review the next iteration of the Charter to ensure that it meets their needs and expectations.

Agreed actions:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.

- Research Groups to discuss the revised draft of this section in their upcoming meetings and provide feedback to the Secretariat as input to the development of the third draft.

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Steering Committees and Sub-Groups (Charter paragraphs 26-30)

18 The discussion regarding Research Group Steering Committees and Sub-Groups focused on whether or not these provisions were actually necessary in the Charter. A view was expressed that the language in paragraphs 26-30 was enabling and provided the Research Groups with sufficient guidelines as to how to operate, which was important for ensuring a minimum degree of consistency across the Groups. Participants identified a need for feedback from the Research Groups on whether or not the Charter should include language on Steering Committees and Sub-Groups.

19 Regarding Sub-Groups (paragraph 30), it was agreed that the reference to reporting at least every 3 months should be removed.

Agreed actions:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.
- Research Groups to discuss the revised draft of this section in their upcoming meetings and provide feedback to the Secretariat as input to the development of the third draft.

Cross-cutting issues (Charter paragraphs 31-33)

20 There was a brief discussion on the paragraphs on cross-cutting issues. A small number of minor clarifications to this text were suggested and, as with the Research Groups discussion, it was agreed that the cross-cutting issues should be listed on the website rather than appended to the Charter.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect the drafting suggestions made.

Science Advisory Panel (Charter paragraph 34)

21 Further clarification on the role and function of any possible Science Advisory Panel/s was achieved, although there was no agreement as to whether this body should be established. The view was taken that if such a Panel was deemed necessary then it should operate at Council level only and not at the Research Group level as in the current paragraph 34. It should also have a clear Terms of Reference. After some discussion it was agreed that the language as currently expressed in paragraph 34 was sufficiently enabling to allow a Science Advisory Panel/s to be established in the future if required, noting the amendment to remove reference to Research Groups.

22 Participants agreed that Research Group views on the need for, and role and function of, any possible Alliance-level Science Advisory Panel should be sought as part of further development of the Charter.

Agreed actions:

- Secretariat to retain these paragraphs as currently drafted, for further deliberation at future meetings of the Governance group.
- Research Groups to discuss this section in their upcoming meetings and provide feedback to the Secretariat as input to the development of a third draft.

Alliance Partners (Charter paragraphs 35-41)

23 There was extensive discussion of the provisions relating to Alliance Partners. Participants saw this section as a very important part of the Charter, but agreed that it should be clearer and simpler in terms of the process for creating partnerships at all levels of the Alliance, e.g. at Council level, at Research Group level and at project level. A number of questions were raised, including:

- Whether the Council should grant Council-level partnership requests or whether the Secretariat could do this on behalf of the Alliance.
- A process for granting partnerships at the Research Group or project levels.
- The status of Partners, i.e. whether they should attend Council meetings and/or have a say in decision-making.
- How long partnerships could last for, i.e. indefinite or only for the term of a project.
- Whether Partners could directly support the Alliance as a whole or could only do so through Research Groups, and related to this, how the Alliance could deal with any "lump sum" funding from a Partner to the Alliance which was not specifically tagged for a project.

24 There was also discussion of whether there needed to be different scales of Partners, depending on where and how they were involved in the Alliance's work.

25 Some confusion arose regarding use of the term 'observers' in the context of Partners. This was later picked up in discussions on the paragraphs relating to Membership (refer below). Participants were clear that a distinction needed to be made between the different types of 'participants' in the Alliance, e.g. Member Countries, Observer Countries, and Partners. There was convergence on the idea that Partners could attend meetings of the Council if invited, but that this should not be described as "observing". Participants agreed that this section of the Charter needed further input from the Research Groups.

Agreed actions:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.
- Research Groups to discuss the revised draft of this section in their upcoming meetings and provide feedback to the Secretariat as input to the development of the third draft.

Meetings (Heading only, no paragraphs in draft Charter)

26 The heading 'Meetings' was created in the April Senior Officials meeting. Participants agreed decided that it was no longer needed as any content was covered by other sections of the draft Charter.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to delete this section in the next version.

Communications (Heading and Charter paragraph 42)

27 Participants agreed that communication and dissemination of information was an important aspect of the Alliance's work and therefore needed to be addressed in the Charter (the current draft proposes its removal on the basis that content is covered elsewhere). Discussions covered the nature and focus of future Alliance communications and what this section of the Charter should address; for example, both internal and external communications? What about other communication activities like farm advisory/extension services? It was agreed that this section should be developed further and the Secretariat was asked to address this in the second draft.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.

Membership (Charter paragraphs 43-45)

28 The discussion on paragraphs 43-45 focused primarily on the question of 'observership'. As noted above, participants agreed that the Charter needed to clearly differentiate between Member Countries, Partners, and non-Member countries (Observer Countries), and that it needed to include provisions to guide participation of Observer Countries (not addressed in the current draft). Several questions were raised including:

- Should there be a time limit on the period of observership?
- What guidelines are required for participation at the Council level and at the Research Group level?

29 Countries were invited to reflect on the issue of observership and send views through to the Secretariat.

30 There was a brief discussion on whether the term "Member Countries" was appropriate and it was agreed that this terminology is appropriate for now.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect these discussions.

Participation Framework (Charter paragraphs 46-47)

31 The language in paragraphs 46 and 47 was seen as appropriate and necessary, but perhaps better located elsewhere in the document. It was proposed

that paragraph 46 be moved to the section on Membership and paragraph 47 to the introductory section of the Charter. The Secretariat will take these changes on board in preparing the next draft.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to move paragraphs 46 and 47 as discussed.

Funding (Charter paragraphs 48-49)

32 There was extensive discussion on whether or not the Charter should include financial assistance provisions for developing country participation in the Alliance, with no resolution achieved during the meeting. There were three parts identified to this issue:

- The status of any funding assistance mechanism (obligatory or voluntary);
- Whether such a mechanism would be bilateral or provided by the Alliance; and
- The rules of such a funding mechanism.

33 It was noted that a mechanism to provide financial assistance would fundamentally alter some of the key principles that have underpinned Alliance governance discussions to date, namely that the Alliance is a voluntary initiative and therefore will not impose obligations on countries, and that governance arrangements should be light and nimble (the implication being that with the creation of a financial assistance mechanism comes the need for a more complex governance structure and decision-making processes). The conclusion was to keep these paragraphs as they are currently drafted for the time being.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to retain these paragraphs as currently drafted, for ongoing discussion in future meetings.

Intellectual Property (Charter paragraphs 50-51)

34 There was broad acceptance of the general intent of the language on intellectual property. However, it was identified that there needed to be more clarity on what is meant by "open" and other phrases in this part of the draft Charter.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to retain these paragraphs as currently drafted, for ongoing discussion in future meetings.

Review (Charter paragraph 52)

35 Minor drafting changes were proposed for paragraph 52.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect the drafting suggestions made.

Commencement, Modification, Cessation, Extension and Withdrawal (Charter paragraphs 53-56)

36 Minor drafting suggestions were proposed for paragraph 53 and it was agreed that paragraph 56 would be updated following revision of the partnership section in paragraphs 35-41.

Agreed action:

- Secretariat to revise this section of the draft Charter to reflect the drafting suggestions made.

37 This ended the discussion on the Charter.

Discussion on Draft Interim Guidelines for Partners

38 The Alliance Secretariat had previously developed and circulated draft 'Interim Guidelines for Partners'. This document was intended to provide clarity about the way in which "non-government entities" (such as farmer organisations, international and regional organisations and research institutions, the private sector, foundations etc) can participate in the Alliance while it is still in its establishment phase.

39 There was a brief discussion on whether "non-government entities" could participate in Research Group and Alliance-level activities during the establishment phase, and therefore whether the Guidelines were needed. It was noted that if these entities could not participate until the Charter is in force then this might discourage their involvement in the Alliance's work. There was discussion of the appropriateness of having Interim Guidelines – what if these set up a framework or expectations for participation that were then different to those provided for in the final Charter?

40 It was eventually agreed that the Guidelines were not needed. Instead, Research Groups could, at their discretion, invite "non-government entities" to attend Research Group meetings so long as Member Countries were informed of such participation and that the "non-government entities" were made fully aware that Alliance decisions could only be made by Member Countries.

A process for further developing the Charter

41 A process for further development of the Charter was agreed as follows:

Timing/deadline	Activity
Friday 13 August 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Countries to email further written comments on the first draft of the Charter to the Secretariat.
Mid-late August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretariat to generate second draft of the Charter based on discussions in Argentina and electronic comments received.
End of August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second draft of the Charter circulated to Alliance Member Countries and observers for comment and

	<p>discussion electronically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Group Chair to hold a teleconference with the Research Group and cross-cutting coordinators to brief them on the Charter discussions and their input
September-November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of the Research Groups take place. Agendas to allow time to discuss relevant parts of the second draft of the Charter.
Friday 5 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Group and cross-cutting coordinators to meet and discuss outcomes from the three Group meetings and to collate feedback for the Secretariat on the second draft of the Charter.
Mid-November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries' feedback on the second draft of the Charter due with the Secretariat, along with collated feedback from Group and cross-cutting coordinators.
November/December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to prepare a third draft of the Charter, based on comments received from countries and Group coordinators.
End of December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to issue third draft of Charter to countries
Early 2011 (Jan or Feb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another Governance Group meeting to finalise the Charter, possibly to take place as part of an Alliance Senior Officials meeting (refer below).
Mid 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial meeting to adopt Charter (refer below).

Proposed Senior Officials meeting in early 2011

42 Participants identified a need for an Alliance Senior Officials meeting in early 2011 (similar to that held in New Zealand in April 2010). This would enable the Governance group to finalise the Charter, based on the third draft issued by the Secretariat at the end of 2010. If the Research Groups were to meet at the same time, they could progress their work plans/outputs ahead of the Ministerial meeting later in 2011 and also provide any final input to the Charter.

43 Time constraints did not permit a discussion of a possible host/venue for this meeting. Countries are invited to consider the possibility of hosting and to contact the Secretariat with further views.

Ministerial event in 2011

44 Time constraints also prevented substantial discussion of the 2011 Ministerial event to adopt the Charter. Participants acknowledged the need to achieve early agreement on the scope of this meeting (i.e. is it just to sign the Charter?) and to allow adequate time to discuss and agree its agenda and format. Early agreement of the timing and venue for the meeting would also be important to allow for proper

planning to take place, recognising the range of international commitments on Ministers each year.

45 An offer was made by New Zealand to host the Ministerial meeting. Countries were asked to reflect on this and to provide further views to the Secretariat, including on other international opportunities for an Alliance Ministerial event and the scope, format and timing of any such event.

CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

46 The Chair closed the meeting by thanking countries for their attendance and contribution over the past two days, Argentina for its generous hosting and excellent meeting arrangements, and the Secretariat for its work in bringing the first draft of the Charter together.

47 Countries were reminded to gear their Research Group contacts up for the forthcoming meetings, and if they had not already done so, to provide their focal point details to the Secretariat as soon as possible. Countries were also reminded of the need to ensure that stock-take responses were due with the Secretariat by 11 August in order to allow for preliminary analysis ahead of the meetings of the Research Groups in September-November.

48 A summary of the immediate follow-up actions was given:

- The Secretariat would prepare a summary record of the meeting and its outcomes and circulate this to Alliance Members and observer countries.
- New Zealand Ministers (as hosts of the Secretariat) would write to their counterparts in Alliance Member and Observer Countries to update them on progress with the Alliance's establishment and upcoming key milestones.
- Countries should note the deadline to provide further comment to the Secretariat on the first draft of the Charter by 13 August 2010.
- Countries' preliminary views are also requested on:
 - The proposal for a Senior Officials meeting in early 2011, including a venue for this meeting
 - Scope, format, timing and venue of the 2011 Ministerial event to adopt the Charter
- As per the process identified in the table above, countries will receive the second draft of the Charter at the end of August.

APPENDIX 1: Participants List

Country	Attendees
Alliance Member Countries	
Argentina	<p>Lorenzo R. Basso: Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries</p> <p>Alejandro Silva: Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries</p> <p>Silvia Mérega: General Director of Environmental Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship</p> <p>Eduardo Tempone: Director of Multilateral Economic Negotiations – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship</p> <p>Nazareno Castillo Marín: Director of Climate Change – Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Daniela Guarás: Directorate of International Agri-food Affairs – Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries</p> <p>Cecelia Llabrés: Directorate of International Agri-food Affairs – Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries</p> <p>Gabriel Blanco: Department of Climate Change – Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Julia Hoppstock: Department of Multilateral Economic Negotiations – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship</p> <p>Natalia Handrujovicz: Department of Multilateral Economic Negotiations – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship</p> <p>Florencia Yañez: Department of Climate Change – Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Samuael Ortiz Basualdo: General Department of Environmental Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship</p> <p>Eliana Saissac: General Department of Environmental Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship</p>
Australia	<p>Mark Gibbs: General Manager, Climate Change Policy Branch, Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)</p> <p>Nadia Bouhafs: Senior Policy Officer, Research and Adaptation, Climate Change Policy Branch, DAFF</p>
Canada	<p>Jamshed Merchant: Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada</p> <p>Rob Patzer: Director, International Partnerships and Policy, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada</p>
Chile	Unable to attend
Colombia	Unable to attend
Denmark	Unable to attend
France	Gilles Aumont: Scientific Officer, International Affairs National Institute of Agriculture Research (INRA)
Germany	Unable to attend

Ghana	Unable to attend
India	Unable to attend
Indonesia	Dr M.Sabran: Head of collaboration and public relation division, IAARD Dr Astu Unadi: Director of Agriculture Climate Research Institute
Ireland	Richard Howell: Head of Research and Codex Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Japan	Mr Ryoutaro Suzuki: Director, International Research Division, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council (AFFRC), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Malaysia	Unable to attend
Mexico	Unable to attend
Netherlands	Kim van Seeters: Department of International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
New Zealand	Paul Stocks: Deputy Director General, MAF Meredith Stokdijk: Manager Climate Change & Environment, MAF
Norway	Unable to attend
Pakistan	Mr. Abid Ali: Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Environment Mr. Naveed Akram Cheema: Managing Director, Water & Power Development Authority
Peru	Unable to attend
Philippines	Joell H. Lales: Agriculturist II Planning Officer, Senior Executive Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research
Russia	Unable to attend
Spain	Alfonso Anaya Turrientes: Agriculture Counselor, Embassy Argentina
Sweden	Unable to attend
Switzerland	Dominique Kohli: Vice-Director, Federal Office for Agriculture
UK	Unable to attend
USA	Mark Manis: Senior Advisor, USDA David Mergen: Agricultural Counselor, U.S. Embassy Buenos Aires
Uruguay	Walter Oyhantcabal: Director, Climate Change Group. Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries
Viet Nam	Dr. Pham Van Mach: Director General of Department of Science, Technology and Environment, MARD Ass. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Tuat: Vice President of Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS), MARD.
Observers	
Brazil	Mr Gustavo Mozzer: Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation Mr Alessandro Pinto: Ministry of External Relations Mr Ciro Russo: Ministry of External Relations
China	Unable to attend

European Commission	<p>Dr Timothy Hall Head of unit: Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture DG Research European Commission</p>
Korea	<p>Ms Jinheui Hong: Assistant Director, General Division of International Cooperation, Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</p> <p>Mr Wooshik Shin:</p>
South Africa	<p>Ms Kedibone Chueu: Agricultural Product Technician, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</p> <p>Ms Seno Madikiza: Agro-Meteorologist, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</p>
Thailand	<p>Mrs. Rachanee Sonkanok: Senior Economist, Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives</p> <p>Miss Jirapa Inthisang: Economist, Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives</p>