

Strategy Document Discussion

2015-2020 GRA Strategy

- Bridge between the GRA Charter and Work Plans
- Focus on priorities of members
- Key Considerations
 - Strengths/Weaknesses of the GRA
 - GRA Core Strength: Research Groups/Networks
 - Current lack of bureaucratic structure
 - Expanding number of international organizations working in this space
 - Chair/Vice Chair
- Key Issues
 - Open Data
 - Increasing awareness of nexus between agriculture and climate change
 - Promotion of GRA
 - Ensuring member engagement

Future of the Secretariat

- New Zealand's Offer to Host Secretariat Until 2019
- Secretariat Functions To Date – Mainly Administrative
- Proposed New Secretariat Functions
 - Single point of contact to all external parties
 - Take on the role of promoting GRA to potential new members and other international organizations

Partners Strategy

- Defines how to identify new partner organizations
- Suggests how those relationships might work
 - GRA could work with other organizations to develop activities and to identify funding for projects and events of mutual interest
 - Partners could attend Council meetings, but would not have a vote
 - Research and Cross-Cutting Groups could also form partnerships subject to agreement of the group
- Provides Guidelines for Selections
 - Partners should be willing to provide a lead contact for their organization
 - Partners should be active participants in the GRA

RG Leadership Guidelines

- Retains current Co-Chair structure
- Stipulates that Co-Chair should be held by a member
- Sets term limits for each individual co-chair
- Limits co-chair positions to 1 per country
- Mandates review of RG leadership every 4 years
- Requires RG co-chairs to demonstrate adequate resources and interest before assuming role

Communications Policy

- Been in place since 2012
- Current Policy
 - States that GRA external communication will be made, requiring a consensus view of GRA membership
 - Stipulates that GRA RG/CC communications would require consensus of group
 - Encourages GRA members to promote GRA
 - Limits the role of the Secretariat to administrative functions