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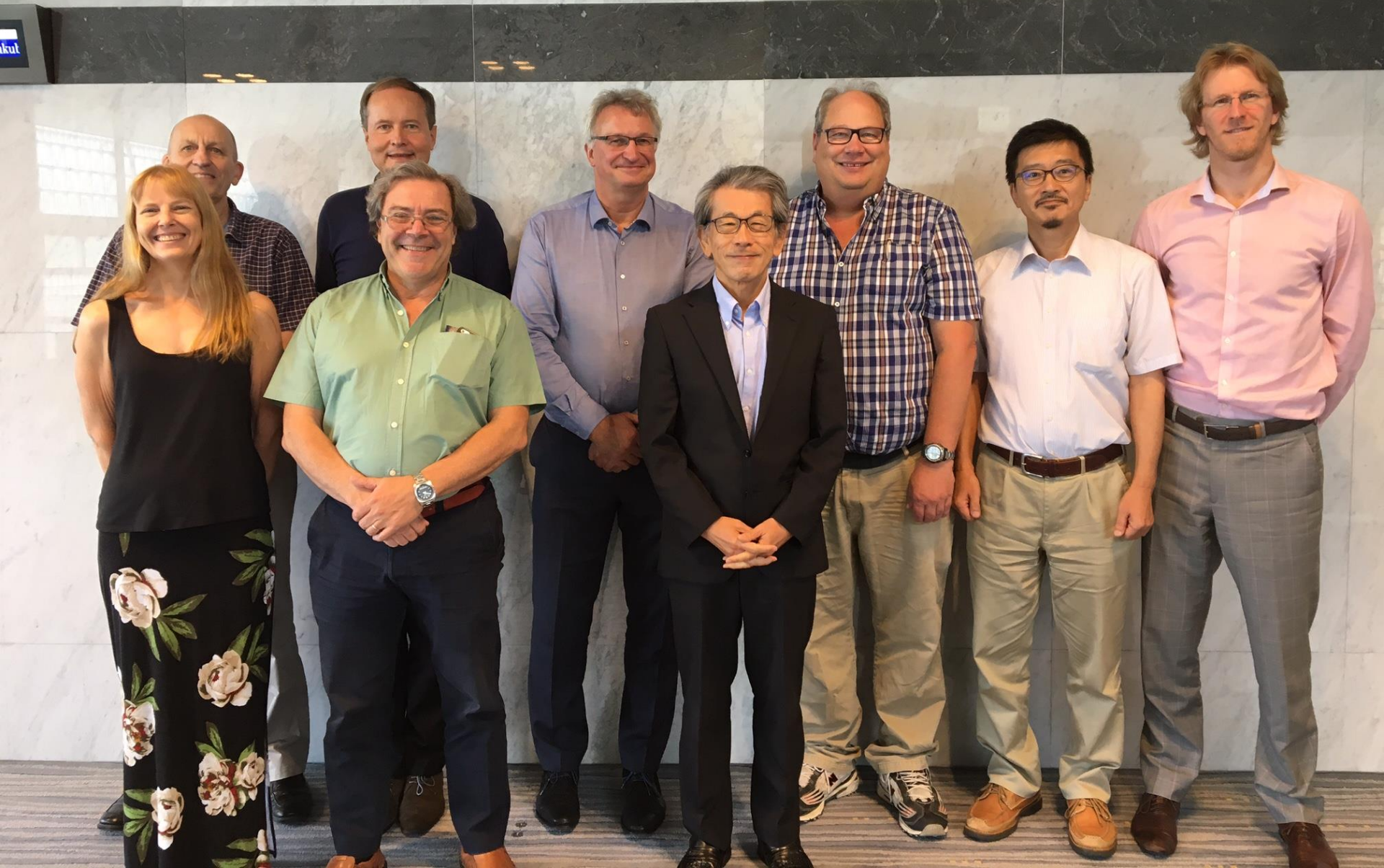
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29 October 2017

Research Group Co-chairs' Report

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Team of Co-Chairs with Chair 2017



Research Groups

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RESEARCH GROUPS



Livestock



Croplands



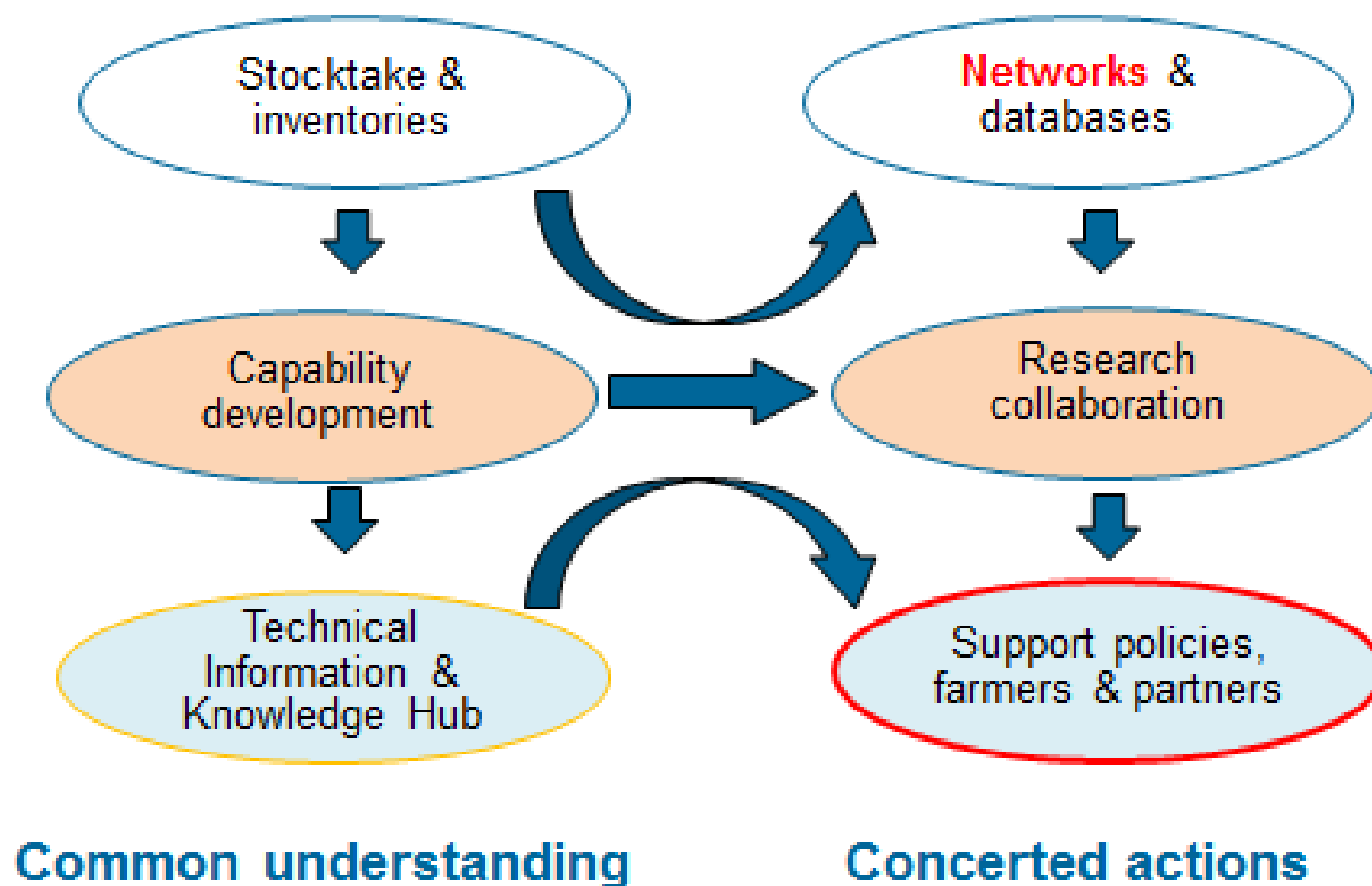
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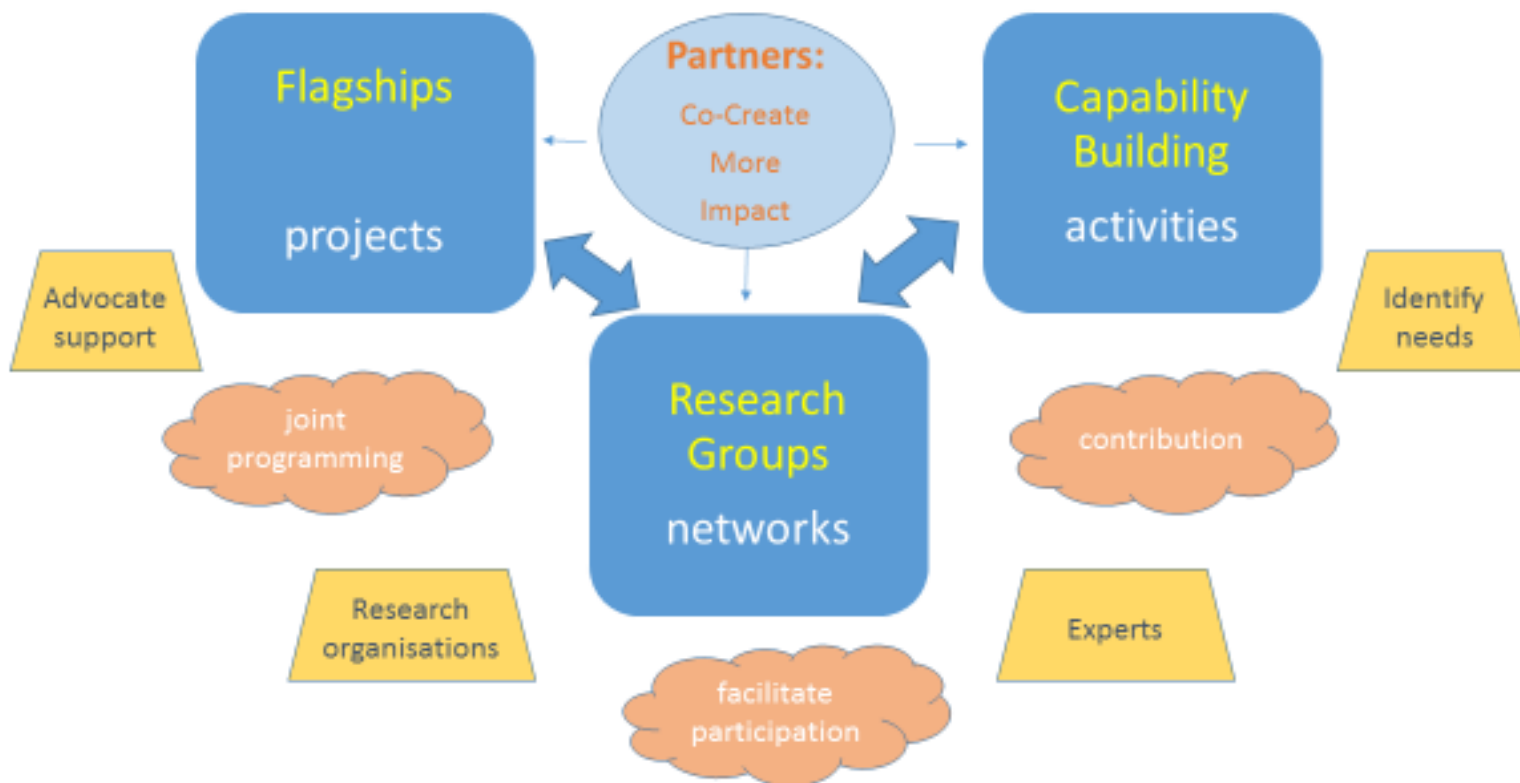
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Outline of Work 2011-2016

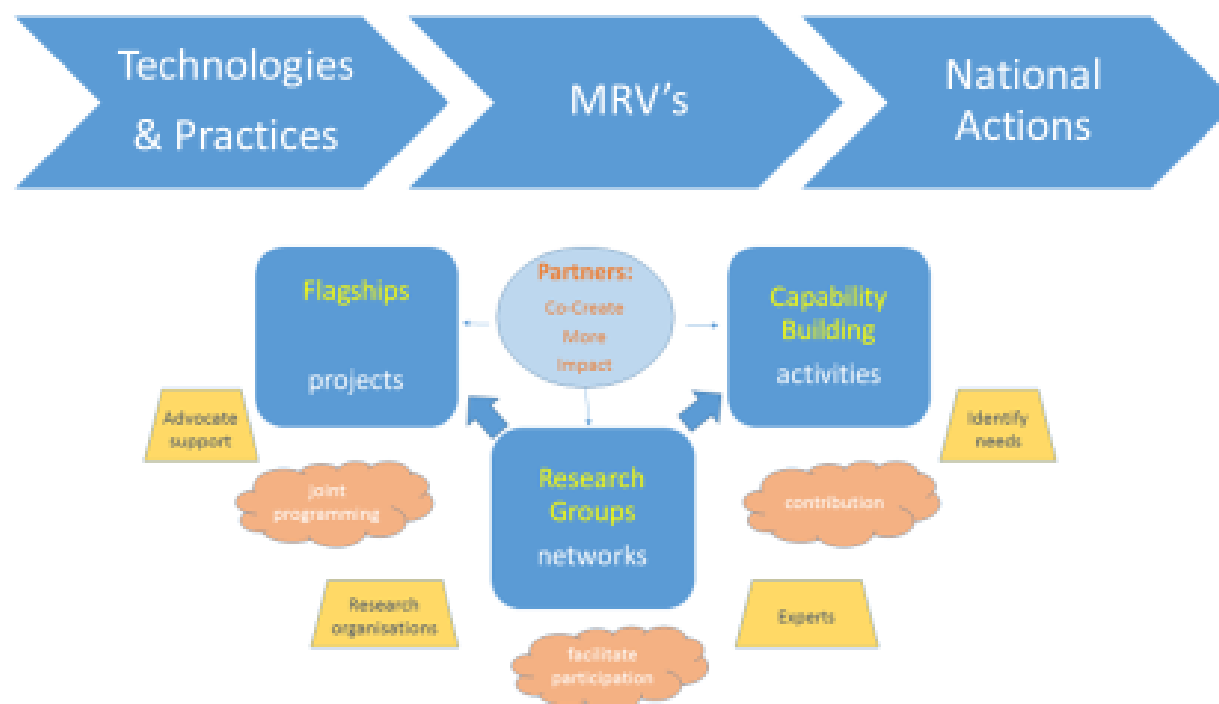


Outline of Work updated 2017+



Impact driven!

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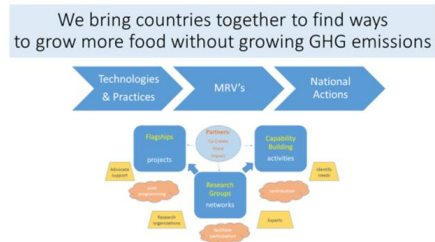
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Joint Research Group Recommendations



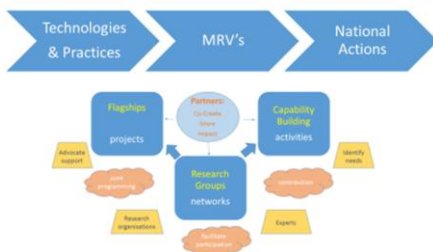
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- Acknowledge the support already provided by those countries undertaking co-chairing roles
- Increased membership & responsibilities (e.g. flagships) is placing increasing demands on the co-chairs' time. For some co-chairs the workload is becoming unsustainable
- Provide time & staff & budget to co-chairs; concept of co-chair 'teams' not just co-chairs
- The Livestock & Paddy Rice Group want to move to a tri-chairing arrangement; please consider volunteering to take up this role & providing the necessary resources
- Help make the RGs' stronger
 - Facilitate research organization to join networks
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 - Arrange and host facilities for regional hubs

Research Group requests to Council Supporting Flagship's

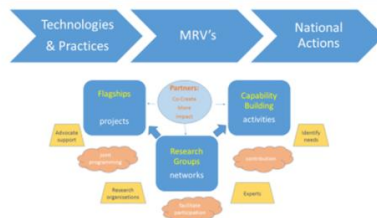
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- Co-chairs enthusiastically endorse the concept of flagships
- The development of resourcing mechanisms is critical for success of the flagships; GHG Nexus & Circasa initiative need to be supported
- The co-chairs urge Members to
 - Further develop joint programming initiatives
 - Support Flagship proposals in competitive calls
 - Provide direct support for involvement in flagships
 - Suggest new flagship projects, especially those that can build on existing multi-partner initiatives

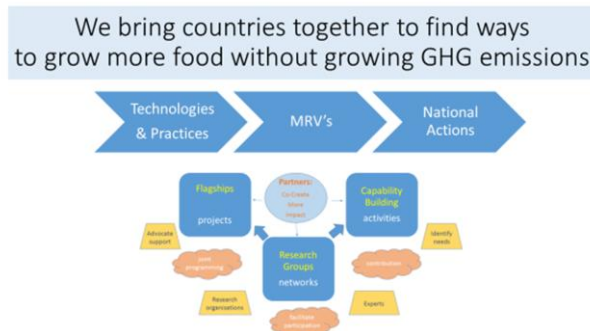
Research Group requests to Council Supporting Capability Building

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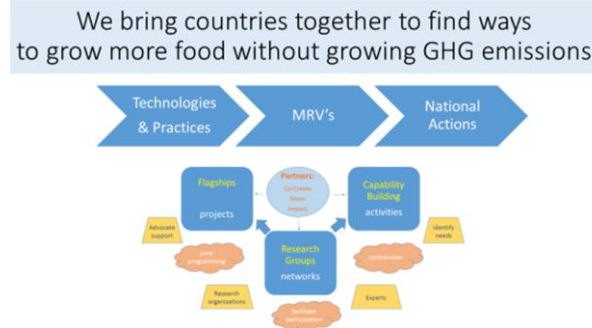
- Understanding 'need' is critical and is especially important now due to the influx of new Members.
- Co-chairs will work with the Secretariat to develop an inventory of needs; your involvement is critical if we are to better deliver to your needs
- Resourcing is critical for the RGs to undertake capability development – too few Member countries are providing the resources necessary for all RGs to undertake capability building activities (LRG is an exception & acknowledges strong NZ support)
- Research groups working to develop a more integrated cross-group approach to capability building e.g. regional workshops covering all aspects of MRV
- You can help - facilitate the recruitment of experts & provide support; host meetings for GRA integrated workshops; provide fellowships to link capability development with flagship projects

Research Group requests to Partners Co-create more Impact



- Greater Partner involvement is critical especially for the success of flagship projects and capability building
- GRA need to seek opportunities to co-create better global activities and programmes - partner & build on existing initiatives, co-develop new initiatives

Research Group requests to Council Additional Questions



- What is the status of a GRA Scientific Conference?
- What is the status of support for the 4/1000 initiative?

DISCUSSION

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