Canada IRG Contributions



- Well involved
 - Leadership:
 - Brian McConkey, Group co-chair
 - Denis Angers, Carbon Sequestration Network Co-lead
 - Participation:
 - Ward Smith, Field modelling
 - Roland Kroebel, Farm to Region (F2R) Modelling





- No dedicated funding program for international collaboration
 - International collaboration within domestic Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada projects encouraged
- Has provided incremental funding for Canadian involvemement to GRA projects in past
 - Support participation in FACCE JPI model intercomparison project involving Field Monitoring Network (then C&N Modelling Cross Cutting Group
- New opportunity to apply for modest (<US\$20 k) funds to link existing project to the GRA or other international initiative
 - Flexible
 - Roland Kroebel has used this mechanism to support the 2018 F2R meeting Jan 16-17, 2018





- 30% reduction of GHG emissions from 2005 by 2030
- Pan-Canadian Framework Plan
 - Carbon price
 - Mechanism determine provincially
 - Mixture of cap and trade, straight carbon tax, and convoluted carbon taxes (include GHG intensity adjustments)
 - Reductions in energy, industry, transportation sectors dominate
 - Agriculture not important part of plan
 - Estimated peak soil sink on agricultural lands of 13 Mt CO2 eq reached in 2006
 - Biofuel from agriculturally derived feedstock is largest effective contribution from agriculture



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- Unclear of how emission reductions needed to reach NDC target will be obtained
 - Opportunities for reporting larger sink from increased C input to agricultural land
 - 40% increase since 2005 due to increasing crop yields, reduction in bare fallow, and change to crops with higher C inputs (especially canola)
 - Requires Tier 3 process modelling
 - Grassland soil C is "not estimated"
 - Increased reductions to N₂O and CH₄ emissions?
 - Looking to GRA to assist with identification and adoption of beneficial management practices that will accomplish reduce agricultural emissions
 - International acceptance of reporting in National Inventory is essential