

# Integrative Research Group

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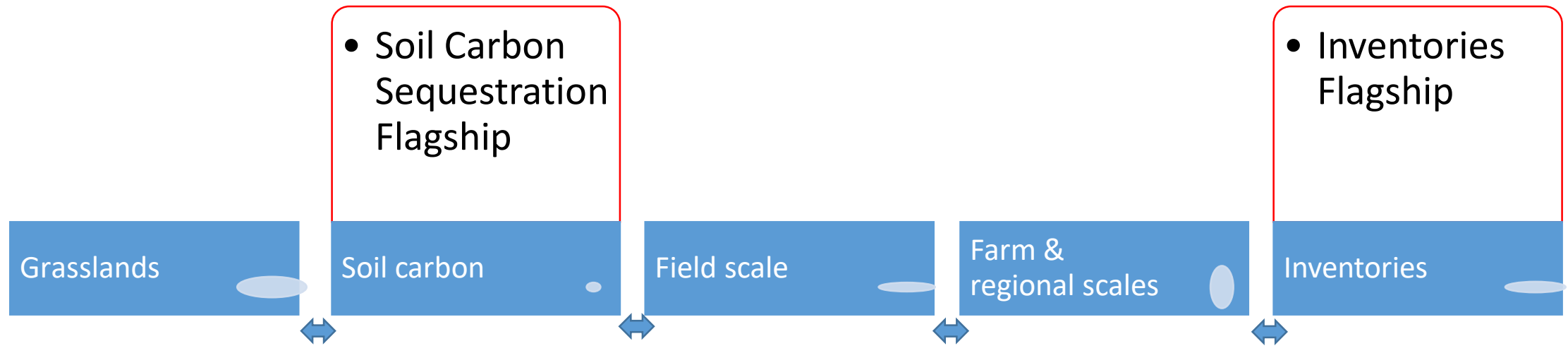
# Streamlining IRG structure in the context of Flagship development

- Networks have ongoing role to identify needs of GRA, aid information sharing within the GRA community, and facilitate research collaborations
- Flagships should deliver to specific projects supported by the GRA community
- IRG includes two Flagships (Soil Carbon Sequestration and Inventories)

# Proposal by co-chairs

- The Soil C network priority for research collaboration is to further projects within the SCS Flagship
- The Inventory Network priority for research collaboration is to further projects within the Inventory Flagship
- The Grassland Network dissolves (no longer exists) and passes:
  - its soil C related interests to the Carbon Sequestration Network
  - and its integrated livestock-soil GHG interests to the Farm to Regional Scale network.

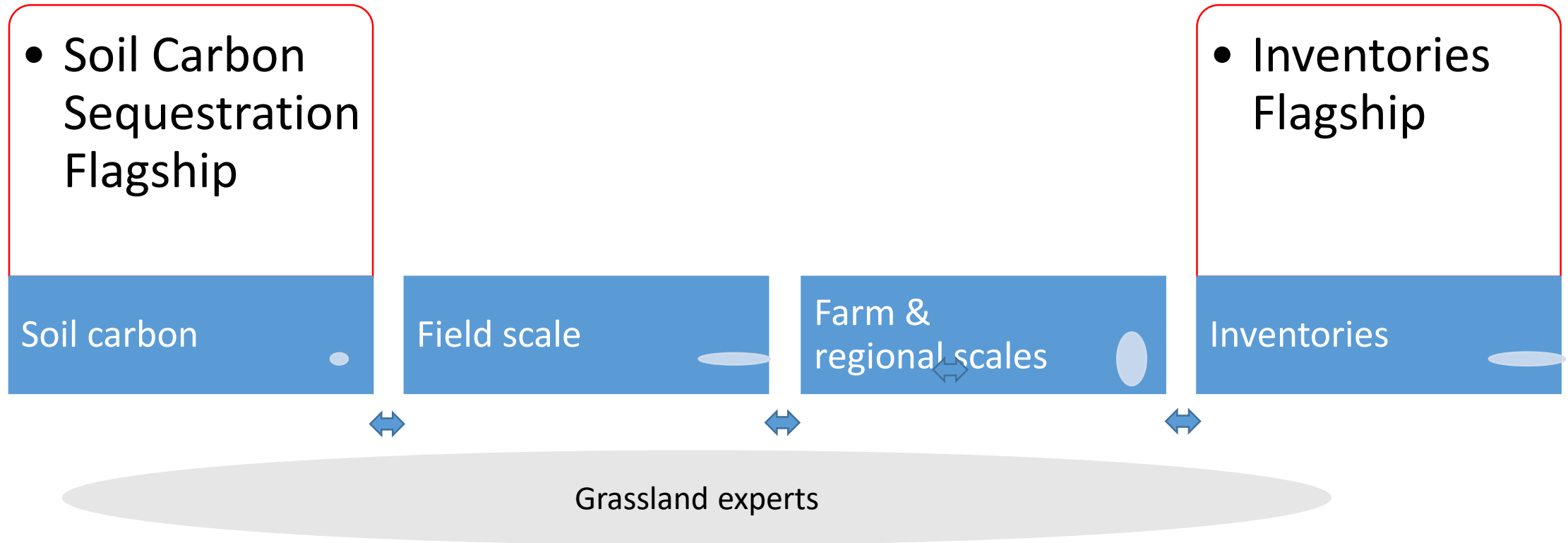
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Regional projects funded through Flagships

Research projects funded through international research calls and grants



# Emerging topics

## SCS flagship and soil carbon network

- **Funding and partners (proposal development)** co-chairs, all
- **Systematic reviews of impacts of practices on soil carbon**  
Sweden(lead), Uruguay, UK, US, Spain, Canada, France
- **Economics of soil carbon sequestration: cost data (contact points?, typology of activities? → barriers** IIASA (lead and contact others: Dominique UK , Jeff Baldock Australia , US)
- **Survey on which long term sites in GRA countries Analyse soil samples from long term sites, LTAR, ANAEE; Standardized soil carbon data linked to practices (general call- MAGNET format, sites not yet identified** Lead contact with Magnet, GLUTN Rothamsted, ISRIC (hosting date, standarization)

- Rapid assessment of SOC stocks and Indirect methodologies for soil carbon stock change- NZ, US, Australia, Canada
- Microbiome and implications for soil health– US and Canada
- Offset methods meeting international integrity (apart from permanence scaling down with 25 yrs) and carbon markets: e.g. Australia, Alberta, California, create a **workshop** (JFS lead & Australia)
- Novel sequestration options, e.g. biochar (**not considered for the time being**)
- **FTR (farm to regional modelling network) economics, costs -> adaptation mitigation and productivity;**
  - collection of farms where we have enough data to validate models -A case study, minimum data to describe a farm **Canada**
  - Library of case studies
- **Global modelling land degradation and climate change, Land use change and NDCs CIRCASA**
- **Training new generation of modellers NZ,US (grants)**
- **Organic soils (peatlands, black soils) cropland research group**

## **Inventories flagship and inventories network**

- Bottom-up inventories vs. top down- **shared farm typologies** , **ccaafs** , **network co-leads**,
- Reduced complexity models, including soil carbon **field network**
- GRAMP for Tier 3, using ensembles of models **UK, field network**
- Representing mitigation options in higher TIER methodologies

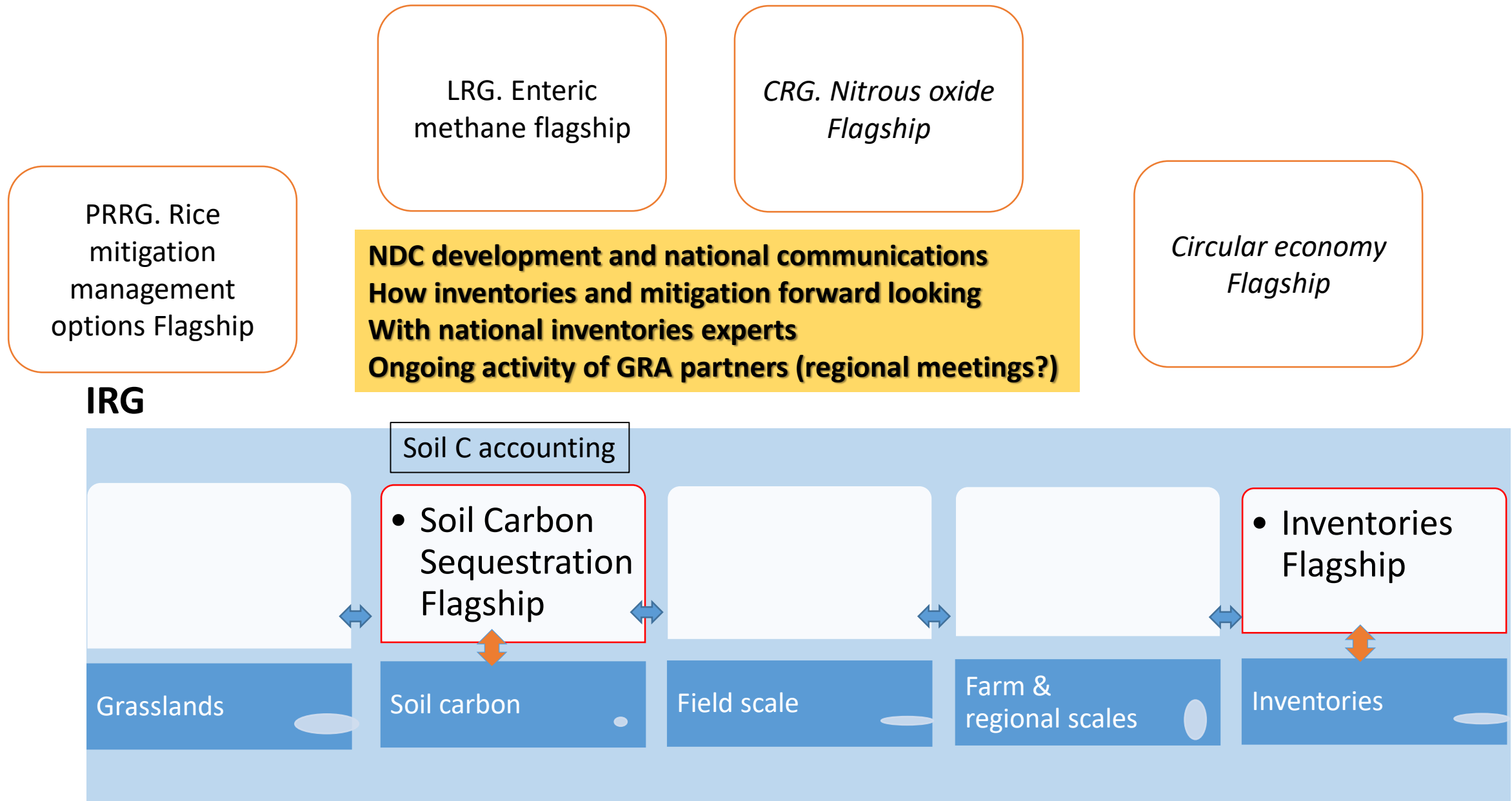
## **NDCs interface mechanism**

How to meet with national experts in charge of NDC development?

A GRA scale issue, to be organized



# Linking flagshipsto NDC development



# UNFCCC subsidiary bodies

- COP23: decision on SBSTA and SB on implementation to include in their work program several aspects of
- Have case studies from GRA
- Effort to be organized by Andi Reisinger, also with CCAFS
- Contributions on soils could be organized by IRG, SCS flagship