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GRA Task Force to initiate a Flagship on Climate Smart Circular Food Systems

Food Security connected to Resource Security

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- Optimized use natural & renewable resource
- No waste of produced biomass
- Valorisation of residual biomass as coproducts
- Interconnected integration within foodsystem



Climate Mitigation Perspectives

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change





- Better agricultural land use
- More efficient use of food crops (including residuals), grass and other marginal crops
- Less specific feed production
- Low emission husbandry
 management
- Smart use of manure for biobased organic fertilizing
- More carbon sequestration in soils and biomass

Council Decision Berlin 2018





Task Force to Develop a Flagship Proposal on Circular Food Systems (CFS)

- Aim: to improve food security with lower GHG emissions by circularity across the entire agri-food system with an economy on by/co-products
 - Identify divers concepts, best practices and evidences for potential to reduce
 GHG at various scales
 - Identify R&D topics to transfer concepts to the practice in showcases
 - Developing a strategy to accelerate a transition towards circularity
 - Review progress and scope in Council meeting 2019 (Bali)

GRA Task Force CFS Inventory



Conception Meeting (2018)

- France
- Argentina
- Indonesia
- Switzerland
- USA
- Lithuania
- Germany
- Uruguay
- Chile
- Vietnam
- The Netherlands
- CCAFS
- CIAT
- FAO

Response to Inventory (2019)

- Colombia
- USA
- Argentina (3x)
- Netherlands
- France
- Norway
- UK
- Spain (2x)
- Ireland
- Denmark
- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- New Zealand

Inventory Results

The concept of CFS is generally recognised, but often hidden under "circular biobased economy"

- Some countries have clear action plans for CFS
- Few recognise CFS as the core of the future for their agriculture
- Focus: minimize use of resource, no waste, all biomass used and reused, lowest emissions

Promoted by all countries in response:

- to address resource scarcity
- to reduce waste of by-products
- to address depletion of soil fertility
- to optimize the use of lands for food production
- to address climate change

Research topics:

- use of residual by-products and food waste in feed production
- development of higher value organic fertilizers
- improvement of soil quality, health and fertility
- green energy production

Role of Governments:

- appropriate policies, regulations and legislations
- stakeholder engagement

Next Steps



- 1. Programme Outline ("white paper") based on Inventory and considering past discussions with CGIAR and FAO to be presented at GRA Council 2019
- 2. Extend and Enforce the Task Force, linked to GRA (RGs) and partners (a coalition of the willing)
- 3. Roadshow to collect Commitment and Support by various Countries, Organizations and Funds (fund raising)
- 4. Recruitment of a Community of Experts, linked to GRA networks
- 5. Organizing a Kick-Off Seminar, linked to a global conference organized by GRA or partner
- 6. Arranging and running a kind of Global Flagship Programme, with shared and joint projects



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