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ON AGRICULTURAL GREENHOUSE GASES

GRA Research and Capability Stocktake

Terms of Reference

The GRA Council has agreed to undertake a review of GRA actions and achievements across the last 10-year period. To advance this work, the GRA Council established a working group, comprised of Council representatives and Research Group co-Chairs to develop the stocktake objectives and method.

Objective

This Research and Capability Stocktake has the following aims:

To undertake a research and capability stocktake (including case studies) to measure the progress and impact of GRA action after 10 years and understand the gaps and future capability needs of the GRA needed to address the requirements of a range of stakeholders – governments and research institutions.

To highlight the progress and achievements of the GRA community over the past 10-years to international researchers and policy-makers. The outcomes will include showcasing successful research collaborations and networks through the development of communication materials for GRA members and Partners as well as other potential members and funders identifying the benefits to increasing investment through the GRA.

To develop communications suitable to inform existing members (including the Research Group networks) and options to communicate current research and policy relevant information to a range of end users.

To assess current capabilities and needs of GRA members and partners. These outcomes will only be used internally within GRA to align future processes with its members and partners capabilities and needs.

Scope

The Research and Capability Stocktake will undertake a review of GRA publications and meeting reports identifying:

- Creation of research networks over time (combine with actor / network analysis)
- GRA flagship projects 2010-2020: actors, main outcomes, publications
- Publications / databases / events with GRA involvement
- Leadership of groups/networks/activities and research
- Funders (including in-kind)
- Inclusion of capability building needs of the GRA network
- Potential communication materials and suitable communications media

The stocktake will also complete a survey (e.g. survey monkey) of GRA Members or stakeholder interviews with selected members of the GRA community to collect qualitative data.

Governance arrangements

Members of the working group:

- The working group is made up of GRA Members countries and Research Group Co-Chairs ensuring the final communications support a range of end-users.
- The working group will be supported by the GRA Secretariat.

Activities and deliverables:

- Review of achievements (external communication)
- Findings from interviews and / or online survey with GRA community (Members, Partners, Research Groups and Networks)

Timing

- Do we want to set a time limit – say before the next GRA annual Council meeting?

Work Plan – DRAFT

	Action	Due Date
1	Agree plan and allocate roles and responsibilities	Feb
2	Review GRA publications and meeting reports and prepare first draft of report	April
3	Draft survey questions and identify target groups to send them to	April
4	Identify end-users for stocktake outputs Prepare shortlist of potential communication materials for each end-user group Identify support required to create and disseminate potential communication materials	April
	Working Group meeting to review actions 2-4	April
5	Complete review report	June
6	Conduct surveys and compile report	June
	Working Group meeting to discuss final outputs	June
7	Prepare / contract communication materials based on final outputs, along with plans for their dissemination	August
8	Share communication materials in line with dissemination plans	September