



Secretariat Update

Joint Meeting of the IRG & CRG, 17th and 18th January 2023

Nina Grassnick, GRA Secretariat

AT A GLANCE



4 Research Groups 


Paddy Rice
Research
Group


Livestock
Research
Group


Croplands
Research
Group


Integrative
Research
Group

 **17** Science Networks

27 partner organisations 

Over **3000** scientists 
involved in activities of the GRA

141 international collaborative projects supporting the GRA 

228 fellowships awarded to recipients from **49** countries 

 **51** technical training workshops held

 **66** technical guidelines, resource materials and databases produced



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Enhanced GRA Secretariat

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New additions:

Heather Went, GRA Secretariat, New Zealand Agricultural GHG Research Centre, *New Zealand*.

Bertha Kasonde: new CLIFF-GRADS Administrator at Ryan Institute at the National University of Ireland Galway, *Ireland*.

Veronica Ellis, Joanne Monjol & Shiloh Babbington: GRA Secretariat, GRA Scholarships and Awards, *New Zealand*.

Sega Ndao: West/Central Africa Region, livestock capability building, New Zealand Agricultural GHG Research Centre.

Sebastián Ganderats: Support for Chile as GRA Council Chair, Instituto de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (INIA), *Chile*.

Nicolas Costa: Latin American Technical Specialist, *Uruguay*

GRA Council Meeting, March 2022

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- Chile current Chair, Spain Vice-Chair (will host 2023 GRA Meeting)
- New Zealand to continue hosting GRA Secretariat and supporting Special Representative role
- Research Group reports (stocktake)
- New GRA Flagship Projects (<https://globalresearchalliance.org/flagship-projects/>)
- Research Stocktake Working Group plan agreed



GRA Council Meeting, April 2023

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- Spain will host 2023 GRA Meeting, in Madrid 24-26 April at the Residencia de Estudiantes.
 - An evening cocktail function will be held on 23 April to welcome participants.
 - The two-day GRA Council meeting will take place on 24-25 April.
 - A field trip on the day of 26 April will follow after the meeting to visit Spanish Agricultural Research sites.
- Outcomes of the GRA Council Survey
- Flagship Projects
 - Updates from existing Flagships
 - New Flagships agreed.

Spanish Presidency 2023-24

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GRA Flagships

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GRA Flagship Project Outline

FLAGSHIP CRITERIA

Scope – defined timeline and outcome of global applicability

Participation – wide GRA member involvement / range of opportunities to collaborate (e.g. data, sample or knowledge sharing)

Research – generates new knowledge using an identified community of experts within the GRA Membership

Resourcing – Identified project lead, 30% funding confirmed for core activities. Proposed funding mechanisms for additional activities and contributions identified.

FLAGSHIP APPROVAL PROCESS

1. GRA Flagship Project template to be completed by the lead.
2. The GRA Flagship Project must identify at least five Council Champions, Members and Partners, consisting of at least three GRA Member countries.
3. Council representatives to assess proposed Flagship projects using the criteria (above), and agree on the GRA Flagship projects to endorse.
4. GRA Flagship Projects will be profiled on the GRA website, and once complete final outcomes will be presented to the Council.

Webinars

- Introducing GRA Flagship Project – ongoing

National inventory training programme

- Link: <https://globalresearchalliance.org/e-learning/>

CLIFF-GRADS Support for RG's, PRRG's sub-Groups, GRA Networks

- Sub-Groups need support? Please contact Jo Monjol: joanne.Monjol@mpi.govt.nz

GRA Fellowships and Awards

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CLIFF-GRADS

- The Climate, Food and Farming, Global Research Alliance Development Scholarships Programme (CLIFF-GRADS) is a joint initiative of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA) and the CGIAR MITIGATE+ programme.
- 124 PhD students, from 32 countries, based in 50 different institutes from 30 different countries.
- Results from Round 5 – A further 48 Students from 18 Countries announced alongside COP27

RUFORUM

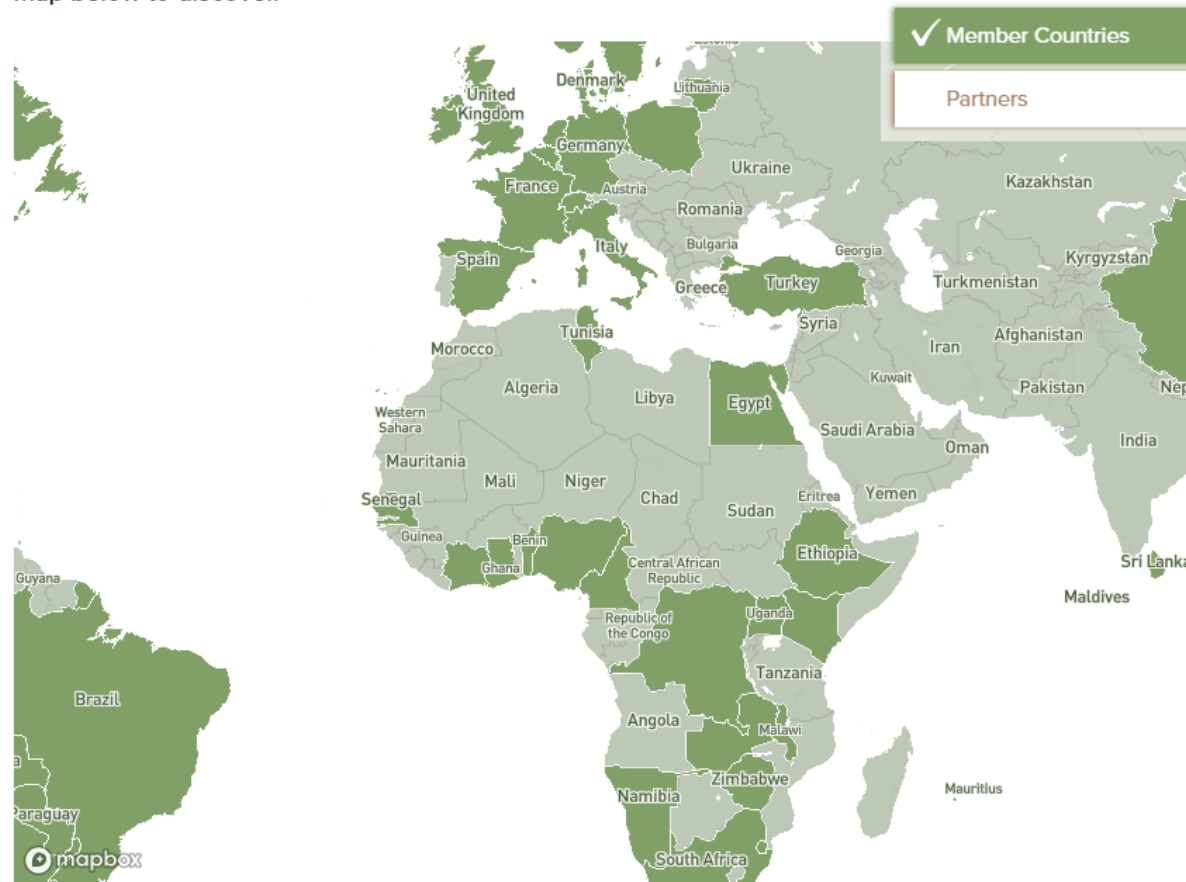
- GRA has partnered with the RUFORUM Network of Agricultural Universities across Africa to support Graduate Research Grants for Masters level projects for students studying agricultural GHGs.
- 8 awards, benefitting 22 students awarded in 2020
- Second round opening soon!



Country pages on GRA website

The GRA at a Glance

There are currently 66 member countries. Please scroll around the map below to discover.



Your space!

- Information about your country's agricultural systems
- Participation in research projects
- Capability building opportunities
- Job opportunities
- Funding programmes
- Priority research areas
- Country contacts for Council, Research Groups, Networks,
- Etc.



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Thank you!

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