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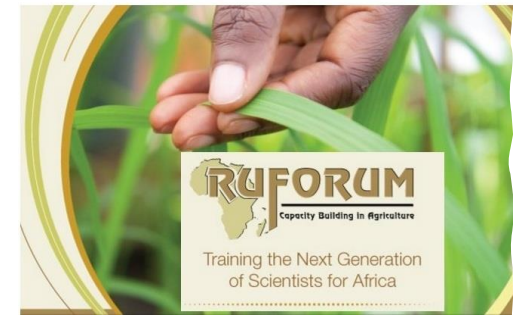
Capability session

24 April 2023

RUFORUM GRA Graduate Research Grants

Aim: to build the capability of graduate students and post-graduate scientists in Africa to conduct applied research on agricultural GHGs

- 2020: R1 supported **8 projects**, involving **22 Masters students**
- 2022: R2 will support **8 research grants including Masters students and 2 PhD research grants**
 - R2 closed on 10 April 2023
 - 57 applications received for Graduate Research Grants & 24 for Doctoral Grants
- The R2 PhD projects are part of a joint research initiative between GRA, RUFORUM and ILRI's Mazingira Centre



CLIFF-GRADS Programme - Overview

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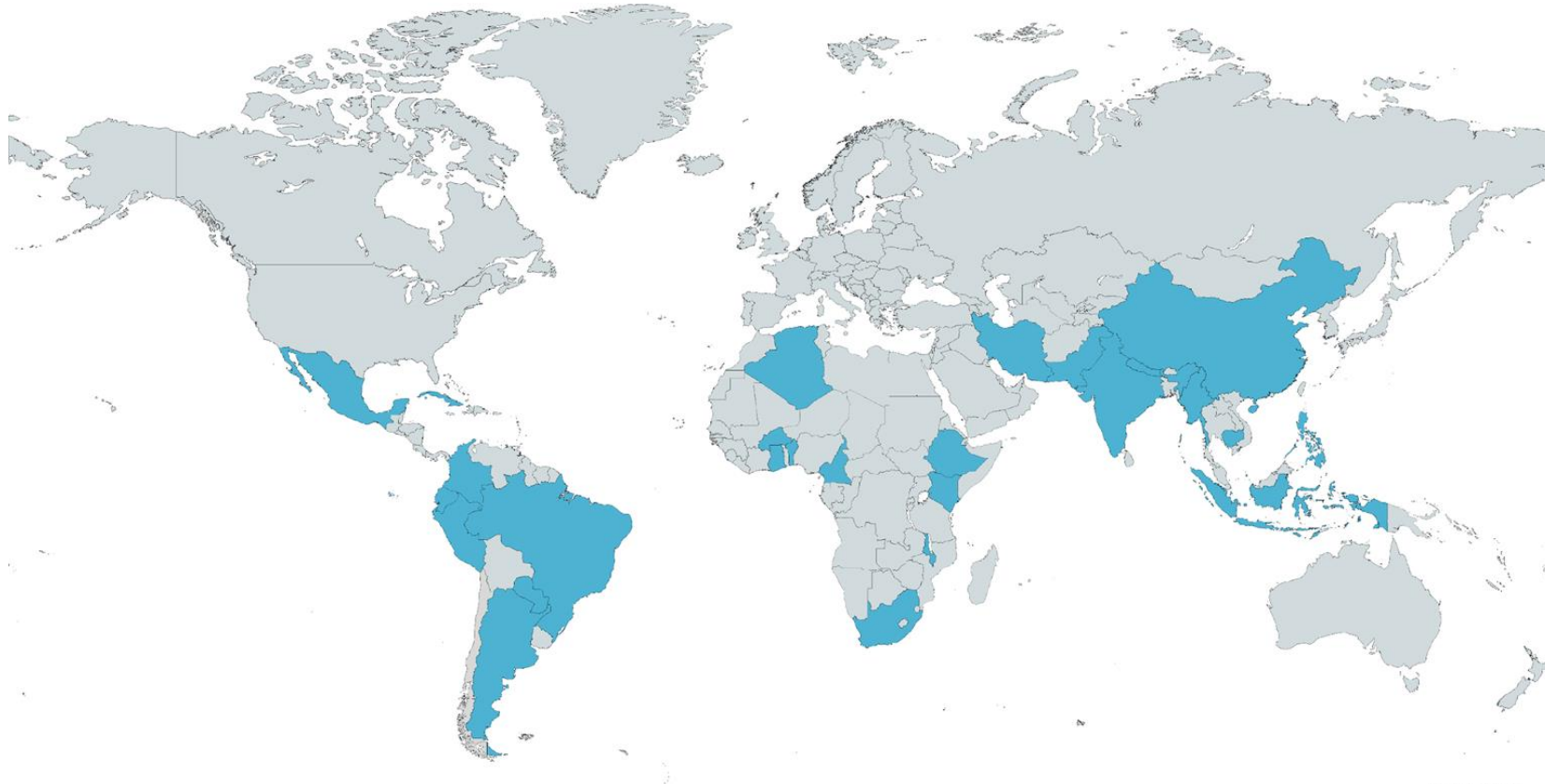
- **Climate, Food and Farming, Global Research Alliance Development Scholarships Programme (CLIFF-GRADS)** is a joint initiative of the **GRA** and **CGIAR Research Initiative on Low Emission Food Systems (Mitigate+)**
- Scholarship of USD12,000 supports PhD students from developing countries for a research visit of up to 6 months.
- Research projects focus on measurement, modelling and mitigation of GHG emissions, or measurement, modelling and enhancement of carbon storage in agricultural systems relevant to developing countries.

CLIFF-GRADS Programme - Overview

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176 awardees, from 36 countries



CLIFF-GRADS Programme – Round 6

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- Call for **expression of interest** from host institutes – **Closing 2 May 2023**
- Applications for **students** will be opened from **15 June to 21 August 2023**.
- **Awardees to be announced at COP28.**

Questions for discussion

1. What strategies can be employed to ensure that all member countries have equal access to opportunities?
2. What do you consider to be the most pressing priorities for your respective countries?
3. How can we align our capability-building efforts with the specific priorities and needs of each member country?
4. To what extent do you believe that Flagship projects can be utilized to strengthen and enhance member countries' capability?(inclusion of PhD and Post-docs in the projects?)
5. What capability-building activities could the members share with council?