



GLOBAL RESEARCH ALLIANCE

ON AGRICULTURAL GREENHOUSE GASES

New GRA Structure

Circular Food Systems

Agricultural GHG Inventory

Indigenous Research

GRA Council Meeting, Costa Rica, 6-7 July 2026

GRA Structural Changes since 2025 GRA Council meeting – Dublin

Previous Structure

Council & Secretariat

GRA RESEARCH GROUPS

Livestock

Paddy Rice

Croplands

Integrative

GRA NETWORKS

Animal Health
Animal Genetics
Feed & Nutrition
Manure
Rumen Microbial

America's sub-group

Asia sub-group

Agroforestry
Conservation Agriculture
Integrated
Crop-Livestock Systems
Landscape Management
Nutrient Management
Peat Management

Indigenous Research
Inventories and NDCs
Circular Food Systems
Farm to Regional Scale
Integration
Soil Carbon Sequestration

GRA FLAGSHIPS

Flagships linked to relevant Research Groups

* Merged Networks
** formerly Inventories & NDCs

GRA Structure

(Confirmed at Extraordinary Council Meeting - Nov 2025)
(incorporated from RG reports - Jul 2026)

Council & Secretariat

GRA RESEARCH GROUPS

Livestock

Rice

Crop and Land Use

GRA NETWORKS

Animal Health
Animal Genetics
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Considering
Networks based on
rice production
systems e.g. upland,
lowland, MRV

Soil Carbon
Nutrient Management
Agricultural Systems*
Agroforestry

Special Representative

GRA INDEPENDENT NETWORKS

**Agricultural
GHG
Inventory****

**Indigenous
Research
Network**

**Circular
Food
Systems**

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Network Aim

To contribute to food security with mitigation of GHG emissions by circularity across the entire agrifood system

We do that by:

- Bringing together, developing, and disseminating knowledge about circular food systems;
- Mobilising agricultural scientists to explore circularity within different agricultural systems focusing on GHG emissions
- Providing policy makers with methodologies and system designs for a climate-smart, circular food system

Co-Chairs

Mirjam Spoelstra (WUR - Netherlands)

Overall lead, finances, coordination with Ministry funders, policy engagement, website.



Flavia Casu (FAO - Italy)

Network collaborations, partnerships, and webinar coordination.



Rianne van Zandbrink (WUR - Netherlands)

Theory of Change, workshops, and newsletter management.



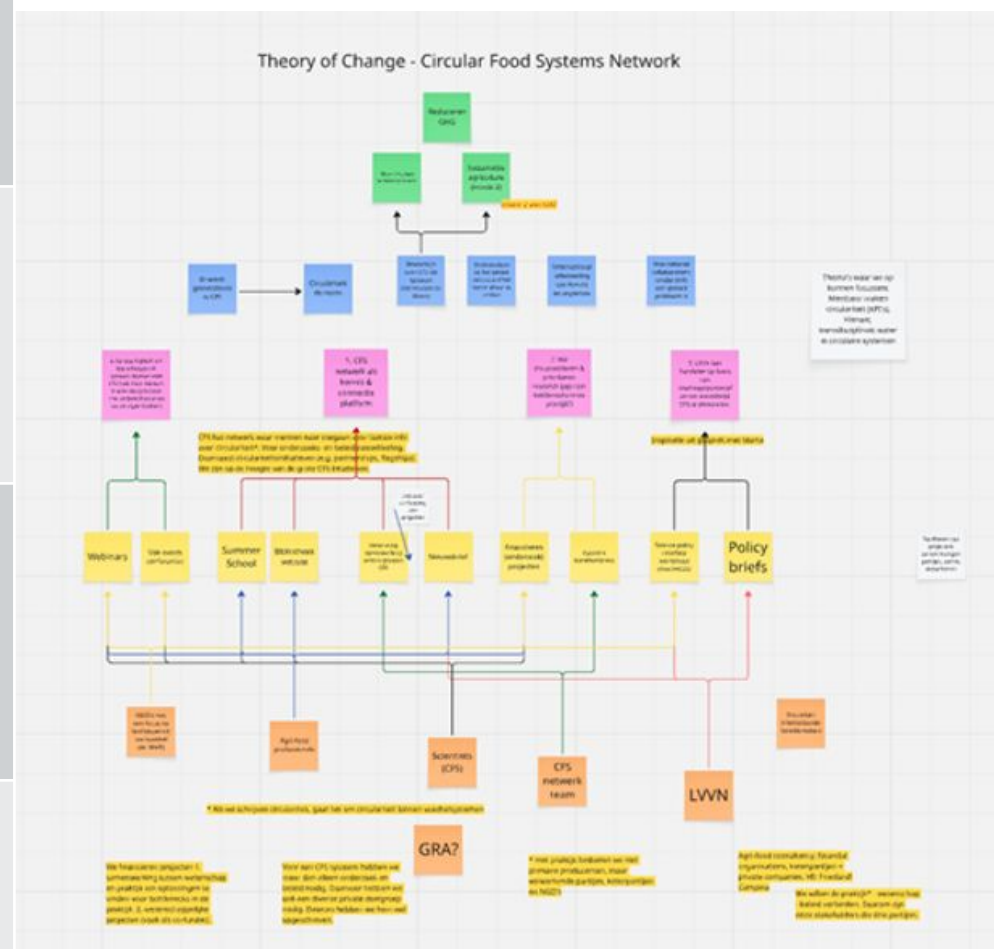
Workplan 2026



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Period	Priority actions	Deliverables and indicators
Q1	- Launch of CFS Website and knowledge hub - Continue webinar series (session 3) - Initiate scoping for joint international research proposal	- Live website with core resources - Recorded webinar posted
Q2	International workshop as a side event at conference - Publish CFS Newsletter and begin regular LinkedIn updates - Draft outline of Policy brief #1	- Workshop report - Newsletter analytics - Policy brief draft
Q3	Webinar series session 4 - Collect and curate case studies for website - Finalise joint research proposal and identify funding calls	- Recorded webinar posted - Project content 'Circular Voices' on website
Q4	Release policy brief for policy makers, NGO's and industry - Publish CFS Newsletter #2	- Workshop report – policy brief publication - Newsletter analytics

Theory of Change: shaping the CFS Network 2026-2030



Next steps



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- Explore funding and collaboration opportunities for project on valorizing circularity to reduce emissions
- Create knowledge hub on CFS website
- Organise policy session (science-policy interface)



*For all activities we are looking
for valuable partnerships to
expand our outreach*

Year	Milestones
2026	Network consolidation, website launch, policy brief, first joint research project
2027	Expansion of thematic working groups; second edition CFS Summer School
2028	Mid-term evaluation; proposal joint research project or Flagship under the GRA
2029	Scale-up collaborative research output; overview of methodologies on measuring reduction of GHG through circular practices
2030	Global CFS Conference showcasing outcomes; measuring cumulative GHG reductions and resource-efficiency impacts; publication of final 5-year



**Circular Food Systems Network
Newsletter – June 2025**

Network Aim

To improve the quality of national greenhouse gas inventories and agricultural NDC's, through effective communication of relevant information and training opportunities, and by better connecting governments and decision makers to the relevant experts.

Co-Chairs

*Dr Andrea Pickering, New Zealand,
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Inventory Capability Building
Programme Lead*

*Dr Ngoni Chirinda, Morocco, Professor
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*Dr Mai Van Trinh, Viet Nam, Director
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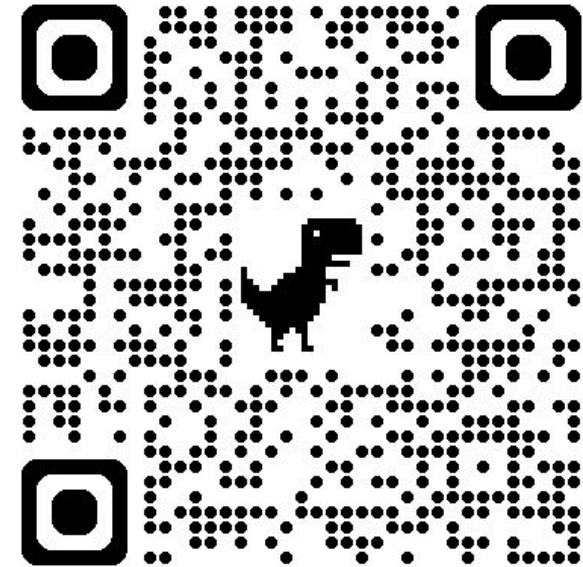
Next Steps



Agricultural
GHG
Inventory
Network

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- Link Inventory experts with technical teams under the Flagship HAlow: Health Approaches for Lowering Livestock Emissions
- Co-chair the development of the LEAP guidelines on Incorporating greenhouse gas mitigation actions in livestock systems into national inventories
- Identify areas that the Network can support Policy makers through the science to policy interface and develop case studies
- Develop technical training resources available through the network
- Update the Network workplan for 2026-2028
- Continue administrative activities including updating the Website and producing newsletters



**Who's Counting Issue 16 - June
2026**



Indigenous Research Network

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Network Aim

The Indigenous Research Network aims to strengthen indigenous voices in global agricultural issues and to help empower traditional indigenous practices to be used in our fight against climate change.

The objective of this network is to create opportunities for Indigenous Peoples:

1. **Leadership:** Building scientific capability and capacity within their communities and globally.
2. **Influence:** Ensure indigenous perspectives are actively and consistently considered in GRA decisions.
3. **Education:** Provide immersive indigenous experiences through the exchange of knowledge and ideas.
4. **Employment:** Create experiences that retain Indigenous talent in mainstream institutions.

Co-Chairs

Simon McDonald (New Zealand) manages NZ's Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Maori Agribusiness Climate & Water Group.

Angelika Tugaga (Samoa) manages the Agriculture Research Division of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS).



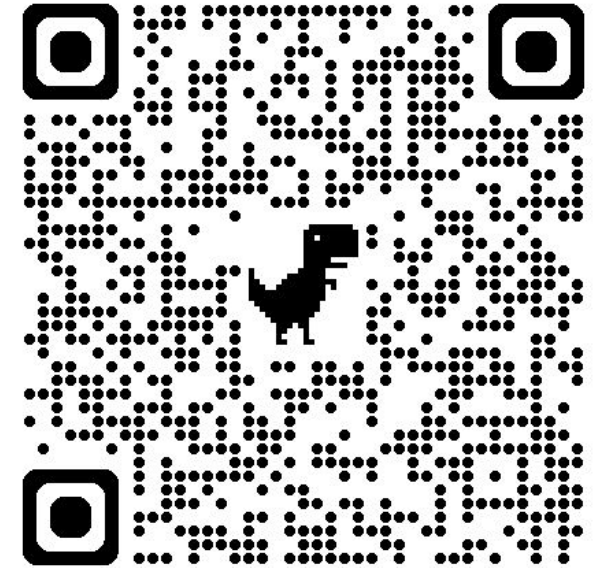


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- Food loss and waste workshop alongside New Zealand and Germany's AgriDENZ initiative in Samoa, September 2026
- Developing a refreshed IRN workplan for 2026-2028
- IRN Flagship project focused on food loss and waste from an Indigenous lens
- Webinar series led by the Philippines and New Zealand
- Open expression of interests to be third co-chair of the IRN
- Stocktake of opportunities to connect members on different topics



**Indigenous Research Network
Newsletter – MARCH 2025**

Questions for Discussion

- What opportunities are there to strengthen the interactions across the Networks and Research Groups?
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