

Day 2 In-Person Strategic Research Agenda Workshop

14th Global Research Alliance (GRA) Council Meeting

7th July 2026, San José, Costa Rica

The in-person workshop on day two of the 14th Global Research Alliance (GRA) Council Meeting will provide an interactive and consultative forum for Members and Partners to contribute directly to the development of the GRA Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) to 2035. The workshop is designed to gather structured input on future research priorities, collaboration opportunities, capacity-building needs, and the role of the GRA in supporting science-based solutions for agricultural greenhouse gas mitigation and resilience.

The workshop will run for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes and will combine plenary framing discussions with facilitated breakout group sessions and reporting back. Participants will engage in collaborative discussions to help shape the future direction of the GRA and identify areas where collective action can deliver the greatest impact.

The workshop is framed around the GRA Strategic Focus for 2026–2030, which seeks to: Advance scientific research; strengthen capacity and knowledge sharing; build effective collaboration and partnerships; and leverage financial and other resources.

The Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) will help define priority research areas to 2035, guide collaboration across GRA Research Groups and Networks, and support policy-relevant and science-based mitigation and resilience actions.

The objectives of the workshop include:

- Identify priority research themes and gaps
- Define the unique value-add of the GRA
- Highlight opportunities for collaboration and partnerships
- Identify data, monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV), and capacity-building needs
- Build consensus on the future direction of the SRA.

The structure of the workshop is as follows:

- Opening and framing remarks (10-15 minutes)
- Facilitated breakout discussions (60 minutes)
- Group report back sessions (15-20 minutes)

Participants will be assigned in advance to breakout groups (three in total covering rice, livestock and crops and land-use) to support balanced and focused discussion. This will be done ahead of the Workshop. Each breakout group will be facilitated and supported by designated person to capture and synthesise key points for reporting back to plenary. Participants can also offer views on other topic areas independent of the breakout group assigned.

Discussions will consider both sector-specific and cross-cutting issues, such as Strategic research priorities to 2035; Research gaps and scientific uncertainties; Technologies and innovations requiring scaling; Data, MRV and methodological needs; Capacity building and knowledge exchange; Policy relevance and uptake; and Partnerships, coordination and funding opportunities.

The **outputs from the workshop** will inform the continued development of the GRA Strategic Research Agenda to 2035. The information gathered will contribute to the analysis of consultations, preparation of a workshop report, development of the draft SRA, and further engagement with Members and Partners as part of the process to finalise and agree the Strategic Research Agenda.