



2018/2019 Workstreams

OVERARCHING GOAL- agricultural landscapes become more resilient, sustainably producing food, feed, fiber and ecosystem services and reducing and sequestering greenhouse gases.

OBJECTIVES- alliance partners set forth four objectives to guide the work of NACSAA:

- **Inspire** agricultural and forest sector leaders to become leaders in the broader discussion of climate change, including adaptation and mitigation;
- **Educate** agricultural and forestry leaders on the potential impacts of climate change in ways relevant to their daily lives;
- **Equip** leaders and producers with the tools and knowledge they need to make informed decisions and manage new risks under changing conditions; and
- **Mobilize** thought leaders to advocate for needed changes in land use practices, research, education and policy.

WORKSTREAMS- During this period NACSAA’s activities will be focused on three workstreams: knowledge and capacity building, enabling platforms and investment.

- I. **Knowledge and capacity building:** Strengthen institutional capacity of NACSAA members for knowledge, practice and technology sharing relating to Climate Smart Agriculture.

Sustain and facilitate dialogues, networking and learning spaces to catalyze expanded and accelerated deployment of CSA practices	
Priority Actions	Activities
i. Curate and share knowledge about innovative CSA practices/strategies and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NACSAA newsletter - Maintain web site - Social media & webinars - CSA farmer speakers bureau - Annual partner forum - Biannual SC meetings
ii. Monitor and respond to draft GHG reduction goals for cultivated cropland, grazing lands and the animal agriculture sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form Action Team
iii. Strengthen institutional capacity development within farm organizations for CSA knowledge, practice and technology sharing; provide a bridge to USDA Climate Hubs, ag retailers/service providers and other centers of knowledge/learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design a platform to support education, training and knowledge sharing with NACSAA member organizations

II. **Enabling Platforms:** Shape the formation of CSA enabling policy, strategies and planning at national, regional and global level.

Monitor and contribute to CSA work in the following forums:	
Global and National Forums	Activities
i. UNFCCC Koronivia Joint Work program on Agriculture; ii. Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture; (GACSA) dialogue on agroecology and CSA; iii. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)- multiyear action plan on food security and climate change; iv. FAO- Scaling up agroecology initiative: Transforming food and agricultural systems in support of the SDGS; v. UNEP 10YFP- <i>(a global framework of action to enhance international cooperation to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in both developed and developing countries);</i> vi. UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) High Level of Panel of Experts (HLPE) on “Agroecology and Other Innovations for Food Security and Nutrition” vii. Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases; viii. Business partner CSA platforms within WBCSD and BSR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain calendar of priority forums - Attend select events - Build and maintain personal relationships with negotiators and organizers - Monitor developments - Draft & submit responses
ix. Identify, aggregate and help partners advocate for needed enabling policies and programs (production and conservation systems, risk management strategies and infrastructure) needed to achieve csa outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form Action Team

III. **Investments:** Link producers and finance providers to better align agricultural finance flows with csa principles and producer needs.

Improve the effectiveness of public and private investments that support the three pillars of Climate Smart Agriculture	
Pathway	Activities
i. Identify incentives for farmers to adopt CSA practices; ii. Engage finance providers; encourage public and private investors to review their compatibility with CSA; iii. Identify and evaluate existing and new sources of financing for CSA enablement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts, market mechanisms (offsets and insets), carbon tax, incentive payments, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form Action Team - Develop white paper on CSA financing