



GCARD3 Organizing Committee

Meeting #9: **Monday 14 December 2015, 12:00p.m UTC** Virtual

MINUTES

(Approved by the Organizing Committee on Friday 14 January 2016)

Participants:

Mark Holderness (co-Chair, GFAR Secretariat),
Alain Vidal (CGIAR Consortium Office, *acting co-Chair*)
Tom Randolph (CGIAR Research Program – Livestock and Fish)
Sigismundo Bialoskorski Neto (International Cooperative Alliance)
Shadrack Moephuli (Agriculture Research Council, South Africa)
Aggrey Agumya (Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa)
Fiona Chandler (GFAR Secretariat, *ex-officio*)
Nadia Manning-Thomas (CGIAR Consortium Office)

Apologies:

Frank Rijsberman (co-Chair, CGIAR Consortium Office),
Kwesi Atta-Krah (CGIAR Research Program – Humid Tropics)
Esther Penunia (Asian Farmers Association)

1. **Welcome**

Sig Bialoskorski Neto advised that ICA has nominated Arturo Pidra-Santa as an alternate ICA member of the Organizing Committee. Sig will brief Arturo in the coming week on the GCARD3 and the Organizing Committee.

2. **Matters Arising from Minutes of OC Meeting #8**

Outstanding items from the minutes:

- Nadia Manning-Thomas has drafted a survey to use for regional and national consultations as a tool in developing lessons learned. When completed this will be shared with the M&E team and the OC.

3. **Update on GCARD3 National consultations**

National consultations have now included Nicaragua, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Tanzania. Vietnam is taking place at the moment. One more consultation (Bangladesh) is still to come. More of the communication pieces are coming in (via blog) and currently waiting on formal meeting reports. Discussions are ongoing with the organizers to get firm dates for the remaining 14 national consultations. It was confirmed that the remaining national consultations will be undertaken in Quarter 1 of 2016.

There seems to be a mis-understanding on the purpose of the Bangladesh national consultation. It was reported that the national consultation being proposed for 20 December in Bangladesh is proposed as a direct CGIAR-Government of Bangladesh dialogue meaning that a step-wise process of fuller stakeholder involvement will be required down the track. If this is the case then the CGIAR needs to be clear in the communication of these events and this sequencing. It was suggested that it will be important to re-visit the framing document to ensure better clarity on the purpose of the national consultations (e.g. Bangladesh has been construed differently).

ACTION: Clarify the nature of the Bangladesh consultation and how other stakeholders can be involved (Nadia Manning-Thomas)

ACTION: Dates for the remaining national consultations posted as soon as possible and advise on CGIAR lead contacts and coordinator in the national system (Nadia Manning-Thomas)

ACTION: Revisit the national consultation/site integration guidance note to better clarify the multi-stakeholder nature required of these consultations (Nadia Manning-Thomas)

ACTION: Start a list of potential participants for the 14 national consultations in 2016 (all OC members)

4. Update on GCARD3 Regional Consultation

Mark Holderness reported back from the Asia-Pacific regional consultation, noting that there was good CGIAR input, although this was done by individual Centers and CRPs rather than as a collective effort. Note was made that the national system representatives were more reflective of the research and Ministry sectors, than multi-stakeholder perspectives. Private sector investment was not as evident as public sector investment at the consultation. Evidence of impact was highly varied in how it was quantified and the analysis used. Overall messaging was that investment in multi-stakeholder research and innovation processes is highly relevant and that more needs to be done.

There will be a Central Asia regional consultation, organized by CACAARI, in alignment with the ECFS food security and nutrition/soil partnership meeting (29 February to 2 March).

Aggrey reported that FARA have not identified any suitable meeting for a GCARD3 regional consultation for sub-Saharan Africa within the next 2 months. As a suggestion, the Africa Rice Science Forum assures a high level of participation with emphasis on “missing middle” so could offer an interesting option for a SSA regional consultation. However it may not be suitable for a wider GCARD3 consultation (as it is more focused on rice). It was agreed that it may be necessary to take a more composite approach to SSA and look at other options e.g. online consultations. FARA volunteered to host and organize an online consultation to address SSA issues from a multi-partner perspective, which can be fed into other relevant meetings.

ACTION: FARA to develop a frame for a GCARD3 regional consultation for SSA (Aggrey/Agumya)

Similar to SSA, it makes more sense to have a layered approach (conducted in Spanish) for a LAC regional consultation and link to smaller events on a sub-regional basis. There have been online consultations in the past and it may be more a matter of building on this basis (not start from scratch). The link with ICA can be used to further reach other stakeholders e.g. survey; online consultation.

ACTION: Share the link with the platform developed last year by the CGIAR for online consultation and prepare a frame for how it could be activated for the GCARD3 regional consultation (Nadia Manning Thomas).

5. Update on planning GCARD3 Global Event

The South African LOC have looked at a number of key areas:

Timing:	Option 1: Day 1 GCARD; Day 2: ARC Day; Day 3: GCARD; Day 4: Partner Assembly Option 2: Day 1 and 2 GCARD; Day 3 ARC Day; Day 4: Partner Assembly
Content:	The program for ARC Day is to align (but not duplicate) with the GCARD3 program. Request was made for a program (even if draft) to add to the website with a final program ready by end of January
Logistics:	A service provider has been proposed to take care of communication/marketing as well as other logistics e.g. technical, travel, registration. This company will provide a scope of work (fully costed) which will be shared with logistics/comms task force
GCARD3 web presence:	Have started to develop and will liaise further with logistics/comms task force
GCARD3 event app:	To be included in the scope of work
Venue:	Approved by Cabinet, with a site visit to the venue (Birchwood Hotel and Conference Center) undertaken by the LOC. Discussions ongoing regarding suitable technology. 450 rooms targeted for GCARD3 at the Birchwood with 50 rooms for VIP participants at another, nearby hotel.
Languages:	Simultaneous translation is proposed for Spanish, French, Russian and Mandarin for the plenary. Simultaneous translation outside of plenary will be French and English. Guidance is required on the translation of printed material.
Social Media Bootcamp:	Planned for 3 days prior to the GCARD event

Funding: Government of South Africa has committed to providing an equal amount to the Ministry. The Government would like to see what additional funding is available from other sources.

Security: ARC security people are now meeting to better understand the security required with an update available later.

Impact: Important that the event supports greater awareness and understanding on the importance of investment in agricultural research and development

Alternate option on timing

A third option was proposed in terms of sequencing with Day 1 and Day 2 for GFAR Partner Assembly and South Africa Day and GCARD3 event held on Day 3 and 4. This was proposed so that those that want to go to the ISPC Science Forum can travel over the weekend to Addis. A further rationale made by the Consortium Office was that having GCARD3 sequential would not cut the dynamics of GCARD3 into two parts. A further point made was that splitting GCARD3 and having the GFAR Partner Assembly on Day 4 would commit people to spending time in South Africa if they only wanted to attend the GCARD3 event (not South Africa Day and GFAR Partner Assembly).

It was noted that previous experience from GCARD2 indicates that a break in the GCARD dialogue (e.g. South Africa Day) is useful in providing space to take results from the first day into the wrap up session of the GCARD3.

As there have been some requests for side meetings already, it was suggested that these might be able to be accommodated on Day 4 (Friday) running parallel to the GFAR Partner Assembly (which has a limited participation). It was noted however that side events should not dictate the sequencing of the event.

It was agreed that the South African hosts are investing substantively in the GCARD3 and that efforts need to be made to ensure that the ARC 25th celebration is duly acknowledged and recognized, in a frame where participants would see it as an integral part of the event.

It was suggested and agreed that the official opening would be an evening session immediately prior to the GCARD3 event so as to maximise the actual time spent in GCARD3 discussions (this fits in better with the flights coming in from Europe and Asia (via Dubai) which arrive during the day).

The OC did not resolve the sequencing and in acknowledgement of the importance of this decision, given that much hinges on the outcome, decided to review the pros and cons of the different options and defer the decision until the next meeting.

ACTION: Prepare an analysis of the pros and cons of the options proposed (with further information gathering as required) and send to the OC members before the next meeting (GCARD3 Support Team).

Alternate view on translation:

The view was that it was Russian translation may not be necessary given that French, Spanish, English and Mandarin are more of a focus for the CGIAR.

It was further suggested that that simultaneous translation is not required for breakout sessions but French and English is definitely required for plenary sessions.

Decision on languages: Simultaneous translation of French, Spanish and Mandarin in plenary sessions and English-French in breakout rooms

6. GCARD3 Program Task Force

The OC members reviewed and discussed the background paper provided noting the recent update of one late acceptance and a final tally of 19 confirmations of interest to join the Program Task Force. As the previous meeting had indicated that the Task Force should be 11 members, the OC reviewed all candidates noting gender, sector and geographic spread. The final decision was to expand the Program Task Force to 14 members with the addition of the South African LOC Content Sub-Committee Chair, a representative from the GFAR Secretariat and supported by Nadia Manning-Thomas from the Consortium Office.

Suggestions were made for having some of the other nominations on other Task Forces.

ACTION: Confirmed nominations to the Program Task Force will be contacted with the request to meet (virtually) in early January. The Task Force will select its own Chair at the first meeting. (GCARD3 Support Team).

ACTION: Nominations that were not confirmed to the Program Task Force will be contacted and advised accordingly, including if they'd like to participate in other Task Forces. (GCARD3 Support Team).

7. Update on other Task Forces

Mark Holderness advised that a contract (through GFAR and paid for through GFAR funds) had been awarded for the M&E function (as described in the TORs approved by the OC at the last meeting). The M&E Framework will be prepared and presented by the consultant (Firetail) at the next OC meeting.

8. Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next OC meeting early in January. A doodle poll will be set up to determine the most preferred date.