

7th GRA Council Meeting
29 August -1 September 2017 | Tsukuba, Japan

AGENDA

Chair: Mexico handing over to Japan

Tuesday 29 August

Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba), Meeting Room 101

Time	Session	Presenter
	Registration	
9:00	Welcome by the Host- Japan Opening of meeting and handover of GRA Chair from Mexico to Japan	
9:15	Opening Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes • Review and adoption of agenda • Identification of new Vice-Chair and host of next Council meeting 	
9:30	Welcome to new members, observer introductions, announcements by participants of activities to support the GRA	
10:00	Report from the Secretariat	
10:30	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
11:00	Research Group Co-Chairs Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs overview • Paddy Rice Research Group • Integrative Research Group • Livestock Research Group • Croplands Research Group 	
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30	Flagships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of agreed Flagships • Consideration of new proposals 	
15:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	

15:30	Joint Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on progress • Discussion of new initiatives 	
17:00	Wrap-up of day one	
17:30	End of day one	
	<i>Meeting Dinner – location and time to be advised.</i>	

Wednesday 30 August

Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba), Meeting Room 101

Time	Session	Presenter
	<i>Review of discussions from day one</i>	
9:00	GRA support for on-farm adoption of practices and technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to small group discussion of actions 32, 34, 44 of GRA Strategic Plan – supporting adoption of practices and technologies - demonstration farms, pilot development projects, development assistance programmes. (5 mins) • Discuss in 4 x breakout groups (40 mins) • 5 mins report back from each group rapporteurs (20 mins) • Discussion (25 mins) 	
10:30	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
10:45	Working with agri-business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from invited initiatives/organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ tbc 	
12:00	Capability development across the GRA – priority actions 6 and 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved co-ordination of workshops, activities, supporting member engagement, research groups and flagships 	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30	Review of GRA Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review progress • Remove completed actions • Discussion on new actions and advancing existing actions 	
15:30	<i>Refreshment break</i>	

16:00	<p>Research Groups discussion - implications for RGs of discussion in Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership of Research Groups. • Role of networks, network leadership and activities 	
17:00	<p>Decisions arising from meeting and expectations for 2017-2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all actions arising and take decisions as necessary 	
18:00	Meeting close	

Meeting Locations

Event Hotel:

OKURA FRONTIER HOTEL TSUKUBA, Epochal Bldg.
2-20-1 Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0031 Japan

TEL: +81 (0)29 860 7700

URL: <http://www.okura-tsukuba.co.jp/eng/>

Meeting Location:

Meeting Room 101 (GRA Council Meeting)

Japan Convention Hall 200 (Symposium)

Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba)

2-20-3 Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0032

Thursday 31 August

JIRCAS-NARO International Symposium on Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba), Convention Hall 200

Organized by: Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)

Sponsored by: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council (AFFRC), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

Supported by: Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA) Monsoon Asia Agro-Environmental Research Consortium (MARCO)

Background:

- The significance of reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions while sustaining production
- The Symposium is planned in line with the activities of Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA)
- The Symposium is scheduled in conjunction with 2017 GRA Council meeting

Objectives:

- Exchanging the status quo of problems and the latest results of studies on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions for mitigating climate change while sustaining production, in particular those in Asian countries
- Discussing the direction of future research and ways to strengthen collaboration for the challenges with the framework of GRA.

Please see the detailed agenda provided separately.