

CCAFS

10th INDEPENDENT SCIENCE PANEL MEETING

30 May, 2016

Minutes

Participants: Brian Keating (Chair)
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Apologies: Fatima Denton

Invited participants: *Program Management Committee*
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Others

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1. Agenda and minutes

The Chair welcomes everyone, explains that we will use the virtual meetings instead of one of the annual meetings.

a. Adoption of the agenda

b. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, conducted via email consultations and a virtual meeting, were approved following an email consultation with the ISP after the 9th ISP meeting. The approved minutes without confidential elements will be placed on the CCAFS website.

Background document:

CCAFS ISP10/1.1 Annotated agenda

CCAFS ISP10/1.2 CCAFS ISP9 minutes

Proposed decisions:

Agenda approved

Minutes approved

2. Update on 2015 from the Program Director

The CCAFS annual report 2015 summarises the activities, outputs and outcomes from CCAFS. Some highlights are as follows:

- CCAFS scientists produced 305 publications in 2015, including peer reviewed journal articles, policy briefs, books, book chapters and working papers. 85% of 140 peer-reviewed articles were published in ISI journals, 56% of 140 peer-reviewed articles were open access.
- CCAFS supported 25,607 women and 29,589 men on short-term programs, and 54 women and 68 men on long-term programs.
- CCAFS continued to build and maintain several open-access databases. For example, [AgTrials](#), a repository of climate-specific agricultural trial data now contains 35,002 trials, with 50 new trials added in 2015. Some 191,912 files were downloaded from [CCAFS-Climate](#), which contains downscaled GCM data.
- The W1&2 budget cuts – 32% in relation to initial POWB – made implementation difficult; this being the only real challenge to CCAFS in 2015.
- CCAFS achieved a number of significant outcomes. Of the 14 listed in the annual report, particularly significant were:
 - IFAD invests US\$ 75 million (Uganda, Liberia, Comoros) based on CIAT-CCAFS prioritisation, through gender inclusive participatory approaches
 - Senegal climate information services reach over 7 million rural people (ICRISAT, ANACIM)
 - Index insurance protects a million Maharashtra (India) farmers (CIMMYT, AIC)
 - Scenario-guided policy development in seven countries (Honduras, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Uganda, Burkina, Colombia, Ghana) (Oxford University, IRRI, IFPRI, IITA, ICRISAT, CIAT)

Background document:

CCAFS ISP10/2.1 CCAFS 2015 Annual Report to Consortium Office

Proposed decisions:

To note the progress in 2015

The CCAFS Core Team to look at the comparison of external evaluations (CRP performance

indicators) and include in the directors statement for the ISP11 meeting in September 2016
The CCAFS Core Team to do an analysis of planned targets vs actual achievements

3. Plan of Work and Budget

The final POWB was completed in January and is now being implemented. Since beginning we have been told of one budget cut (New Zealand US\$770,000 now goes to W1) but this may be compensated for Ireland W2 funding from 2015 that only arrived in 2016. The bottom line is that, as in the past, the exact funding for 2016 is somewhat uncertain. All funds allocated for 2016 have to be 100% used by the end of the year; they cannot be carried over. Apart from the funding challenges, implementation continues at a good pace.

Background document:

CCAFS ISP10/3.1 CCAFS POWB 2016

Proposed decisions:

To note the POWB for 2016

The CCAFS Core Team must consider strategically important activities to make sure to accelerate implementation.

4. Calendar of events

13-16 June 7th Africa Agriculture Science Week, Kigali, Rwanda

<http://faraafrica.org/aasw7/>

CCAFS has submitted a side event application together with CIAT on “Strengthening climate services for agricultural transformation in Africa.”

14-17 June, GACSA Annual Forum, Rome

<http://www.fao.org/gacsa/annual-forum/en/>

Side event on “Knowledge for CSA: Advances in the Inception Year” highlighting achievements of Knowledge-Action Group, co-led by CCAFS-FAO, and on “Knowledge for CSA: Reflections and Future Opportunities,” a discussion with key knowledge users.

4-5 September, G20 Summit, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China

<http://www.g20.org/English>

Shenggen Fan (IFPRI DG) is involved, Lini will help him prepare something.

7-18 November, UNFCCC COP22, Marrakesh, Morocco

Proposed events include:

- High-level event with Moroccan government (date TBC)
- Workshop on CCAFS science (13 November)
- Side event on Economics of adaptation (with IFAD)
- Field trip with Moroccan government and IFAD (TBC)

Background document:

N/A

Proposed decisions:

To note the various events in 2016 and the invitation to join CCAFS in its events in Morocco

5. Preparations for ISP face-to-face meeting in Senegal, 28 – 29 September

The ISP meeting will focus on some key issues such as the External Evaluation and Phase II (though because of deadlines, some of this may have to happen by email prior to the ISP meeting. On the science side the proposed focus is: the science frame for climate-smart villages (CSVs); measuring gender and youth IDOs using the revised P&R. On partnerships, we will examine funding to different partner types and contribution of partners to outcomes. We need a transparent and objective method for performance based management. A draft approach for this will be presented.

Apart from the ISP meeting, we hope to facilitate a partnership meeting (including with the Minister of Agriculture) and a field trip.

Background document:

CCAFS ISP10/5.1 ISP11 Draft agenda

CCAFS ISP10/5.2 Senegal initial itinerary

Proposed decisions:

To agree to the proposed agenda for September

To add an agenda item on fund raising

CCAFS CU to look at the agenda again, make sure we have all the timings right, and to discuss with the Chair about the final agenda

We will prepare a presentation related to the Plan of work and budget agenda item, and will share with ISP members for comments ahead of the meeting in September

6. Discussions about the Senegal field trip, questions to be answered

The concept for the field trip is in the background document. The proposed focus is on the CSV approach, as that is a key approach for CCAFS and has been commended and critiqued. We propose to have an introductory meeting to discuss the concept and field visit, 4 visits to farmer's fields, a group meeting, and then a discussion section in the ISP meeting.

In preparation for the Senegal field trip planned in September, we have develop the concept note that highlight questions that drive the action research work around the CSVs and we will also work out a detailed background paper that try to discuss and analyze suggested fundamental questions, based on results achieved in Senegal. This will allow determining key lessons about strengths but mostly about gaps that need more focus ahead of the CCAFS phase II.

Background document:

CCAFS ISP10/6.1 ISP field trip concept note

Proposed decisions:

To agree to the proposed plan for the field trip.

To prepare a scientific paper about the science behind the CSVs, and a shorter 3 page paper about the CSVs.