

GRAIT

GRA AGRICULTURAL INVENTORY TRAINING PROGRAMME –
A COORDINATION INITIATIVE



THE GRAIT PROGRAMME

The GRA Agricultural Inventory Training Programme (GRAIT) streamlines current agricultural inventory capacity building initiatives under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement. It achieves this through leveraging the GRA's collaborative ethos across its network of member countries, partner organisations, scientists and policy personnel. It is a coordination initiative that aims to accelerate the development of robust agricultural inventory systems in developing countries by:

- Providing readily accessible information on past, present and future agricultural GHG inventory capacity building programmes so that new training programmes are built on existing work,
- Encouraging greater funder-funder collaboration when developing and delivering new training initiatives, and
- Providing a platform to identify and promote new funding and training opportunities.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Complete the country information template with a summary of any past, present, and future agricultural GHG inventory capability building training information. This template can be obtained by emailing indc.gra@gmail.com or (post 20 May 2024) by downloading from the International Collaborations page of the Inventory and NDC Network website www.graindc.org/international-collaboration. Please send the completed template to indc.gra@gmail.com.

Visit the GRA Inventory and NDC Network website (online from 20 May 2024) to share information on:

- agricultural GHG inventory capability building training opportunities,
- communication of training needs, and
- collaborative opportunities for resourcing new training initiatives

Join us for the launch of the GRAIT programme at the [Pacific Oceans Pacific Climate Change Conference](#), 24 May 2024, and look out for the GRAIT information webinar – date to be announced soon.

BACKGROUND

Historically, robust Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems were essential for meeting Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reporting requirements. The ETF under the Paris Agreement builds on this MRV system under the Convention. Robust agricultural GHG inventories that use enhanced methodologies to accurately inform policies and emission targets are important so that these policies, and targets are not detrimental to food security and livelihoods.

Traditionally, funding enabled developing countries to engage international organisations for reporting fulfilment. However, upon completion of the reporting cycle, these contractors often departed, leaving developing countries lacking foundational knowledge, background infrastructure, and systems for regular reporting under the Paris Agreement. Therefore, there is a need to build capacity within developing countries so that they can fulfil the reporting requirements themselves and retain their data. The Paris Agreement provides a framework for financial, technical, and capacity building support to accomplish this. This has subsequently intensified the demand for capacity-building efforts in developing countries, often increasing the workload of countries already under resourced.

Due to limited collaboration and cohesion between funding entities, developing countries are often working with multiple funders. Capacity building training can often be duplicated due to the difficulty in finding information of past, current and proposed efforts in this area. While there is some communication of work occurring at a technical expert level, better communication is needed at a country and organisational level.

HOW GRAIT WORKS

GRAIT will provide a single place where all countries and funding organisations can find information and develop collaborations and new programmes. A dedicated coordinator will:



- Coordinate the collection of information from funders and countries,
- Place summaries of past and current programmes on the GRA's Inventories and NDC Website. This information will be available through the interactive map on the Networks International Collaborations page, providing easy access to individual country information,
- Initiate an interactive web-based sharing platform to facilitate new connections & collaborations, and
- Initiate "calls to action" to further encourage collaborative efforts in the agricultural GHG inventory capability building space.

EXPECTED IMPACT OF GRAIT

1. Enhanced information sharing, coordination and collaboration on agricultural inventory training in developing countries.
2. Easier access to information on funding and training opportunities.
3. Acceleration of the development of robust agricultural inventory systems in developing countries leading to:
 - an increased understanding of the importance of higher tiered Inventory methodologies,
 - increased capacity of countries to carry out higher tiered agricultural Inventories and demonstrate mitigation efforts in their NDCs, and
 - efficient identification of agricultural GHG inventory training gaps and needs in developing countries, and
4. Strengthen partnerships (existing/new) and coordination of inventory training activities across international funding organisations and countries.

SPREAD THE WORD BY ASKING YOUR CONTACTS TO FILL IN THE COUNTRY INFORMATION TEMPLATE AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE GRAIT PROGRAMME, PLEASE CONTACT THE GRAIT PROGRAMME COORDINATOR DR ANDREA PICKERING AT INDC.GRA@GMAIL.COM