



G20 Russia 2013

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1. We, the G20 Agricultural Chief Scientists along with high level research officials and representatives of International Agricultural Research Organizations, International organizations and Development agencies met in Moscow on July 24-25, 2013 for our second meeting.
2. Since our first meeting, food security and nutrition challenges have remained among major issues to be addressed. The solutions are based on long-term, sustainable, inclusive and balanced agricultural production and productivity growth. The MACS intends to promote collaborative efforts for agricultural research and development (R&D), improving cooperation of national and international institutions and organizations, coordination of resources, existing and future initiatives.
3. We approved the MACS Terms of Reference which states our common objectives, scope of work, participants and working arrangements.
4. We confirm our intention to continue and enhance cooperation within existing and future global agricultural research platforms and with the international organizations, national authorities and other stakeholders. We intend to enrich mutual work, knowledge sharing and lessons learned in the area of agricultural research in order to facilitate sustainable growth of agricultural production and productivity
5. We welcome the progress achieved on implementation of existing G20 and other agricultural initiatives, in particular, Tropical Agricultural Platform (TAP) for capacity development, Wheat Initiative, the Wheat Yield Network, Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, Global Agricultural Monitoring Initiative (GEO-GLAM), Global Foresight Hub, Global Soil Partnership for Food Security and the framework for analyzing policies to Improve Agriculture Productivity Growth and Sustainability.
6. We acknowledge work done under such other initiatives as the Global Open Data Initiative for Agriculture and Nutrition and related actions such as the Coherence in

Information for Agricultural Research and Development (CIARD), and the Initiative to Optimize the use of Nitrogen in Agriculture.

7. We have made significant progress in implementation of G20 agricultural initiatives and providing linkage to the activities of Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) in its work on agricultural research and its potential application mechanisms. Presentation of MACS and G20 agricultural initiatives should be one of the important parts of Global Conferences on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD). MACS members welcome the opportunity to explore with GFAR the feasibility of better linking national agricultural research systems and financing of international networked actions.
8. We stress the important role of CGIAR and its growing links to national research programs. Such collaborative research programs make great contribution to agriculture productivity growth and sustainability including through knowledge dissemination and other work.
9. We strongly support close cross-linkage of national research programs and global agricultural research initiatives.
10. MACS will continue to provide advice to G20 leadership in addressing agriculture, food security and nutrition challenges.