GFRAS Structure

A work in progress...

Ideas in the current transition from inception phase to permanent structure



Host & Legal Status

- Secretariat hosted at Agridea for the time being
- No independent legal status for the time being
- Being a network, GFRAS activities can and should be hosted by other partners as well



Financing

- Support from contributions from donors
- Support primarily as unearmarked contributions to core budget
- Funds raised based on annual workplan approved and monitored by SC
- Funding also accepted for "projects" and working group activities, as approved by SC



Structure

Affiliates

 Open, but active affilitates may be invited to be "members" (approx 50) who would accept responsibility for actively using GFRAS outputs in their organisations

Secretariat

- Approx 3 staff supported by 3 advisors (tbd)
- Organises working groups on demand from affiliates
 - Some will be managed directly by the secretariat
 - Others will be managed/hosted by member organisations

Steering Committee

- Main decision-making body
- Will actively work to promote GFRAS and coordinate the network within their regions/fields



Affiliates

- Open, informal, free of cost, individual basis
- Must register themselves
- Give input on long-term strategy
- Mobilise activities according to interests, regional priorities, etc.



Members (tbd)

- By invitation from among active affiliates
- Approximately fifty
- Potential contributors in future
- Commit to actively promoting GFRAS principles, testing methods, etc.
- Constitute the most proactive network, wider than the SC, but not the entire list of affiliates



Steering Committee

- Highest decision-making body
- To be adjusted over medium term for more representation from the regions



Secretariat

Small group of professional staff, backed up and supported by:

- Host
- Special advisors
- Leaders of working groups
- Roster of consultants and outsourcing



Different Types of Working Groups

- For "project", time-bound activities (e.g. the evaluation initiative)
- Developing strategy, outreach, deliverables on thematic issues (e.g., food security, climate change, etc.)
- Developing strategy, outreach, deliverables together with regional networks
- May be hosted outside the secretariat
 - May be financed outside core budget