

# Workshop: The role of different partner communities with the GCP

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# 1 - The Role of Different Partner Communities with the GCP – ARIs South

We consider the GCP an excellent platform for conducting joint research to meet the challenges of global concern, the partners are both the players and beneficiaries of the GCP. As a partner community with the GCP, it can best help the GCP in the following ways:

- Help the GCP to modify project development strategies and identify new priorities in response to the changing environment and emerging new opportunities, technologies and demands;
- Help the GCP in communication and public awareness with regards to partner country policies, enhancing the visibility of the GCP, and enabling governments to formulate favorable policies in supporting GCP work world wide;
- Mobilizing financial resources as matching funds to support the GCP program for technology development, product delivery and capacity building in order to maximize GCP impact.
- Provide scientists to work as interns at GCP which could be a training ground for new GCP leaders (e.g., SP program leaders).

## **2 - What can GCP do to take maximum advantage of the expertise and perspectives of the ARIs South?**

As the GCP is a distinguished platform for scientific research with very clear objectives for technology and product delivery, the partner communities are more than happy to support the GCP to maximize its impact. Considering the varied objectives of the partner communities and the specific situations for each partner community, we suggest the GCP take following approaches to best use the expertise of partners:

- ➔ New projects should give more consideration to the challenges of global concerns such as climate change and trans-boundary disease control. These would be highly visible problems for the government of the partner organization.
- ➔ Consider a matching fund policy that is commensurate with the resources of the specific partners.
- ➔ The GCP should develop a data base of scientific expertise in relevant areas, in order to improve the efficiency of looking for partners (like EU Framework Program);
- ➔ More focus on poverty reduction and the agricultural environment, which will draw greater attention from the partner and donor communities.