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Dear Elise,

Thanks a lot for giving us a bit more time! We have prepared five project examples in cooperation with different Commission DGs showing the breadth of sustainable productivity approaches the EU is supporting: it reaches from small development projects, across innovative research projects to some bigger cross cutting policies that are implemented through concrete projects, achieving impressive results.

We are looking forward to the annual report and its presentation on 4th October, which I will attend virtually and maybe Silke will have the chance to attend in person.

As regards the AIM for Climate IDEATION event on 25 October, I will also be happy to attend. We would propose to present the project on innovative soil management (i-SoMPE) under point III. of the current agenda. Would the project team be able to present the project or are you expecting the SPG delegates (in this case me) to present it?

Best, Art.

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Hello Art.

Yes, certainly feel free to take a bit more time getting your SPG examples to us. The end of next week will be fine.

Happy to include Silke on SPG Coalition correspondence.

All best regards,

Elise

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Dear Elise and Art.4.1(b),

We hope you had a good summer break and temperatures and humidity in Washington have gone down a bit!

Thanks a lot for the update! Full support for the planned webinar from our side.

I am just back from my leave and found a few remarks and comments in my inbox on the 5 draft SPG examples I had prepared before going on leave. I will need to finetune them a bit, but would need the help of other colleagues that will arrive only on Monday. Therefore I would like to ask for a few days of extra time next week.

I would also like to ask whether you could include Art.4.1(b), our agricultural counsellor in Washington, in the mailing list. She would be delighted to receive your regular updates directly.

Thanks again for your support!

Best regards,

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Subject: SPG Coalition updates

Dear SPG Coalition Members,

Greetings from a hot and steamy Washington, DC. As we head into September, we wanted to update you on some recent developments and upcoming events and deliverables.

In this note, we provide four updates:

1. **Member input for the annual report is due September 5th.** Completed and submitted templates will be used to determine highlighted initiatives and speakers for the October 4th Global Conference and the AIM for Climate webinar (more information on these events below).
2. The SPG Coalition is now an official AIM for Climate Knowledge Partner.
3. Registration is open for the SPG Coalition co-hosted October 4th Global Conference.
4. We propose an SPG-hosted climate-change webinar linked with AIM for Climate (a pre-COP27 event, tentatively scheduled for Oct 25). ***If there are no objections by August 31, we will proceed with this proposal.***

Details

1. Member input for the annual report is due September 5th

At the last SPG Coalition meeting, we distributed the reporting template for the SPG Coalition annual report (attached). Please submit your completed templates by September 5th if not sooner! Completed and submitted templates will be used to determine highlighted initiatives and speakers for the October 4th Global Conference and the AIM for Climate webinar. Please recall that

- Each member can submit up to five templates with five different initiatives.
 - Please prioritize concrete, place-based initiatives that advance sustainable productivity growth across social, economic and environmental dimensions.
 - Only those initiatives that were started and/or completed after 2020 should be included. Ongoing initiatives are welcome.
 - Please feel free to reach out to Elise and Cathy if you have questions.
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2. The SPG Coalition is now an official AIM for Climate Knowledge Partner

As decided at our last meeting, we applied for the SPG Coalition to become an official “Knowledge Partner” of the Agricultural Innovation Mission for Climate ([AIM for Climate](#)). In the application, we stated that

As an AIM for Climate Knowledge Partner, the SPG Coalition provides a deep well of innovative approaches and lessons learned to help support AIM for Climate Partners as they seek to grow innovation to sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes, while adapting and building resilience to climate change and/or reducing/removing greenhouse gas emissions.

Our application has been accepted and as a result, all SPG Coalition members are invited to join and participate in the AIM for Climate IDEASCALE Community to share information and ideas with other AIM for Climate partners. To join IDEASCALE, register at <https://aimforclimate.ideascaleapp.com/a/community/login>

3. Registration is open for the SPG Coalition co-hosted October 4th Global Conference

As previewed at the last SPG Coalition meeting, plans are moving forward for the first SPG Global Conference. We are happy to announce that registration is now open! Please [register](#) and send out the announcement to your associates and networks (invitation/registration information below). SPG Coalition members in attendance are invited to a follow-up meeting and luncheon after the conference. Details to follow.

The conference will include opportunities to highlight SPG Coalition member initiatives, including an hour-long session with presentations by SPG Coalition members. Completed and submitted annual report templates will be used to determine highlighted initiatives and speakers.

Invitation/registration information:

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Accelerating Agricultural Productivity Growth For A Sustainable, Resilient World

October 4, 2022

8:00 - 11:00 AM EST

The National Press Club, Washington D.C. and Virtual

The world's food and agricultural systems are under severe stress from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, climate change, and COVID-19, with devastating impacts on food security. Accelerating agricultural productivity growth is fundamental to meeting today's challenges and building more sustainable, resilient systems to withstand challenges in the future.

At this hybrid event hosted by the [Global Agricultural Productivity Initiative at Virginia Tech \(GAP Initiative\)](#), the [Coalition on Sustainable Productivity Growth for Food Security and Resource Conservation \(SPG Coalition\)](#), and the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#), policymakers, private-sector innovators, and research leaders will discuss the need to accelerate agricultural productivity growth and concrete actions to do so. The event will include the release of the 2022 Global Agricultural Productivity Report.

[REGISTER](#)

4. Proposed SPG-hosted climate-change webinar - If there are no objections by August 31, we will proceed with this proposal

As a Knowledge Partner of AIM for Climate, the SPG Coalition is invited to host a webinar that would be promoted by AIM for Climate (AIM for Climate calls these webinars "[IDEATIONS](#)"). We propose taking advantage of this opportunity in the lead up to COP27 to underscore the importance of agricultural productivity growth for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

AIM for Climate IDEATION proposal Sustainable Agricultural Productivity Growth for Climate-Smart Agriculture

Hosted by the Coalition on Sustainable Productivity Growth
for Food Security and Resource Conservation

Proposed Date: October 25, 2022

Venue: Virtual

30-word description for AIM for Climate website and outreach: Agricultural productivity growth is foundational to climate-smart-agriculture and reducing GHG emissions. This webinar will examine the empirical evidence and present proven approaches for accelerating agricultural productivity growth for climate-change mitigation.

Longer description

At COP27, national government representatives and others from around the world will focus on accelerating efforts to reduce GHG emissions, including emissions from agriculture. Agricultural productivity growth is foundational to these efforts.

In this webinar, which is hosted by the [Coalition on Sustainable Productivity Growth for Food Security and Resource Conservation](#) (SPG Coalition) speakers will examine the evidence on the role of agricultural productivity growth in reducing GHG emissions from agriculture and present findings and lessons learned for accelerating sustainable agricultural productivity growth to meet the world's food needs while adapting to and mitigating climate change.

AGENDA

I. What impact does agricultural productivity growth have on GHG emissions from agriculture? (20 minutes)

- Academic speaker: Historical and projected trends of the impact of agricultural productivity growth on GHG emissions
- Academic or NGO speaker: Agricultural productivity, deforestation, and climate change

II. Sustainable productivity growth and the SPG Coalition (10 minutes)

- Brief overview of the SPG Coalition

III. What are examples of tools and approaches for accelerating sustainable productivity growth to reduce GHG emissions from agriculture? (30 minutes)

- SPG members (based on completed and submitted annual report templates)
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We look forward to getting your completed annual report templates by September 5th and hearing your reactions to the proposed AIM for Climate IDEATION by August 31.

Best Regards,

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