

Government Partner Framework

Countries are critical to the success of the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate). We welcome countries to join as Government Partners¹ (GP). Per the AIM for Climate Terms of Reference, to join AIM for Climate as a GP a country should, “announce an increase in aggregate self-financed public investment² in agricultural innovation for climate-smart agriculture and food systems over the next five years (2021-2025).” This paper outlines guidelines for AIM for Climate GP announcements. Broad definitions are used to allow flexibility, while also ensuring an increase in investment is achieved.

To join AIM for Climate as a GP, the GP should announce:

- ✓ An increase in aggregate self-financed public investment
 - ✓ in agriculture innovation
- AND
- ✓ for climate-smart agriculture and food systems
- ✓ during 2021-2025 using 2020 as baseline³

Definitions

Increased investment: allocation of additional money during 2021-2025 using 2020 as baseline.

Example:

2020 = \$1,000,000 (baseline)
2021 = \$1,500,000 ----(+ \$500,000)
2022 = \$1,500,000 ----(+ \$500,000)
2023 = \$1,000,000
2024 = \$1,500,000 ----(+ \$500,000)
2025 = \$1,500,000 ----(+ \$500,000)
Increased investment = \$2,000,000

Agriculture: science or practice of farming, including growing crops and raising animals to produce food, fiber, fuel, and other products.⁴

Climate-smart agriculture (CSA): an approach that helps to guide actions needed to transform and reorient agricultural systems to effectively support development and ensure food security in a changing climate. CSA aims to tackle three main objectives: sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes, while adapting and building resilience to climate change and/or reducing/removing greenhouse gas emissions.⁵

Innovation: research, development, demonstration and deployment including creation, development and implementation of a new product, process, or service, with the aim of improving efficiency, effectiveness, or competitive advantage.

Research and development (R&D): creative and systematic work undertaken to increase the stock of knowledge—including knowledge of humankind, culture, and society—and to devise new applications of available knowledge. R&D covers three types of activity: basic research, applied research, and experimental development. Includes basic research; applied research on sources, processes, and/or related infrastructure; research addressing specific technical barriers to progress; technology development activities such as systems integration work, pilots, prototypes, and intermediate scale-ups that prepare the technology for demonstration at or near full-scale. The primary purpose of these projects is proving the benefits and costs for end-users as opposed to the verification of engineering concepts and technologies as part of the development process.

Demonstration: Projects that are designed to prove a technology or set of technologies can operate at or near full-scale as predicted from intermediate scale results.

Deployment: Activities undertaken to support the diffusion of climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovations, including clean energy and emissions mitigation technology and practices, voluntary partnerships, capacity building, technical assistance, permitting, development and enforcement of rules and regulations, development and enforcement of codes and standards, etc.

¹ Joining AIM for Climate as a Government Partner, Innovation Sprint Partner or Knowledge Partner does not imply endorsement of or partnership between the participants, rather it entails an intention to support the goal and objectives of the AIM for Climate initiative.

² Responsibility, control, and oversight of investments will remain with the participant unless the participant determines otherwise. Announced new investments should avoid double counting (e.g., double counting of the same investments by government and innovation sprint partners).

³ Note: Not every year requires increased spending, only requirement is increased spending in aggregate over the 5-year period (2021-2025) period.

⁴ For purposes of AIM for Climate, inclusive of forestry and fisheries.

⁵ Adapted from UN Food and Agriculture Organization, source: <http://www.fao.org/climate-smart-agriculture/en/>