

National Roundtables Minutes May 18, 2023

GRSB Members Present:

Edward Moreno (MBCS), Florence Nherera (SAR RSB), Louisa Icke (NZRSB), Jacob Betros (ABSF), Caterine Forero (MRGSM); Hugo Sanchez, Alfred Fast (MPCS); German Serrano (Colombian RT); Sam Werth (USRSB); Dr. Leopoldo Estol, Jose Lucero (MACS); Louisa Icke, Steve Dickie (NZRSB); Roz Davis (ERSB); Luiza Bruscato (GTPS); Edmund ??, Daniel Reyes (Interpreter)

GRSB Staff Present: Ruaraidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Scott Stuart, Katie Ambrose

Monica Hadarits opened the meeting stating the goals for today's call will be to review action items from the previous National Roundtable (NRT) call, and brainstorm on goals, objectives, and outcomes desired for future monthly NRT meetings.

NRT Meeting Format

It was agreed there is value in having NRT meetings twice a year at the in-person GRSB meetings provided there is a solid agenda with clear objectives as defined by the NRT. Also having as much advance notice as possible would be helpful for budgetary planning, as well alternate meetings with Latin America. Travel costs assistance suggestions included: travel scholarship, stipend application, member sponsorship. These meetings are also available virtually although physical attendance is highly encouraged to help capitalize on the networking and conversations.

Action: Further exploration of travel funding opportunities as suggested.

2-4 co leads: develop agenda, facilitate meetings, follow-up on action items. GRSB would continue to provide administrative support with minutes and scheduling meetings.

Suggestions included:

- Have written role descriptions
- Establish a governance model for the NRT meetings. Use an outside consultant to help improve facilitation tactics, particularly, to help increase engagement from all of the NRT participants.

Any direction can always be revisited as needed and tweaked accordingly.

Workplan Brainstorming Session

- 1. What does GRSB need from the NRTs? (Hadarits reviewed the various GRSB workstreams where input is needed):
 - GRSB Board
 - SureHarvest Reporting Framework (reporting, piloting, NRT support, expectations of NRTs)
 - Collaboration/coordination: Cop28, GASL, FAO, etc.
 - Climate Working Group (GLEAM, Context Network)
 - Nature Positive Production Working Group (Regenerative Ag, EU Legislation, Other projects?)
 - Animal Health and Welfare Working Group Projects
 - Social Impact Working Group (Please let GRSB know of any expert recommendations, particularly in Latin America for Social Goal participation).
 - SureHarvest Framework/Goals Reporting
 - Global to Local CBI (temporarily on hold)
 - Communications Council (Communicators Summit, Oct. 3: speakers and agenda ideas)
 - Global Conference 2024
- 2. What do the NRTs need from GRSB (funding, knowledge gaps, etc)?
 - More streamlined communications as bandwidth and varying time zones make attending all calls challenging presenting concern with missing important information.
 - i. Having working group chairs join the NRT call to present any needs from the roundtables would be very helpful to ensure roundtable inclusion and input.
- 3. What do the NRTs need from each other: (successes, lessons learned, etc.)
- 4. Hadarits shared an initial draft of an NRT Workplan for the remainder of 2023
 - Please share any feedback to be incorporated into the workplan (hadaritsm@cattle.ca)
 - A GRSB/NRT briefing on Cop28 would be helpful (possibly Sep/Oct or the in-person meeting in Oct in San Diego.)

Next steps

- Review and email hadaritsm@cattle.ca with any feedback, agenda items, discussion topics, outcomes, etc., and if interested in leading the NRT meetings. Feedback can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Hadarits will formulate all discussion items and feedback and share for group review at the next NRT meeting.
 - a. June's NRT call to finalize discussion on all logistical areas of the NRT calls (governance, inclusivity, working group linkages, etc.).
- 2. July NRT call to start on topic specific targets
- 3. Increase monthly calls to 1.5 hours.

Next National Roundtable Meeting – June 15, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (US Central / Canada Time)