

Government Investment Initiatives under the Plan of Action

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH

September 2007



Supporting work programme for Pillars 2 and 3

Description

In collaboration with other countries, New Zealand is working to put in place an international research network focused on greenhouse gas emissions from animal agriculture.

Background

Since May 2007, New Zealand has been holding discussions with a number of countries, including Ireland, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, the UK, Australia and Canada, on possible collaboration on agricultural greenhouse gas research, the scope of an international research network and associated activities.

The Government is investing in a research fund to bolster New Zealand's international leadership position in agriculture and forestry climate change research. The fund will help develop New Zealand's role as a world leader in agriculture and forestry research on climate change, and will:

- help promote New Zealand science overseas;
- foster international work on greenhouse gases produced by agriculture and forestry;
- help with technology and knowledge transfer to developing countries through the development of formal collaboration and exchange programmes.

Initiatives

Current proposals include:

- an international research network, website development, newsletters and a regular network conference;
- capacity building, involving expert workshops, research scholarships and secondments;
- Funding assistance for participation by New Zealand and overseas representatives at conferences, workshops and meetings, and promotion of New Zealand science overseas, to maintain New Zealand's international presence in agriculture research.



Government investment

Initiative	2007/08 \$M	2008/09 \$M	2009/10 \$M	2010/11 \$M	2011/12 \$M	Total to 2012 \$M	From 2012/13 annually \$M
International collaboration	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	5.000	1.000

Links to other government initiatives

There is a close connection with the strengthening of research and innovation for agricultural and forestry mitigation and adaptation (*see separate sheet*), and the Technology Transfer Programme (*see separate sheet*).

Next steps and implementation

Collaborative activities will be further developed throughout the year, and the research network is expected to be launched at the end of 2007.



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