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IAR and CSIR-SARI Join ETS Program

The Global Stewardship Group is pleased to welcome the Institute for Agricultural Research Samaruj ([IAR](#)) and CSIR-Savanna Agricultural Research Institute ([CSIR-SARI](#)) to the Excellence Through Stewardship program. Both organizations are part of the [Alliance for Cowpea Improvement in Africa](#).

IAR was established in 1922 as the Research Division of the Northern Nigeria Ministry of Agriculture. Their stated goal is to serve as a center of excellence for sustainable, affordable, efficient and easily adoptable technologies to enhance farm productivity and product utilization in Nigeria. The national mandate includes development and evaluation of improved crop varieties and technology, and genetic improvement of cowpea, cotton, groundnut, maize, sorghum, castor, jatropha, sunflower and artemisia.

CSIR-SARI's mandate is to provide farmers in the Northern, North East, Savannah, Upper East, and Upper West Regions of Ghana with appropriate technologies to increase their food and fiber crop production based on a sustainable production system. The crops covered in its research mandate include sorghum, millet, rice, maize, fonio, cowpea, groundnuts, soybean, Bambara groundnuts, pigeon pea, yam, cassava, sweet and frafra potatoes, cotton, and vegetables. Their vision is to become a leading research and development institution by making agricultural research responsive to farmer needs and national development.

The Global Stewardship Group looks forward to working with the talented teams at IAR and CSIR-SARI on achieving their stewardship goals.



Satus Ager Completes ETS Audit

The Global Stewardship Group congratulates [Satus Ager](#) on its global Excellence Through Stewardship audit completion.

Based in Argentina, Satus Ager is an agricultural consulting and management company that helps farmers, landowners, and agribusinesses maximize the productivity, sustainability, and profitability of their operations. The company provides expertise in areas such as crop planning, precision agriculture, resource management, and stewardship practices, tailoring strategies to each client's land and goals. By combining advanced technology with agronomic knowledge, Satus Ager works to improve yields, protect natural resources, and ensure long-term success in a competitive agricultural landscape.

The Global Stewardship Group is proud to join the talented team at Satus Ager in celebrating their audit success.

[List of ETS Audit Completions](#)

[List of PBIMP Audit Completions](#)



ILLINOIS CROP
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

Member Profile: Illinois Crop Improvement Association

In this Member Profile we feature the [Illinois Crop Improvement Association](#), a non-profit organization that serves as a third-party, independent entity providing quality control services for seeds and other crop propagation materials.

[Read the Member Profile](#)



GSG Learning

Course Registration on New GSG Learning Web Page

On the new GSG Learning web page, members can find information about our course offerings and register. Currently, the available courses are:

- Stewardship Best Practices 101

- How to Prepare for a Program Audit

Stewardship Best Practices 201 and Quality Management Systems Basics will be available early next year.

Additionally, the page contains information on our other GSG Learning offerings:

- Stewardship Workshops
- Member Visits

Please contact GSG staff with any questions.

[GSG Learning Web Page](#)



Share ideas for GSG's Quarterly Webinars

GSG's quarterly webinar series is designed to provide members with useful stewardship information, including program insights and emerging trends. If you have an idea for a webinar topic that would be beneficial to you and your organization, please contact GSG staff.

[Submit Webinar Ideas](#)

[GSG Webinar Archive](#)



Spotlight on Member Resources

In the Sample Forms section of Member Resources on the ETS website, there are fifteen templates that you may use in the implementation of stewardship practices. They can be used in their current form, or they can serve as a guide for creating your own forms that work best for your organization.

[Sample Forms](#)



GSG Seeks Program Committee Members

Global Stewardship Group committees are an integral part of the development of programs, projects, and initiatives. We are seeking members to join **from organizations that are not currently represented**. The GSG Committees are:

Technical Development Committee

Audit Operations Committee

Academic & E-Learning Committee

Communications Committee

GSG could not fulfill its mission without the knowledge and expertise of the talented people from our member organizations. If you are interested in receiving more information about the committees and their roles and responsibilities, please click below.

[GSG Committee Information](#)



Have You Submitted Your Audit Plan?

At the beginning of every audit cycle, program participants are required to submit an Audit Plan.

The Audit Plan is a draft road map of your planned audits. It is a working document that can be updated at any time. We just ask that you notify GSG staff of any changes.

To submit your Audit Plan, click the **Send My Audit Plan** button.

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