**GHG Protocol**

## Agricultural Guidance

**Public Comment Feedback Form**

The GHG Protocol has collaborated with multiple organizations in the agricultural sector to develop guidelines that will help add quality and uniformity to GHG emissions inventories in the sector. The project is now entering an important phase of public consultation that aims to collect impressions about the technical consistency and ease of use of the current (second) draft of the Guidance. **Comments should only be submitted using this form to the GHG Protocol at** **opencomment@wri.org****. WRI will accept comments through May 31.**

The Guidance consists of the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Business goals

Chapter 3: Principles

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**Recommendations for using this form**

* It is not required to review all of the chapters. Instead, we recommend you focus on the Chapters that address topics in which you have an interest, experience or knowledge.
* The public consultation period runs from March 25 to May 31, 2013.
* Please use only this form for sending comments. Doing so will expedite the process of consolidating all reviewers’ feedback.
* Where possible, please make sure to reference the page and line numbers of the sections upon which you are commenting.
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As you read the draft Guidance we recommend bearing the following questions in mind:

* Do you agree with the proposed guidelines and methodologies (yes, no, or what changes would you propose)?
* Is the document clear and understandable? Please identify any specific sections that you feel need to be improved in terms of readability.
* Is the terminology used clear? Please identify any specific terminology that is unclear.
* Are any aspects of the description of agricultural systems erroneous? What must be removed or altered?
* Is something missing? What other guidelines, methods or data sources should be added?
* What other comments do you have for improving the draft Guidance?

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Chapter 1: Introduction

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| 1.1 What is the Greenhouse Gas Protocol? |  |  |  |
| 1.2 Why an Agricultural Guidance? |  |  |  |
| 1.3 Who should use this Guidance? |  |  |  |
| 1.4 How does the Agricultural Guidance relate to other GHG Protocol publications? |  |  |  |
| 1.8 What does this Guidance not do?  |  |  |  |
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Chapter 2: Business Goals

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Chapter 3: Principles

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Chapter 4: Overview of Agricultural Emission Sources

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| 4.2 Non-mechanical sources on farms |  |  |  |
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Chapter 5: Setting Inventory Boundaries

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