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Dear Hector Medina,

I am writing to you as the Director of the Global Locust Initiative ([GLI](#)). Our primary mission is to create and maintain a global network to support locust and grasshopper research and management, and improve farmer livelihoods.

I would like to extend an invitation for the GICSV locust group to be a partner in the organization of an upcoming workshop.

Recent GLI funding from The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) has paved the way for continued work in Latin America. The next step is workshop in Argentina, being co-organized by Hector Medina (SENASA), Dr. Eduardo Trumper (INTA), and Dr. Rick Overson (ASU). This workshop will focus on understanding the governance and network infrastructure currently in place to manage locusts. This discussion will highlight opportunities for creating the best infrastructure to respond to locust emergencies and to sustain locust expertise, even during non-outbreak years. The governance and network components will be led by Arizona State University social-ecological systems expert, Dr. Marty Anderies, using analysis tools developed by Anderies alongside Nobel-Prize-winning Dr. Elinor Ostrom.

This workshop is part of a four-part series of GLI-FFAR workshops in South America, Africa, Australia, and the United States. Following the workshop in Argentina, and similar workshops across the world, a final synthesis conference will take place at Arizona State University in Nov. 2020 with participants from each focal region to synthesize, summarize, and share information for the benefit of all partner institutions. The GLI is contributing FFAR grant funds to support participant travel from key organizations to the workshops. However, to make the workshop more broadly inclusive, we invite you to partner with us to support additional participants to join in Argentina.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and I look forward to our continued collaboration to address the global locust challenge.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arianne Cease".

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