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**Update on CGIAR Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable
Development (Johannesburg Earth Summit)
and World Food Summit: 5 Years Later**

Agenda Item: 5d – Updates, Johannesburg Earth Summit and WFS+5

This item is for: Information Discussion Decision

Proposed Action: None

Background: The attached report gives an update on the activities that are being undertaken by the CGIAR Taskforce on the Johannesburg Earth Summit and the World Food Summit: 5 years later.

Comments:

Update on CGIAR Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)¹ - 2 to 11 September 2002, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Goals and Objectives of the Summit

The main focus of the Summit will be to assess the progress made with the implementation of Agenda 21, and to agree on how to make further progress. An integrated treatment of “economic”, “social” and “environmental” pillars of sustainable development at all stages of preparations for the Summit and in its expected outcomes is considered to be of crucial importance. The Summit will consist of various partnership events, followed by a general debate among Heads of State and Government and adoption of final documents.

For the preparation of the Summit a bottom-up approach has been adopted. The progress made with the implementation of Agenda 21 is being discussed at official national, sub-regional and regional level prepcom-meetings. Based on these discussions the main themes for the Summit will be determined. In addition there will be meetings of NGOs and other major civil society groups, eminent persons round tables, etc. The first global preparatory session took place in New York from 30 April to 2 May 2001. Most of the national and sub-regional meetings were held in the past 4 months, while the regional meetings are currently taking place. There will be a 2nd, 3rd and 4th global prepcom before the Summit. The 4th and last prepcom-meeting (June 2002, in Indonesia) will be a ministerial-level meeting.

From personal feedback from meetings, meeting reports on the Summit's website (www.johannesburgsummit.org) and other related sites, and our participation in various electronic meetings, it appears that the Summit will focus on broad cross-sectoral sustainable development themes, and will aim to avoid sectoral issues. Important issues are likely to be poverty reduction, governance, health, etc. As an example, some of the cross-cutting themes that emanated from the first regional prepcom held, the ECE meeting in Europe, were sustainable management and conservation of natural resources; environmental health; making globalisation work for sustainable development, including matters related to international trade and finance, as well as links between globalisation and social issues; better governance and democratic decision-making processes; as well as education, science and technology. Another concept that at present is getting much attention is that of a 'Global Deal', a 'new realistic deal' between developed and developing countries which both will keep to.

CGIAR Participation

The Summit will be dealing with many important issues for the CGIAR. Global Agricultural Research for Development clearly can make an important contribution to sustainable development, although it is also apparent that many stakeholders tend to overlook this. The important role of the CGIAR was eloquently described by the CGIAR chairman Ian Johnson at MTM in Durban. At the MTM 2001 the CDC decided to set up a

¹ Also known as the Johannesburg Earth Summit (JES) and Rio+10

Systemwide Taskforce to coordinate the preparations across the Centers, and IPGRI was asked to chair this Taskforce. The Taskforce was also asked to coordinate the contribution of the CGIAR to the World Food Summit , five years later, planned to be held in November 2001 in Rome (see below).

Taskforce

All CG institutes have nominated a Taskforce member at senior programme or public awareness management level (Annex 1). Taskforce meetings have been mainly virtual, but a meeting *in persona* will have taken place on 29 October, just before the AGM. Manuel Lantin, the CGIAR Secretariat's representative on the Taskforce, serves as the liaison between Taskforce activities and initiatives undertaken in collaboration with the World Bank.

Activities

In the year leading up to the Summit, the main task for the Taskforce is to promote CGIAR issues to be included on the Agenda of the Summit. This is mainly done by Centers monitoring and/or attending relevant prepcom meetings, by providing information, and by networking. At the Summit itself, the CGIAR should showcase its important contribution to implementation of Agenda 21 in general, and in particular those issues that depend on sustainable agricultural production and rural development.

- Accreditation. In preparing for CGIAR's participation in activities related to the Summit, the issue of accreditation was raised. The Taskforce set into motion a process for securing accreditation for CGIAR as an inter-governmental organization (IGO). The CGIAR Secretariat communicated with and received advice from the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) Secretariat. A letter from the CGIAR Chairman informed the U.N. Under-Secretary General (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) of the CGIAR's decision "to commit itself fully to supporting the goals of WSSD in every way possible." We were advised that accreditation is not required for CGIAR Centers' participation in regional and sub-regional prepcom meetings. Centers' representatives would need only to contact the UN agencies involved in the organization of the regional meetings. Participation in global prepcom meetings would need submission beforehand of the composition of the CGIAR delegation to the CSD Secretariat.
- Meetings. We have identified the regional prepcoms and some of the civil society organization meetings as being most relevant for the CGIAR to attend. It was not felt necessary for the CGIAR to try to attend all the sub-regional prepcom meetings. If such meetings took place in places where senior CGIAR Center staff is located, efforts were made to attend. For example, sub-regional prepcom meetings in Central Asia (ICARDA) and West-Africa (WARDA) were attended. For the official regional prepcoms, the Centers in the region are at present coordinating a CGIAR presence. Unfortunately, due to the present world security situation, quite a few meetings have been cancelled or postponed. The chair of the Taskforce is planning to attend the scheduled global prepcoms (see above). There appears to be a clear positive effect of our presence at such meetings. Many of the meetings that were not attended by CGIAR representatives did not highlight the major role of agriculture for sustainable development. But for example the West-Africa sub-regional meeting in Abidjan, attended for the CGIAR by WARDA, has identified the role of agriculture as a major issue for Johannesburg.

- Publications.
 - IPGRI, in collaboration with the CGIAR secretariat, has prepared fact-sheets on the relation between CGIAR activities contribution to food security for the World Food Summit, which have been printed in various languages.
 - As a component of the Taskforce overall work programme, the Secretariat, in collaboration with Future Harvest and the Centers, has prepared a publication highlighting general aspects of CGIAR work that contribute to the implementation of Agenda 21: *Nourishing a Peaceful Earth: The CGIAR's Contributions*. The report encapsulates the collective work of the Centers in addressing food security and sustainable development issues. The print publication and a CD-ROM will be widely disseminated in the lead-up to the Summit.
 - The Taskforce is also presently compiling a fact-sheet on the contribution of the CGIAR to the implementation of Agenda 21. This fact sheet should facilitate CGIAR participation in prep-com and related meetings. The format of a fact sheet was chosen to enable the Taskforce to update the sheet throughout the next year, incorporating topics and trends that will develop for the Summit.
- Contributions to World Bank Activities related to WSSD. The CGIAR Secretariat is part of a Core Team on WSSD that provides overall coordination on the World Bank's activities related to the Summit. The Secretariat's representatives are members of a team (GEF/RDV/CGIAR) that coordinate the preparation of a paper on Land and Water Management for Food Security. Three CGIAR Centers, IWMI, ICRAF, and IFPRI, are specifically involved in the preparation of the paper. The paper will be presented in a Roundtable that will be organized as a side event in February 2002 under the auspices of GEF, in association with the African Ministers of Environment Conference in Abuja, Nigeria.
- CGIAR presence at WSSD event(s). The format of the Summit is expected to be a mixture of an official Summit, official stakeholder meetings, and fringe meetings, with a less official status. At Rio de Janeiro ten years ago, these last meetings were the most influential. The CGIAR will probably find it useful to participate at all levels. We are hoping to receive an invitation to speak as an IGO during the Summit. We should have a booth in the official exhibition space, and organize side events, e.g. launching new initiatives, press conferences and/or seminars. We should also participate in the NGO/Civil Society events. A draft budget of approximately US\$100 000 has been discussed with PARC to cover the costs of these events. It is thought that the Summit would be a perfect opportunity to launch the Global Conservation Trust.

Networking

Both at the meetings such as those mentioned above, and through various other contacts, the CGIAR can increase its profile for the WSSD. For example, Emil Salim, who was on the CGIAR review panel headed by Maurice Strong, is the chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the WSSD. At the World Bank, through the Secretariat, there are many contacts with the various UN organizations that are involved in the Summit. It is not clear yet what role the major environment conventions will have at the Summit, but through the contacts of the various CGIAR Centers with the secretariats of these conventions, it should be possible to increase CGIAR visibility for the Summit as well. All Centers should make use of such contacts to get more informal information about the Summit and to provide targeted information about the CGIAR to those involved in

organizing the Summit. Results of such contacts should be communicated through the Taskforce with the other CGIAR institutes.

World Food Summit; 5 years later (WFS;5yl).

The CGIAR taskforce has also been asked to coordinate the contribution of the CGIAR to the WFS;5yl. This Summit was originally planned as part of the FAO-conference in early November in Rome, but now, after a period of confusion due to anticipated actions of the anti-globalization movement and the events of 11 September and thereafter, it has been proposed to move this meeting to June 2002. We had established contacts with the organizers:

- The CGIAR was to contribute to the information folders by means of fact sheets
- As at the original WFS 5 years ago, the CGIAR has been invited speak as an IGO. CGIAR Director Francisco Reifschneider had accepted that invitation on behalf of the CGIAR.
- There were initiatives to set up a side event to the official summit, to participate in the NGO event, and possibly to set up a display together with FAO.

If the Summit will take place on the proposed date, the CGIAR contribution will likely need to be of a different nature, given its proximity to the Johannesburg Summit. Some costs (\$6000) were incurred in producing CGIAR fact sheets for the World Food Summit. We hope to be able to use these fact sheets as part of the CGIAR documentation material in the coming year when working towards the Summit(s) in 2002.

Budget

In general the costs of the activities of the Taskforce will be met as much as possible from the individual Center budgets. (Sub-)regional meetings are attended by those Centers located in the region, the Taskforce meeting in Washington on 29 October is combined with attendance of the AGM, and much interactions take place by email. However, there are and there will be costs associated with activities that cannot be logically charged to single institutes. These involve the production of fact sheets, preparation of exhibition, side events at important preparatory meetings and the Summit(s) themselves, special administrative support in the period just before the Summit(s). The budget has and will be discussed with PARC, the Centers and the Secretariat, and is estimated to be 90 to 110k US\$.

Requests to the AGM

- To give support to these activities of the CGIAR Taskforce.
- To encourage the CGIAR community to create awareness of the important role of the CGIAR in Sustainable Development with the agencies and organizations which are preparing the Earth Summit in Johannesburg and the World Food Summit.
- To agree in principle to making available resources for necessary systemwide expenses that the Taskforce will have to make for the preparations for the Summit(s).

Annex 1 – CGIAR Taskforce Members

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