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Information for Participants

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2003**

**Nairobi
Kenya**

The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) is a strategic alliance of 62 members (including 24 developing and 22 industrialized countries), four co-sponsors, sixteen international agricultural research Centers, many national agricultural systems and hundreds of civil society partners. The Group mobilizes cutting-edge science to promote sustainable development by facilitating agricultural growth, reducing hunger and poverty, improving human nutrition and health, and protecting the environment. The CGIAR generates global public goods which are available to all.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

October 27

Members' Day. An opportunity for bilateral and multi-Center meetings, and discussions among CGIAR members and Centers in the lead up to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.

The Kenyan Government will host an evening reception to welcome AGM participants.

October 28

Kenya/CGIAR Day. Stakeholder Field trips will feature interactive demonstration of the impact of world class agriculture research undertaken by the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) and the CGIAR Centers operating in Kenya. Guests will select from six field trips and visit farmers, community projects and research institutes.

October 29

Stakeholder Meeting commences at the UNON Conference Centre with discussions on critical issues facing agricultural research today. The meeting will be opened by the President of the Republic of Kenya.

Highlights include

- a presentation of Center achievements in 2003;
- the biennial IFPRI State of the World's Food Address;
- the Crawford Lecture delivered by the Honorable Susan Whelan, Minister for International Cooperation, Canada;
- the Innovation Marketplace, an exhibition of innovative civil society initiatives; and

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- an evening reception hosted by the CGIAR which will include presentations for Innovation Marketplace winners.

October 30

Stakeholder Meeting continues. Highlights include

- Ministerial Roundtable, including Ministerial level participation and featuring a keynote speech from Jeffrey Sachs, Director, The Earth Institute at Columbia University and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary General on Millennium Development Goals; and
- CGIAR Science Awards presentation and panel.

The Business Meeting commences at 2:00 p.m. Attendance is by invitation.

A draft agenda and meeting documents for Stakeholder and Business meetings will be issued separately.

October 31

Business Meeting continues, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Attendance is by invitation.

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The AGM will be followed by

- World Agroforestry and the Future – A conference hosted by the World Agroforestry Centre on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of ICRAF. (p.20)
- The Challenge Program on Water and Food Baseline Conference and launch of the science program. (p.21)

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Meeting Overview

The Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya, will host the 2003 Annual General Meeting (AGM03) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in Nairobi, Kenya in 2003. The CGIAR will welcome hundreds of policy makers, agricultural research experts, scientists and development specialists to the AGM03.

The AGM03 will feature Kenya/CGIAR Day – an opportunity to experience one of six themed interactive Field Trips, the inaugural Innovation Marketplace, the Sir John Crawford Memorial Lecture, a Ministerial Roundtable and most importantly, the CGIAR Stakeholder and Business Meetings.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish at the Stakeholder and Business meetings. Meetings and meeting-related events will be held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) Conference Center unless otherwise indicated. Shuttle buses will transport delegates from their hotels to the meetings and back.

Invitations

Invitations to AGM03 are issued by the CGIAR Secretariat, a unit of the CGIAR System Office. Interested parties can contact the CGIAR Secretariat at the following address:

c/o The World Bank
1818 H Street, NW, G6-601
Washington, DC 20433, USA
Tel: (1-202) 473-8951
Fax: (1-202) 473-8110
E-mail: cgjar@cgjar.org
Web site: www.cgjar.org

Registration

Participants can register for the AGM and Challenge Program on Water and Food baseline conference via the internet. If you wish to do so, please visit:

<http://www.cgiar.org>
and click 'AGM2003'

Participants can also register by completing the Registration Form, which can be downloaded from the web site and returned to International Meetings Management and Services (IMMS) via e-mail, fax, or mailed to the address given on the form, to arrive by Monday, September 22, 2003.

The registration information provided will be used in the preparation of participants' badges and list of participants, for arranging airport/hotel transfers, and for hotel, field visits and post-AGM tour reservations.

Both the AGM03 meeting badge and a photographic ID are required to enter the UNON Conference Centre. The AGM03 Registration Desk will open daily at the Hotel Inter-Continental, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, October 26 to Friday, October 31. Participants must register with the Desk to collect their meeting badges, documents, and invitations to social events. For security reasons, participants will not be able to access the UNON Conference Centre unless they have registered. There is no registration fee but participants will be responsible for their personal expenses. Please see 'Payments' on page 10.

Accompanying Persons Program

A separate program for spouses and accompanying persons has been arranged. For details, please visit

www.bunsonkenya.com/cgiar.html.

LOCAL CONDITIONS

Nairobi City

Nairobi is a Maasai term meaning 'the place of sweet waters'. This is where the Maasai used to bring their livestock to graze and drink water in the past. Today, over 3 million people live and work in the city. A large part of this population has come here from the rural areas to work and after retirement they go back to their homes in the country.

Nairobi is the financial and administrative capital of Kenya. The National Assembly, the Law Courts, the Office of the President and the City Hall are located in the City Centre. Many countries have diplomatic missions, embassies or trade offices in Nairobi.

Nairobi is an international business and tourist center, and people of many cultures live and work here. There are many churches, mosques and temples where people of different faiths go to worship. Restaurants serve almost every kind of food, from local dishes to the most exotic. Curries from India and Pakistan are very popular as are Chinese, Arabian and European cuisine.

Climate

The end of October could be the start of the short rainy season in Kenya. Average daily temperatures are from 13° C/53°F to 26°C /74°F.

Language

English and Kiswahili are the official languages.

Dress

Casual and informal clothes suit the climate. Immodest attire is considered inappropriate in places of worship. Business events and most social events call for formal wear.

Time Zone

Local time is GMT plus 3.

For more information about Kenya, please visit:
www.kenyaweb.com.

Safety & Security Precautions

The Hotel Intercontinental, Norfolk Hotel and Nairobi Serena Hotel are situated in Nairobi City Centre. It is recommended that you do NOT walk alone in any part of the city after dark. If you intend to visit a restaurant or other form of entertainment in the evenings, always take a taxi. Where possible, try to walk in a group.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The CGIAR Secretariat will coordinate all hotel reservations.

175 rooms have been reserved at The Hotel Inter-Continental, 75 rooms at The Nairobi Serena Hotel, and 100 rooms at The Norfolk Hotel.

Room Rates

Hotel Inter-Continental

- Standard Single – USD56
- Standard Double – USD94
- Deluxe Single – USD110
- Deluxe Double – USD130

Nairobi Serena Hotel

- Single – USD115
- Double – USD125

Norfolk Hotel

- Standard Single – USD70
- Standard Double – USD85
- Deluxe Single – USD115
- Deluxe Double – USD130

N.B. All amounts quoted are in US dollars. These special rates apply only to rooms that are reserved through the CGIAR/AGM03 hotel reservation process as described under "Hotel Reservations." Please note that room rates include a buffet breakfast, use of health club facilities and statutory taxes.

Hotel Reservations

To ensure your reservation at the arranged rates, and facilitate preparation of official invitations, badges and participant directory, all participants must return completed registration forms to:

International Meeting Management and Services
(IMMS)
2120 L Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington DC 20037-1540, USA
E-mail: cgiar@global.org
Tel: (1-202) 466 0000
Fax: (1-202) 466 0815

Hotel registration can also be completed on-line during conference registration.

Payments

Participants are responsible for their own expenses including all travel, and accommodation. Please note that if a reservation is not guaranteed by a credit card, cash payment for the full amount will be required when checking in at the hotel.

Cancellation

Accommodation will be assigned on guaranteed arrival basis for the exact dates requested. If the room is not occupied as confirmed, the persons for whom it was reserved will incur a hotel charge. Please send a written request for any change or cancellation to the IMMS no later than October 15.

Hotel Contact Details

Hotel Inter-Continental Nairobi

City Hall Way
P.O. Box 30353, City Square
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: 254 (20) 32000000
Fax: 254 (20) 32000036

Nairobi Serena Hotel

Kenyatta Avenue
P. O. Box 46302, GPO
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: 254 (20) 313800
Fax: 254 (20) 2725184

Norfolk Hotel

Harry Thuku Road
P. O. Box 40064, GPO
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: 254 (20) 250900
Fax: 254 (20) 336742

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Visas

Visas are required in some circumstances. Visitors with valid passports and tickets for their onward journey do not require visas for a stay of up to 21 days. However, entry visas are required for restricted nationals, stateless persons, and those from countries with which Kenya has no diplomatic relations. Please contact the Kenya Embassy/Consulate nearest you to ascertain countries on the visa required list.

Visas should be obtained in advance, although airport visas are available. Travelers who opt to obtain an airport visa should expect delays upon arrival. There is a fee for the visa, whether obtained in advance or at the airport.

Evidence of yellow fever immunization may be requested. Valid **vaccination and immunization certificates** are required for those arriving from or through an area infected by plague, typhus, or yellow fever.

Passports are required. (If issued within last two years the old passport is also required.)

Customs

Airline passengers must fill out the Baggage Declaration Form C-18 before disembarking to facilitate customs examination. Goods are subject to 100% Customs verification.

The following items are subject to restrictions, and visitors should check at the nearest Kenya Embassy/Consulate for details.

- Alcoholic beverages
- New items (may require Import License and are subject to payment of Customs duties and taxes)
- Fabric pieces
- Trade goods or goods for sale or given to other persons
- Used machinery

Electronic Equipment

Laptop computers and other electrical equipment for personal use may be brought into the country without duty, if these items will be taken out of the country on a passenger's departure. Meeting participants are advised to bring their own laptops.

Insurance

It is recommended that participants arrange medical, travel, and personal effects insurance while attending AGMO3.

Transfer to Hotels

The Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) is located 7 km (4 miles) south of Nairobi City Centre. Transport from the airport to hotels has been arranged. A CGIAR representative will be at the airport to receive and assist delegates. On arrival, please look for the CGIAR-AGM signs and a representative who will meet you at Immigration.

If you miss these signs please proceed to the CGIAR AGM03 Desk which is in the Arrival Hall immediately after the Customs Inspection Area, and seek assistance.

The journey from the airport to the City Centre varies, depending on the time of the day. At best, it will take 20 minutes. In rush hour traffic it can take up to 1 hour.

If you wish to travel by taxi, please use only accredited official taxis.

Currency and Banking

Kenya Shilling (KSH) is the local currency, which is available in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1000 notes and 20, 10, 5, 1, 50c and 10c coins.

The exchange rate fluctuates. It is currently US\$1 = KSH74.

Traveler's checks and foreign currency notes of all major currencies can be exchanged at the airport, commercial banks and major hotels. Duty banks at the airport serve late flight arrivals and departures.

Banking hours: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Electrical Supply

The supply is mostly 240 volts ac, 50Hz which is obtainable usually through a 3 pin plug. US-made

appliances of lower voltage require a transformer. Adapters may be obtained locally, but participants are advised to bring their own.

Telecommunications

GSM cell phone with International roaming capability will work for local and international calls. Pay phones are available in commercial centers. Calls can be made by using coins or phone cards. International Subscriber dialing network (ISD) service connects to over 240 countries worldwide. Local & Distant Code Dialing service is also provided for connections to major cities in Kenya. Full telex, fax and electronic mail facilities are widely available.

Tipping

Although a service charge is included in the bill in hotels and restaurants, it is customary for customers to give tips. Tipping taxi drivers is not mandatory, but rounding the fare upwards is a good rule of thumb. Doormen, watch-your-car boys and barbers appreciate tips in the KSH20 – KSH50 range. The rate may be slightly higher for hairdressers, beauty parlor attendants and hotel bellboys.

Value-added Tax

A value-added tax is levied on hospitality services and on the market/quoted price of most goods offered for sale.

Water

Local tap water is not potable. Sealed bottled water is safe to drink and can be purchased in hotels, restaurants, and grocery stores.

KENYA/CGIAR DAY STAKEHOLDER FIELD VISITS

Detailed description

October 28

The purpose of the six field trips is to provide AGM participants with a first-hand look at how research conducted by CGIAR Centers in partnership with Kenyan institutions and many others, is addressing real-world problems and making a difference in the lives of the poor. The sites to be visited will show the impact of research being done for development, including research leading to new technologies, institutional innovations, and improved policies.

Each field visit will require all or most of the day. To ensure that you visit at least one site of personal interest, please indicate your first and second preferences on the registration form.

We suggest that participants wear comfortable casual clothes and footwear, such as light t-shirts and blue jeans and sneakers or rubber shoes or sandals during the visits. Be prepared for wet weather.

1. Survival in the City: Urban and peri-urban agriculture

Growing food crops, producing high-value trees, and raising dairy cows are easily imagined in rural settings. But these activities take place in urban and suburban areas as well; sometimes under trying circumstances. For these urban and peri-urban agriculturalists, production and marketing present special – sometimes seemingly insurmountable – problems.

For scientists, issues such as pollution, public health, access to land, and regulatory policies for urban and peri-urban agriculture present

significant research-for-development opportunities. Participants on this field visit will see how researchers and development partners are improving the lives of urban dwellers, whose numbers continue to increase in Kenya and other developing countries.

2. Biotechnology: Cutting edge science in service of the poor

Most Africans eat maize at every meal. Without maize, much of Africa would starve. But maize farmers are plagued by a profusion of tropical insects, especially the pervasive stem borer. Maize farmers can rarely afford to purchase the fertilizers and insecticides that combat this problem. And even if they could afford them, regular use of such insecticides is not a sustainable, environmentally friendly, practice.

Enter biotechnology, which is leading to higher yielding maize varieties with built-in resistance to stem borers. This improved resistance is coming from both conventional breeding and from incorporation of genes from the common bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (bt). Moreover, tissue culture techniques are enabling disease-free micro-propagation of other priority crops of the poor, such as banana, potato, sweet potato, cassava and macadamia.

Biotechnology is also making a difference for the poor who raise livestock. In almost all cases, livestock owners don't have ready access to effective vaccines, curative treatments and veterinary services. Genetic mapping of disease resistance in livestock is enabling scientists to develop effective and inexpensive vaccines, and through marker-assisted breeding, scientists are incorporating resistance genes in animal populations, reducing livestock illness and mortality.

Participants on this field visit will see practical application of biotechnology to improve the lives of the poor.

3. Dryland Agriculture: Creating food security where water is scarce

Water is life, but water in poor countries is rarely available when and where it is needed. Participants on this field visit will see firsthand the critical links between research and improvements in the conservation, equitable distribution, and efficient use of scarce water resources and – as a result of that – enhanced food security and poverty alleviation.

Improved, affordable drip irrigation kits, efficient water harvesting techniques, and effective agricultural methods that increase moisture retention in the soil are a sampling of the practical results of research-for-development in the dry lands of Kenya.

4. Diminishing returns: Replenishing the soils of Western Kenya and saving Lake Victoria

Western Kenya is the most densely populated area in rural Africa. The region is blessed with plentiful rainfall. But decades of intensive agricultural production there have seriously depleted soil fertility, and soil erosion is a major problem in the region – to the point that eutrophication of Lake Victoria is impairing the livelihoods and lives of tens of thousands of people living around the lake.

Participants on this field visit will see how scientists are working with development partners to produce improved soil fertility management systems, many based on agroforestry, and scale up adoption. This work is dramatically improving soil fertility and conservation, and that is improving food security and reducing poverty in the region.

(This is a day trip involving a 50-minute flight from Nairobi to the city of Kisumu, on the shore of Lake Victoria. Requests will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Each participant will have to meet a charge of US \$150/- approximately for transport by air).

5. Intensification through diversification: Sustaining agricultural productivity in Kenya's heartland

The highlands of Central Kenya lie beneath the imposing snow-capped Mt. Kenya and the Aberdare mountain range. The topography is rugged, with deep and steep-sided river valleys blessed by a high annual rainfall. Home of world-famous Arabica coffee, the area is covered with complex smallholder farming systems that produce cash crops (primarily coffee, tea and horticultural crops), food crops (maize, beans, Irish potatoes and bananas), livestock (dairy, sheep, goats and poultry) and a wide range of fruit, timber and ornamental trees.

This traditional breadbasket of Kenyan agriculture is under threat from growing intensification of land use, and the question researchers are grappling with is how to sustain its productivity as agriculture is further intensified. The answer lies in integrated natural resource management and diversification of farming enterprises.

Participants on this field visit will pass through some of the most beautiful Kenyan countryside and see how research-for-development is leading to improved natural resource management, higher incomes for the poor and improved food security.

6. Conserving rangeland biodiversity: A win-win for wildlife and livestock farmers

The area known as Kitengela is located in the Kenyan district of Kajiado, in the heart of a famous wildlife corridor near Nairobi. The area is home to both Maasai pastoralists and small-holder livestock farmers, who increasingly find themselves in conflict with the wildlife that roams to and from natural wildlife reserves. Lions regularly kill the livestock, and gazelles consume crops growing in

the fields. The residents, in turn, put up fences to keep out the wildlife and sometimes kill the game animals.

The challenge is to keep the corridors open for wildlife while sustaining local livelihoods. Scientists, working with wildlife conservation groups and NGOs, are developing novel practical ways to conserve rangeland biodiversity and still meet the needs of local residents.

Participants on this field visit will see how wildlife continue to coexist with livestock, as they have in this region for thousands of years, and how local residents can directly gain from protecting the natural biodiversity that surrounds them.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Following the AGM, two major events are planned. **A conference on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of ICRAF, and the Challenge Program on Water and Food – baseline conference and launch of the science program. Please indicate your interest in receiving further information on the 25th anniversary conference on ‘World Agroforestry and the Future’ of ICRAF, and register for the Challenge Program on Water and Food Baseline conference using the AGM registration form.**

World Agroforestry and the Future

A conference on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of ICRAF, November 1–5, 2003, Nairobi

Trees on farms and in rural landscapes play a crucial role in enhancing food security, increasing income and assets for the poor, and in providing environmental services at local to global levels. Putting trees to work for these purposes requires ever-better science and more widespread practice of agroforestry.

The World Agroforestry Centre is hosting a conference to review past efforts in agroforestry internationally, and define the key research and development imperatives to help achieve mankind's aspirations to eradicate poverty and enable sustainable development.

Sessions on Saturday, 1 November will feature invited keynote speakers who will highlight the history of global agroforestry, and share their vision for the future. On Sunday, 2 November, field trips will be arranged to agroforestry research sites close to Nairobi. The 3-day science forum on 3–5

November will synthesize past achievements and provide a 'state of the art' analysis surrounding four themes:

- Land and People: Partners using trees for productive landscapes and sustainable livelihoods.
- Trees and Markets: Conserving and domesticating trees and connecting smallholders with markets.
- Environmental Services: Pro-poor agroforestry strategies for local conservation and global benefits.
- Strengthening Institutions: Improving capacities for effective research development and education.

Participants can get more information about attending this conference by indicating on the AGM registration form and by contacting *j.mghalu@cgiar.org* or visit our website at *http://www.worldagroforestrycentre.org*

Challenge Program on Water and Food Baseline Conference and launch of the science program, November 2–6, 2003, Nairobi

The research program of the Challenge Program on Water and Food will be launched during a special scientific conference following the CGIAR Annual General Meeting in Nairobi.

The conference will present the baseline situation in the program's nine 'benchmark' river basins, on which the research and its targets for impact are defined. Its format is interactive, designed to engage stakeholders and receive action-oriented recommendations on how the Challenge Program on Water and Food can best be implemented to achieve maximum impact.

A wide range of stakeholders will participate in the debate, including members of the international scientific community; policy makers and minister-

level country representatives; water professionals; members of the donor and development NGO communities and colleagues from the CGIAR.

The primary focus will be on agricultural water use and productivity issues and the impacts of poverty alleviation and on food, health and environmental securities in the program's Benchmark basins.

Through its competitive research funding mechanism, the first set of projects to be selected will be put into action, primarily in the program's Benchmark basins – the Nile, Yellow, Karkeh, Indo-Gangetic, Mekong, Sao Francisco and Limpopo basins and two associated basins – the Andean Virtual and the Volta.

Scientific Workshops

- Enhancing basin level water productivity;
- Managing water for food and environmental security;
- Integration and scale issues; and
- Trade, investments and regional cooperation for enhancing food and environmental security.

Four scientific workshops at the conference provide an important foundation of the research program of the Challenge Program on Water and Food. The result of these interactions will be used as input and advice on how the program can be put into action for maximum impact. A further goal is to strengthen the community of practice of researchers engaged in the water-food-environment agenda and reach consensus on a number of research issues that are key to addressing this challenge.

A number of published papers, proceedings and journal articles will result from these sessions. Workshop papers will address novel and innovative approaches to putting the research into practices to address the problems and achieve concrete and quantitative results.

Provisional Conference Program

Day 1. High level policy presentations and debate
– *Water and Food Security for All: the role of international trade in food and virtual water; and Sustainable agriculture and wetlands: the new frontier in conservation.*

Speakers include: Senior FAO representative; Jack Wilkinson, Director General, International Association of Agricultural Producers (IFAP); Ian Johnson, Chair, CGIAR; Joachim von Braun, Director General, IFPRI; Mohamad Roozitalab, Chair Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR); Mark Rosegrant, Research Fellow.

Day 2. Presentation of Challenge Program on Water and Food.

– *Presentations and panel discussions with eminent scientists from the program's research themes and river basins with a particular focus on*

- innovation,
- basin conditions,
- the state of knowledge on key issues,
- water productivity, and
- a thematic, conceptual framework and research agenda.

Day 3. Parallel sessions workshops

– *Presentation of invited papers; preliminary results of Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture and Dialogue on Water, Food and Environment*

Day 4. Overview of the Challenge Program's research portfolio.

– *First round of research projects selected.*

Day 5. Brainstorm and implementation arrangements.

Participants can register to this conference on the AGM registration form.

FUTURE HARVEST CENTERS OF THE CGIAR

CIAT - Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical
www.ciat.cgiar.org

CIFOR - Center for International Forestry Research
www.cifor.org

CIMMYT - Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo, www.cimmyt.org

CIP - Centro Internacional de la Papa
www.cipotato.org

ICARDA - International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, www.icarda.org

ICRAF - World Agroforestry Centre
www.worldagroforestrycentre.org

ICRISAT - International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, www.icrisat.org

IFPRI - International Food Policy Research Institute
www.ifpri.org

IITA - International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
www.iita.org

ILRI - International Livestock Research Institute
www.cgiar.org/ilri

IPGRI - International Plant Genetic Resources Institute
www.ipgri.org

IRRI - International Rice Research Institute
www.irri.org

ISNAR - International Service for National Agricultural Research, www.isnar.cgiar.org

IWMI - International Water Management Institute
www.iwmi.cgiar.org

WARDA - West Africa Rice Development Association
www.warda.org

World Fish Center
www.worldfishcenter.org