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**International Centers Week 1997**  
**October 27 - 31**  
**Washington D.C.**

**Research Impact: Yesterday's Achievements,  
Tomorrow's Challenges**

## **Draft Agenda**

International Centers Week 1997 (ICW97) will take place in the World Bank, Washington DC, from Monday, October 27 to Friday, October 31, 1997. Meeting times are:

morning:	08:30 - 12:30	(coffee break 10:30 - 11:00)
afternoon:	14:00 - 17:30	(coffee break 15:30 - 16:00)

The draft agenda and indicative timed agenda are attached.

## Overview of the Business Meeting

The theme for the 1997 International Centers Week is "Research Impact: Yesterday's Achievements, Tomorrow's Challenges." The meeting will have major focus on the following:

***Impact of the CGIAR.*** The meeting will review the most recent evidence of the impact of the science practised at the CGIAR centers. This will be in the form of a system-level appraisal (reported by IAEG) and center-level information (reported by the centers). Major messages emerging from the presentations and discussion on CGIAR's impact will be identified and presented for discussion. *(This item is scheduled to be introduced on Monday and continued throughout the week. On Monday the IAEG will present its first annual report on the CGIAR's impact. The morning sessions of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will start with presentation and discussion of the impact of the centers. Fifteen-minute presentations by groups of four centers each day will be followed by an hour-long discussion of the evidence of impact presented by the four centers. A synthesis of the week's presentations on the CGIAR's impact will be provided on Friday, followed by discussion.)*

***Biotechnology in the CGIAR.*** Following up on the discussions at MTM97 held in Cairo, the meeting will further explore how the CGIAR could make best use of biotechnology in ensuring sustainable food security. The Chairman will introduce the subject and share his thinking on the next steps the CGIAR could take in this area. The Group will be briefed on the work of the two expert panels established following the MTM (on Biotechnology Issues and on Proprietary Science and Technology), the study completed by the World Bank Panel on Transgenic Crops, and the outcome of the World Bank ESSD forum on Biotechnology and Biosafety. In parallel sessions, the CGIAR will pick up from the presentations and discussion in plenary and examine further the issues on biotechnology and intellectual property rights. *(This item will be introduced on Tuesday morning. The parallel sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoon. The outcome of the parallel sessions will be reported and discussed on Thursday.)*

***CGIAR System Review.*** A major task of the CGIAR System Review is to recommend how the CGIAR should position itself and its science in the global system in the future. The Review Panel Chair Maurice Strong will provide a status report on the work of the Panel. The Panel members will interact with components of the CGIAR and interested individuals informally during the week. In addition, the Panel plans to hold separate meetings with subgroups of the CGIAR. *(Mr. Strong will address the CGIAR Wednesday morning. He and the members of the Panel will respond to questions from the membership and share their thinking on the issues. The Review Panel will meet with subgroups of the CGIAR during Wednesday afternoon. Blocks of time are being arranged for the Review Panel's hearings with subgroups.)*

Wednesday afternoon has been left open for meetings of CGIAR committees. Committees wishing to hold meetings should inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

# Draft Agenda

## Monday, October 27

- 08:30-12:30
- 1. Opening Session**
    - i. Chairman's Opening Statement
    - ii. Discussion
    - iii. Chairman's Announcements
    - iv. Adoption of the Agenda
  
  - 2. Overview of the World Food Situation**
    - i. Presentation by the Director General of IFPRI
    - ii. Discussion
  
  - 3. Reports from CGIAR Cosponsors and Committees**
    - i. Report from the Cosponsors  
--Presentation of the Nyle Brady Award
    - ii. Report from the Oversight Committee (OC)
    - iii. Report from the Finance Committee (FC)
    - iv. Discussion
- 14:00-17:30
- 4. Genetic Resources and Biodiversity**
    - i. Report from the Genetic Resources Policy Committee (GRPC)  
--Draft Ethical Principles Relating to Genetic Resources
    - ii. Discussion
  
  - 5. Impact of the CGIAR**
    - a. Introduction by the Chairman**
    - b. Annual Report on CGIAR's Impact**
      - i. Report by the Impact Assessment and Evaluation Group (IAEG)
      - ii. Discussion

## Tuesday, October 28

- 08:30-12:30
- 5. Impact of the CGIAR (cont.)**
    - c. Impact of the Centers**
      - i. Presentations by IITA, CIAT, ICRISAT, ICARDA
      - ii. Discussion

**6. Biotechnology in the CGIAR**

**a. Discussion in Plenary**

- i. Chairman's Introduction
- ii. Report from the CGIAR Panel on Biotechnology
- iii. Report from the CGIAR Panel on Proprietary Science and Technology
- iv. Report from the World Bank Panel on Transgenic Crops
- v. Report on the Outcome of the World Bank ESSD Forum on Biotechnology and Biosafety--Presentation by Wanda Collins
- vi. Discussion

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**b. Discussion in Parallel Session**

**Parallel Session I - Scientific Issues**

- i. Discussion
- ii. Conclusions on Next Steps

**Parallel Session II - Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Issues**

- i. Discussion
- ii. Conclusions on Next Steps

**Wednesday, October 29**

- 08:30-12:30 **5. Impact of the CGIAR** (cont.)  
**c. Impact of the Centers** (cont.)
- i. Presentations by ILRI, ICLARM, ICRAF, CIFOR
  - ii. Discussion
- 7. CGIAR System Review**
- i. Introduction by Review Chairman Maurice Strong
  - ii. Discussion
- 14:00-17:30 **8. Parallel Sessions of CGIAR Committee Meetings and CGIAR System Review Panel**
- a. Meetings of Standing Committees of the CGIAR**
  - b. Consultations with the System Review Panel**  
(schedule to be announced)

## Thursday, October 30

- 08:30-12:30 **5. Impact of the CGIAR** (cont.)  
**c. Impact of the Centers** (cont.)  
i. Presentations by CIMMYT, IRRI, WARDA, CIP  
ii. Discussion
- 9. CGIAR Research Agenda**  
**a. 1999 Research Directions**  
i. Presentation by the Chair, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
ii. Discussion  
**b. Financing the 1998 Research Agenda**  
i. Report from the CGIAR Finance Committee (FC)  
ii. Discussion
- 3. Reports from CGIAR Cosponsors and Committees** (cont.)  
v. Report from the TAC  
vi. Discussion
- 14:00-17:30 **6. Biotechnology in the CGIAR** (cont.)  
**c. Reports from Parallel Sessions**  
i. Report from Parallel Session I on Scientific Issues  
ii. Report from Parallel Session II on IPR Issues  
iii. Discussion  
iv. Chairman's Summary of Next Steps
- 3. Reports from CGIAR Cosponsors and Committees** (cont.)  
vii. Report from the Private Sector Committee (PSC)  
viii. Report from the NGO Committee (NGOC)  
ix. Discussion
- 10. Progress with Strengthening the Global Forum**  
i. Report from the Global Forum Steering Committee  
ii. Discussion

## Friday, October 31

- 08:30-12:30 **5. Impact of the CGIAR** (cont.)  
**c. Impact of the Centers** (cont.)

- i. Presentations by IIMI, IPGRI, IFPRI, ISNAR
- ii. Discussion

**3. Reports from CGIAR Cosponsors and Committees (cont.)**

- x. Report from Committee of Board Chairs (CBC)
- xi. Report from Center Directors' Committee (CDC)
- xii. Report from Public Awareness and Resource Mobilization Committee (PARC)
- xiii. Discussion

**11. Presentation of Chairman's Awards**

14:00-17:30 **5. Impact of the CGIAR (cont.)**

**d. Conclusions and Next Steps**

- i. Report on the Outcome of Presentations on CGIAR's Impact
- ii. Discussion
- iii. Chairman's Summary of Next Steps on Impact Assessment

**12. Other Business**

**13. Closing Session**

- i. Future CGIAR Meetings
- ii. Chairman's Summation