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**Charting the CGIAR's Future – A New Vision for 2010**

**Report of the Cosponsors**

Attached is the report of the Cosponsors which should be considered under agenda item 9, *Committee Recommendations and Reports*.

## **Highlights of Cosponsors Meeting MTM2000**

The Cosponsors held their meeting in conjunction with MTM 2000 at Bellevue Hotel, Dresden, Germany. Presided by CGIAR Chairman Ismail Serageldin, the meeting was attended by Robert Thompson (World Bank), Louise Fresco (on behalf of Jacques Ekebil, FAO), and Peter Matlon (on behalf of Roberto Lenton, UNDP). Others present were Emil Javier (TAC Chair), Hans Gregersen (TAC/SPIA Chair), Alexander von der Osten (CGIAR Executive Secretary), Shellemiah Keya (TAC Executive Secretary), Guido Gryseels (TAC Deputy Exec. Secretary) and Manuel Lantin (Science Adviser, CGIAR Secretariat).

### **Follow-up to the Consultative Council Meeting**

The Cosponsors reviewed the results of the Consultative Council's (CC) meeting held on May 20, 2000. That meeting considered the companion paper to the vision document prepared by TAC.

The main points discussed and recommendations made by the CC were presented in a Chairman's letter to the CGIAR members. The Council's recommendations were as follows:

- Adoption of the elements of strategy presented by TAC.
- Discussion of any proposals on structure that the centers are ready to discuss at MTM2000.
- Adoption of an action plan as well as schedule of next steps to deal with issues of strategy and structure following the Dresden meeting.

### **TAC Membership**

At present, TAC has 14 members (excluding the Chair). However, four members will complete their term at the end of 2000. The Cosponsors endorsed the recommendation from the TAC chair for a one-term (two-year) extension of Joachim von Braun (his second term) and Richard Harwood (his third term) beginning January 1, 2001. The Cosponsors also endorsed the TAC chair's recommendation to search for candidates to fill the other two membership slots.

### **UNEP's Status in the CGIAR**

The Cosponsors noted with regret the message from UNEP's Deputy Executive Director Shafqat Kakakhel that "it is no longer possible for UNEP to maintain its status as a cosponsor of the CGIAR." They were, however, pleased to know that UNEP expressed its intention to remain as a member of the Group.

### **Financial Support to TAC**

At MTM 99, the CGIAR approved the integration of TAC and IAEG. The IAEG was replaced by a Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) to serve as TAC's principal instrument for all System level external evaluations and impact assessment activities. The TAC and IAEG Secretariats were integrated into one service unit based in FAO-Rome.

The work program and budget of the integrated TAC/IAEG(SPIA) for the period 2000-2002 are embodied in an inter-agency agreement prepared at FAO and presented to the Cosponsors meeting at ICW99. The agreement has been signed by FAO and the World Bank. FAO expressed hope that the agreement would be signed by UNDP in the near future.

### **Global Forum on Agricultural Research**

The Cosponsors were pleased to note the progress in the work of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) and reiterated their support to it. A discussion of the details of CGIAR's future support was deferred pending the outcome of the on-going external review of GFAR.

### **Search for and Recruitment of CGIAR Director**

Robert Thompson, World Bank representative and Chair of the Search Committee for CGIAR Director, informed the meeting that the search is well under way. The Search Committee is inviting additional nominations of outstanding potential candidates particularly from developing countries. The committee will come up with a short list of candidates in due course, and these candidates will be invited for interview including a public seminar at the World Bank. It is hoped that the selection and recruitment process can be completed during the summer of 2000 so that the Director-designate can participate in ICW 2000.