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Charting the CGIAR'S Future – Change Design and Management

Revised Draft Agenda with Annotation

The CGIAR Mid-Term 2001 business meeting will take place at the Royal Hotel, Durban, South Africa from Wednesday, May 23 to Friday, May 25, 2001.

Meeting times will be:

Morning: 0830 - 1230 (coffee break 1030 – 1100)
Afternoon: 1400 – 1730 (coffee break 1530 – 1600)

A revised draft agenda with annotation and a summary are attached.

This item is for Information Discussion Decision

Proposed Action: Adoption of Revised Draft Agenda

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REVISED DRAFT AGENDA WITH ANNOTATION (Summary) *Business Meeting*

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- Chairman's Opening Remarks
- Chairman's Announcements
- Adoption of the Agenda

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- Introduction by the CGIAR Chair
- Presentation of the CDMT Paper
- Overview of decisions needed (CGIAR Chair)
- Working Groups on CDMT/SG Recommendations
- Reports from Working Groups
- Decision-making (Closed)
- Chair's Summary of CGIAR Decision-Making Session
- Stakeholder Views on Implications of CGIAR Decisions on CDMT/SG Recommendations
- Chairman's Summary of Next Steps

Agenda Item 3: Research Agenda and Funding Requirements

(Closed)

- 2002-2004 Research Agenda Framework
- 2002 Research Agenda and Funding Requirements
- Decision Making

Agenda Item 4: Program Developments

4a: Climate Change

- Update on the Development of a CGIAR Program on Climate Change
- Discussion

4b: Integrated Natural Resources Management (INRM)

- Update on INRM

4c: Water Management

- Assuring Water for Food and Environmental Security
- The Role of the CGIAR in Water Management for Agriculture and Environment
- Discussion

4d: Impact of Disease on Livestock Production and Trade

- Introduction by Panel Chair
- Presentation
- Panel discussion

4e: Genetic Resources

- Update and Recommendations from GRPC
- Discussion

4f: Millennium Ecosystem Project

- Update by ICLARM

Agenda Item 5: Regional Priority Setting

- Update by TAC and GFAR

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Agenda Item 7: Presentation on Future Harvest

Agenda Item 8: Reports and Recommendations from CGIAR Committees

- Oral reports from CGIAR Committees (if requiring CGIAR endorsement): Cosponsors, OC, FC, TAC, NGOC, PSC, SPC, CBC, CDC

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- Overview by CGIAR Chair
- Update on Preparations by the CGIAR
- Next Steps

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Agenda Item 11: Closing Session

- Chairman's Closing Remarks

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REVISED DRAFT AGENDA WITH ANNOTATION Business Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Opening Session

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- Adoption of the Agenda

(In his Opening Remarks, the Chairman will review the major themes of the business meeting, highlight key issues, and outline the major decisions required. The Chairman's announcements will be about major developments in the CGIAR "family." Following his announcements, the Chairman will seek adoption of the agenda which was circulated in advance. Amendments may be offered. Documents in support of amendments should be given to the Secretariat as early as possible for timely distribution.)

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(Change Design and Management is the theme of the business meeting, and its key component. Discussion will be based on recommendations contained in the report of the Change Design and Management Team (CDMT) that was created to carry forward the initiative for change launched at International Centers Week last year (ICW2000). The report recommends a number of changes, including:

- the development and implementation of Global Challenge Programs;
- the revitalization and redefinition of the role of TAC to become a Science Council;
- a determined fund-raising canvas of potential donors;
- reduction of CGIAR meetings from two per year to one annual general meeting, coupled with the creation of an Executive Council of shareholders;
- creation of a System Office with an integrated communication program, with Centers determining among themselves how they wish to improve organization of services;
- an evolutionary approach to restructuring the Centers.

Discussion of the CDMT report will be spread over all three days of the business meeting. Decisions will be reached by shareholders at closed meetings, and comments will be sought from other stakeholders during plenary sessions. Decisions will be required as well on the next steps to implement decisions reached at MTM01.)

Agenda Item 3: Research Agenda and Funding Requirements

- 2002-2004 Research Agenda Framework
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- Decision Making

(This is the fifth year under the MTP process adopted at MTM97. Centers prepared plans for 2002-2004 in the context of 2001-2003 MTPs reviewed last year, and the likely financial outcomes in 2001. TAC reviewed the proposals in March 2001. TAC's observations are available in "*2002 CGIAR Research Agenda and Initial Proposals for 2004*", (SDR/TAC: IAR/01/10). TAC recommends extension of the 2001-2003 MTP to 2004. Approval of the 2002 research agenda and funding requirements will be sought, subject to further review at the October annual general meeting in the light of the Group's actions on CDMT recommendations.)

Agenda Item 4: Program Developments

4a: Climate Change

- Update on the Development of a CGIAR Program on Climate Change
- Discussion

(At ICW2000, the Inter-Center Working Group on Climate Change that is responsible for promoting an integrated research strategy for the CGIAR presented a portfolio of research proposals which included mitigation and adaptation components. At MTM01, Bob Watson is expected to present the most recent findings of the IPCC, and Pedro Sanchez who heads the Inter-Center Working Group will review the opportunities for the climate change and land management work of the centers to be integrated into a single program that would be implemented by Centers in collaboration with NARS and other partners.)

4b: Integrated Natural Resources Management (INRM)

- Update on INRM

(Joachim Voss who heads the Inter-Center Task Force on Integrated Natural Resource Management will present an update on the work carried out at the Centers under the leadership of the task force. The topics covered will include INRM's contribution to attaining CGIAR priorities; data management for INRM; research management paradigms/cultures; systemic impact assessment, and the future INRM agenda.)

4c: Water Management

- Assuring Water for Food and Environmental Security
- The Role of the CGIAR in Water Management for Agriculture and Environment
- Discussion

(The first presentation under this agenda item, led by IWMI, will examine the “water-food-environment problem” and specify the various science elements in the CGIAR that could address these (from genomics for drought resistant plants, to better micro-irrigation technology, to better water management, to better participatory NRM at community level). In the second presentation, IWMI DG Frank Rijsberman will outline a possible Global Challenge Program on Water Management in Agriculture, through partnerships with a significant number of non-CGIAR institutions.

4d: Impact of Disease on Livestock Production and Trade

- Introduction by Panel Chair
- Presentation
- Panel discussion

(This session will explore the impact of livestock diseases, such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or “Mad Cow Disease”), on production and trade. Hank Fitzhugh, ILRI DG, will lead a small group of experts and panelists to discuss key dimensions of the issue, such as reasons for recent outbreaks, effects of globalization of livestock markets on the spread of disease, and experience with disease control strategies. The session will also examine the role the CGIAR could play in the future in this area and recommend concrete steps that should be taken.)

4e: Genetic Resources

- Update and Recommendations from GRPC
- Discussion

(The GRPC will report on recent developments, and on its proposed responses to current events.)

4f: Millennium Ecosystem Project

- Update by ICLARM

(ICLARM’s DG, Meryl Williams, will provide the meeting with an update on this project, including the CGIAR contribution to it.)

Agenda Item 5: Regional Priority Setting

- Update by TAC and GFAR

(At ICW2000, the CGIAR decided to implement a bottom-up regional approach to priority setting in at least one region as an experiment. TAC and GFAR will inform the meeting of actions taken so far, and provide information on next steps.)

Agenda Item 6: Update by GFAR

(GFAR Chair R. S. Paroda will report on actions taken since his last report, on future plans, and on opportunities for closer CGIAR-GFAR linkages provided by the regional approach to priority setting as well as by changes proposed by the CDMT.)

Agenda Item 7: Presentation on Future Harvest

(This presentation will enable members to become more familiar with Future Harvest, its history, objectives, scope of action, structure, and medium term plan. The presentation will also clarify the relationship of Future Harvest to the activities described in the Finance Committee Working Group report on Future Funding of the CGIAR adopted at ICW2000. Special attention will be given to the progress made with the Future Harvest Global Conservation Trust.)

Agenda Item 8: Reports and Recommendations from CGIAR Committees

- Oral reports from CGIAR Committees (if requiring CGIAR endorsement): Cosponsors, OC, FC, TAC, NGOC, PSC, SPC, CBC, CDC

(Committee chairs either draw attention to their reports that have already been circulated, or highlight the work and decisions of committees, and respond to questions and comments.)

Agenda Item 9: Johannesburg Earth Summit

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(The “World Summit on Sustainable Development,” following the Earth Summit held in Rio ten years ago, will take place next year in Johannesburg. The CGIAR was recognized as an intergovernmental agency for participation in the Rio Summit. At MTM01, the CGIAR Chairman will report on discussions he has had with the South African hosts of the Summit, and with other agencies, on how best the CGIAR can contribute to preparations for the Johannesburg Summit, add substance to Summit discussions, facilitate important global decisions, and ensure that the expertise of the Centers is available for the implementation of Summit decisions. Geoff Hawtin will present an update on the status of preparations by the Centers.)

Agenda Item 10: Other Business

(Items proposed during the meeting for consideration as Other Business will be taken up.)

Agenda Item 11: Closing Session

- Chairman's Closing Remarks