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**Mid-Term Meeting 1997
May 26 - 30, 1997
Cairo, Egypt**

***The CGIAR Research Programs:
Gearing Up for New Challenges***

Draft Agenda

The 1997 CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting (MTM) will take place in Cairo from Monday, May 26 to Friday, May 30, 1997. The business sessions of the MTM will commence on Tuesday, May 27 at 1230 hours and conclude at 1730 on Friday, May 30. Meeting times are:

morning: 0830 - 1230 (coffee break 1030 - 1100)
afternoon: 1400 - 1730 (coffee break 1530 - 1600)

The Group will meet in plenary session on Tuesday afternoon and all day Friday. The meeting on Wednesday and Thursday will also start in plenary, but will continue in parallel session for the rest of both days. The times shown are indicative.

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Overview of the Business Meeting

The theme for the 1997 CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting is "The CGIAR Research Programs: Gearing Up for New Challenges." The meeting will focus on the following dimensions of this theme:

- *System Review.* The Chairman will brief the Group on the background to the System Review and the selection of the Panel. Maurice Strong, Chair of the System Review Panel, will outline the plans for the Review through a videotaped presentation. Several members of the Panel will attend the MTM and will be available to interact with the participants. There will also be an open forum on the Review in plenary. (This item is scheduled for introduction on Tuesday afternoon. The open forum will be held on Friday.)
- *Biotechnology in the CGIAR.* In the context of positioning the CGIAR in the Global System, the capacity and future potential of the CGIAR in the area of agricultural biotechnology will be explored (This item is scheduled for discussion on Wednesday in plenary, follow-up discussion in parallel session as part of item 7--Positioning the CGIAR in the global system, and conclusions reported in plenary on Friday.)
- *Positioning the CGIAR in the Global System.* An interactive discussion of major issues is planned. The discussion will also serve as background to the System Review. (This item is scheduled for discussion on Wednesday in parallel session, with conclusions reported in plenary on Friday.)
- *Review of CGIAR Research Plans.* The medium-term plans (covering 1998-2000) of each center will be reviewed, along with the overall operational directions for the System. (This item is scheduled for introduction in plenary on Wednesday, followed by discussion of center plans in parallel session on Wednesday and Thursday, and conclusions reached in plenary on Friday.)
- *Evaluation Reports and IAEG.* Three external reviews ICRISAT, ISNAR and IPGRI, present compelling arguments for adjustments in the mission and operations of the centers. The Group will review progress made to date by IAEG, and Cosponsors' suggestions for strengthening impact assessment in the CGIAR. (The IAEG item is scheduled for introduction on Tuesday in plenary, continued discussion on Thursday in parallel session, and conclusions reached in plenary on Friday. The external reviews will be discussed in parallel session on Wednesday and Thursday, with conclusions reached in plenary on Friday.)

The Group should note two changes from previous meetings:

- A new item "Report from the Cosponsors" is introduced. (Tuesday afternoon).
- The 1230-1400 period on Wednesday and Thursday has been left open for working luncheons of CGIAR committees. Committees wishing to hold working luncheons should inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

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Monday, May 26

Egypt Day

The program for Egypt Day is described separately in the MTM97 Information Booklet and outlined in the Schedule of Events document (MTM/97/02/Rev.1).

Tuesday, May 27

0730 - 1230 Participants are expected to be invited to the Presidential Palace where H.E. President Hosni Mubarak will formally inaugurate the CGIAR meeting. His address is scheduled to be delivered at 0900. Buses will leave the hotel for the Palace at 0730.

1230 - 1300 Following the inaugural address, participants will return to the hotel by 1230 for an official opening of the CGIAR MTM97 Exhibition.

Business Meeting

1300 - 1430 1. Opening Session (*Luncheon--Al Rubayyat, Mena House Oberoi*)

- i. Address by H.E. Prof. Youssuf Wally, Deputy Prime Minister
- ii. Chairman's Opening Statement
- iii. Discussion
- iv. CGIAR Slide Presentation: "*Challenges in the WANA Region*"

Tuesday, May 27 (cont)

1500 - 1730 **1. Opening Session (cont) (*Plenary--Meeting Hall*)**

- v. Chairman's Announcements
- vi. Adoption of the Agenda

2. System Review

- i. Review of Progress

3. Reports from CGIAR Committees

- i. Report from the Cosponsors
- ii. Report from the Oversight Committee
- iii. Report from the Finance Committee
- iv. Discussion

4. Evaluation and Impact Assessment in the CGIAR

- i. Overview by the Chairman
- ii. Report from the Impact Assessment and Evaluation Group (IAEG)
- iii. Comment from the Centers
- iv. Comment from the Cosponsors

Wednesday, May 28

0830 - 0930 Partnership	5. Biotechnology in the CGIAR i. Introduction by the Chairman ii. Overview of Issues and Options: Comments from Committees, TAC, Centers	
0930 - 1030	6. CGIAR Research Plans 1998-2000 6(a) Introduction and Context i. Operational Implications of CGIAR Priorities and Strategies: the Context for Medium-Term Planning in the CGIAR ii. Implications at the Center Level: TAC's Analysis and the MTP Planning Process iii. Overview of the Center Research Plan Review Process at the MTM	
1100 - 1230	Parallel Session I : Review of Center Research Plans	Parallel Session II: Strategic Issues
	6. CGIAR Research Plans 6(b) Review of Center Research Plans i. CIAT ii. CIP iii. ICARDA	7. Positioning the CGIAR in the Global System i. Perspectives of Participants 5. Biotechnology in the CGIAR (cont) iii. Discussion
1230 - 1400	Working Luncheons of CGIAR Committees	
1400 - 1530	Parallel Session I (cont): Review of Center Research Plans	Parallel Session II (cont): Strategic Issues
	6(b) Review of Center Research Plans (cont) iv. IITA v. ICRAF vi. CIFOR	8. External Reviews 8(a) ICRISAT

1600 -
1730

6(b) Review of Center
Research Plans (cont)
vii. ICLARM
viii. ILRI

8. External Reviews
(cont)
8(a) ICRISAT (cont)
8(b) ISNAR

Thursday, May 29

0830 - 0900 **6(b) Review of Center Research Plans (Cont.) - Plenary Session**

Report on Progress by Parallel Session I

8. External Reviews (Cont.) - Plenary Session

Report on Progress by Parallel Session II

0900 - 1030	Parallel Session I : Review of Center Research Plans	Parallel Session II: Strategic Issues
	6(b) Review of Center Research Plans (cont) ix. IFPRI x. IIMI xi. CIMMYT	8. External Reviews (cont) 8(b) ISNAR (cont) 8(c) IPGRI
1100 - 1230	6(b) Review of Center Research Plans (cont) xii. IRRI xiii. WARDA	8. External Reviews (cont) 8(c) IPGRI (cont)

1230 - 1400 Working Luncheons of CGIAR Committees

1400 - 1530	Parallel Session I : Review of Center Research Plans	Parallel Session II: Strategic Issues
	6(b) Review of Center Research Plans (cont) xiv. ICRISAT xv. ISNAR	4. Evaluation and Impact Assessment in the CGIAR (cont) v. Discussion
1600 - 1700	6(b) Review of Center Research Plans (cont) xvi. IPGRI	4. Evaluation and Impact Assessment in the CGIAR (cont) v. Discussion (cont)

1700 - 1800 Meetings of CGIAR Committees

ii. 1998 Funding Requirements

12. Other Business

13. Closing Session
Chairman's Summation