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**Mid-Term Meeting 1998
May 25 to 29, 1998
Brasília, Brazil**

Mobilizing Science for Global Food Security

Revised Draft Agenda

The 1998 CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting (MTM) will take place in Brasília from Monday, May 25 to Friday, May 29, 1998. A revised draft agenda and timed agenda are attached.

The business sessions of the MTM will commence on Tuesday, May 26 at 0830 at the Naoum Plaza Hotel and conclude at 1730 on Friday, May 30. Meeting times are:

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

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Overview of the Business Meeting

The theme for the 1998 CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting is “Mobilizing Science for Global Food Security”. In addition to the annual review of the CGIAR’s research agenda, the meeting will focus on four scientific aspects of CGIAR’s work:

Positioning the CGIAR in the Global Scientific System. The principal task of the CGIAR System Review is to examine the positioning of the CGIAR in the global scientific system. The Chair of the Panel, Maurice Strong, will share with the Group the panel’s preliminary findings. The discussion will focus first on science and strategy issues. This will be followed by a presentation and discussion of governance, structure and finance issues. (Scheduled for discussion in plenary on Tuesday morning and afternoon.)

Biotechnology. This has been a major topic of discussion in the CGIAR over the last year--following Chairman Serageldin’s call for a major biotechnology initiative at last year’s MTM held in Cairo. At the request of the CGIAR, TAC commissioned two study panels (one on general issues in biotechnology and the other on proprietary science and technology) to explore options for the System. The panels will report on their analysis and recommendations. The CGIAR will discuss these and agree on a future course of action on both the scientific and intellectual property aspects of biotechnology. (Scheduled for discussion in plenary on Wednesday morning followed by discussion in parallel session; concluding discussions in plenary on Thursday.)

Climate Change. The CGIAR will begin examining its programs and science in the light of heightened global concerns on climate change. Robert Watson, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Director of the World Bank Environment Department, will introduce the topic and provide an overview of the global concerns. This will be followed by a presentation by Louise Fresco, Director of FAO’s Sustainable Development Department, on climate change and agriculture. Donald Winkelmann, TAC Chair, will comment on the CGIAR’s work related to climate change. The discussion will focus on science and policy implications of climate change for the CGIAR. (Scheduled for discussion in plenary on Tuesday afternoon.)

The Practice of Science at the Centers. Three teams which conducted external reviews of IRRI, CIMMYT and IFPRI will brief the CGIAR on their findings regarding the scientific and institutional health of these centers. Also, the Director General of ICRISAT will report on the changes that have been introduced since the external review held a year ago. The Group will discuss the recommendations of the panels and express its views on the evolution of these centers. (Scheduled for discussion in parallel session Thursday morning and afternoon and conclusions in plenary on Friday.)

Note: The period on Thursday from 1600 to 1730 has been set aside for meetings of CGIAR committees. The System Review Panel may also schedule meetings with various constituencies during this period. Committees wishing to hold meetings should contact the Secretariat.

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Monday, May 25

Brazil Day

The day's program of events will commence with an Introductory Session at Embrapa Headquarters presided over by Dr. Alberto Duque Portugal, President of Embrapa. Following this, participants will be invited to visit Embrapa's **Science for Life** Exhibit organized as part of Embrapa's 25th Anniversary celebrations. During the afternoon, participants will have the option of visiting one of Embrapa's three research centers in Brasília (the Cerrados Agricultural Research Center - CPAC; the Horticultural Center - CNPH; or the Biotechnology and Genetic Resources Center - CENARGEN), for a program of interaction with Brazilian scientists. The day will end with an official welcome by the President of Brazil at a reception at the Itamaraty Palace. A program for Brazil Day is outlined in the Schedule of Events document (MTM/98/02/Rev.2).

Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29

Business Meeting

1. Opening Session

- i. Chairman's Opening Statement
- ii. Discussion
- iii. Chairman's Announcements
- iv. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Biotechnology

- i. Report from the CGIAR Panel on General Issues in Biotechnology
- ii. Report from the CGIAR Panel on Proprietary Science and Technology
- iii. TAC Views on Recommendations of the Panels
- iv. Commentaries by PSC, NGOC, GRPC
- v. Discussion (Plenary)
- vi. Discussion of General Issues in Biotechnology Panel Recommendations (Parallel Session I)
- vii. Discussion of Proprietary Science & Technology Panel Recommendations (Parallel Session II)
- Draft Ethical Principles on IPR
- viii. Reports from Parallel Sessions (Plenary)
- ix. Discussion (Plenary)
- x. Conclusions and Next Steps

3. Climate Change

- i. Presentations on Major Science and Policy Questions
- ii. TAC Comment on Climate Change and the CGIAR
- iii. Discussion

4. System Review of the CGIAR (Plenary)

- i. Overview of Initial Findings of the Review Panel
- ii. Science & Strategy Issues
 - Presentation
 - Discussion
- iii. Governance, Structure and Finance Issues
 - Presentation
 - Discussion
- iv. Summation by Chairman

5. CGIAR Research Agenda and Funding Requirements

- i. 1999-2001 Research Agenda Framework
- ii. 1999 Research Agenda
- iii. Discussion
- iv. 1999 Funding Requirements
- v. Discussion

6. Strengthening Partnerships

- i. Perspectives of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research
- ii. Perspectives of the NGO Community
- iii. Private Sector Perspectives
- iv. Discussion

7. Evaluation

- i. External Review of IRRI (Parallel Session I)
- ii. External Review of IFPRI (Parallel Session II)
- iii. External Review of CIMMYT (Parallel Session III)
- iv. Follow-up of the External Review of ICRISAT (Parallel Session IV)
- v. Reports from Parallel Sessions
- vi. Discussion
- vi. Conclusions

8. Recommendations from CGIAR Cosponsors and Committees

- i. Cosponsors
- ii. Oversight Committee
- iii. Finance Committee
- iv. GRPC
- v. TAC
- vi. IAEG
- vii. Discussion and Approval of Committee Recommendations

9. Other Business

10. Chairman's Closing Remarks