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**Mid-Term Meeting 1998
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Mobilizing Science for Global Food Security

**Global Forum on Agricultural Research
Agendas for the GFAR-Related Meetings**

Attached for information only are agendas for the following GFAR meetings:

NARS Steering Committee Meeting
Global Forum Steering Committee Meeting
GFAR Support Group Meeting

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NARS Steering Committee meeting Brasilia, May 23, 1998

Tentative agenda

Open session

- 14:00** point 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 14:10** point 2. Progress Report by the Chairman.
Discussion.
- 14:30** point 3. Report on the activities from A/P, CEE/CAC, LAC, SSA,
WANA regions.
- 15:10** point 4. Financial support to Regional/sub-Regional Fora activities
- 15:40** point 5. NARS Secretariat Program of Work and Budget.
- 16:15** Coffee break.

Closed session

- 16:30** point 6. NARS-SC Rules and Procedures: a discussion paper.
- 17:00** Point 7. Decision on the composition of the NARS-SC and election of the new
chairperson.
- 17:15** point 8. Report by the Chairman of the Selection Committee for the position of
Executive Secretary.
- 17:30** Closing session.

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Global Forum Steering Committee meeting Brasilia May 24, 1998

Tentative agenda

Open session (9:00-13:00)

- 8:30** point 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 8:40** point 2. Progress report by the Chairman.
- 9:10** Discussion.
- 9:30** point 3. EGFAR: presentation of the pilot phase and budget perspectives by Peter Gregory and Reza Firuzabadi.
- 10:00** point 4. Progress in internal consultation, organization and activities by the representatives of ARIs, Private Sector, NGOs and Farmers' Organization.
- 10:30** Coffee break.
- 10:45** point 5. Report on the NARS-SC meeting of May 23, 1998 by the NARS-SC Chairman.
- 11:00** point 6. Next GFAR plenary meeting: preliminary discussion on objectives, date, location and funding.
- 11:15** point 7. Revised Program of Work and Budget: presentation by the Chairman.
- 12:30** Open discussion and conclusion of the open session.

13:00 Working buffet open to all observers to facilitate interaction between stakeholders (subregional representatives, facilitating agencies and other observers).

Closed session (14:30-17:00)

14:30 point 7 Program of Work and Budget: synthesis and preparation of
(cont'd). the next Support Group Meeting.

15:00 Point 8 GFAR: Rules and procedures- A discussion paper;
Review of the composition of the GF-SC.

16:15 point 9. Appointment of the Executive Secretary.

16:30 point 10. Election of the new chairperson.

Note that an annotated agenda will be sent to the GF-SC members and the facilitating agencies prior to the meeting with relevant documentation.

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GFAR Support Group meeting Brasilia, May 28, 1998

Tentative agenda

Working breakfast (7:00-8:30).

- 7:00** Opening words by Abdelmajid SLAMA, Chairman of the GFAR Support Group.
- 7:10** point 1. Follow up of the Rome SG meeting and report on the GF-SC and NARS-SC meetings by the Chairman of the GFAR.
- 7:30** point 2. Issue regarding the funding of the Regional Fora activities and support Secretariats, by the GFAR Chairman.
- 7:45** point 3. Presentation of the revised GFAR Program of Work and Budget by the GF-SC Executive Secretary.
- 7:55** General discussion.
- 8:20** Conclusions by the GFAR Support Group Chairman.

NB: 1- the room will be indicated during MTM 98 in Brasilia.

Note *to the attention of the members of the GFAR Support Group.*

As the time allocated for the SG meeting is very limited, bilateral interaction between interested donors and the Chairs the GFAR and of the SG as well as with representatives of the facilitating agencies should take place in Brasilia before the SG meeting.

That would help (1) to discuss questions of only bilateral nature, and (2) to prepare the meeting itself as regard to the following issues:

** 1- Additional pledges to fulfill the “core” funding requirements for the first three year period.*

** 2- Indication of interest to support specific “operational” projects as they are listed from 1 to 19 in the documentation circulated in early April by IFAD (Program of Work and Budget - Part 3).*

** 3- To what extent the GFAR Program of Work could include support to Regional /Subregional activities and to constituency members? what type of activity has to be considered or excluded?*