

# CGIAR

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## **Mid-Term Meeting 1999 May 24 - 28 Beijing, China**

<h3><b>The Third System Review: From Proposals to Practice</b></h3>
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### **Timed and Annotated Agenda**

The CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting 1999 (MTM99) will take place in Beijing, China from Monday, May 24 to Friday, May 28.

Attached are:

- (a) An overview of the MTM99 Program; and
- (b) A timed and annotated agenda of MTM99.

These documents supplement the MTM99 draft agenda, document number MTM/99/01, dated February 17, 1999.

## Daily Timed and Annotated Agenda

### Monday, May 24

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Events</i>
Monday 24th	08:00	Depart for CAAS for the China Day program
	09:00-12:15	- Welcome - Overview of China's agriculture and agricultural research systems Presentations on CAAS and its research programs
	12:15-13:30	Lunch at CAAS
	13:30-15:30	Visits to CAAS research institutes and interaction with scientists (four groups)
	15:30	Depart by bus for hotel
	18:00	Official Welcome Reception at Hotel

#### China Day Program, 8:00-15:30, CAAS

- (a) **Depart** by bus from Kunlun Hotel for the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), 08:00
- (b) **Welcome** followed by overview of China's agriculture and agricultural research system (Ministry of Agriculture), and **presentations** on CAAS and its research programs, 09:00-12:15:
  - i. Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences
  - ii. Huazhong (Central China) Agricultural University
  - iii. Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences
  - iv. Chinese Academy of Forestry Sciences
  - v. Jilin Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- (d) **Visits** to CAAS research institutes and interaction with scientists (**four groups**), 13:30-15:30:
  - i. Vegetable & Flower Research Institute; Institute of Crop Genetic Resources
  - ii. Biotechnology Research Center; Biological Control Research Institute
  - iii. Institute of Agricultural Economics; Institute of Feed Research; and
  - iv. Institute of Natural Resource Management & Regional Planning; Institute of Crop Breeding & Cultivation.
- (f) **Return** to hotel, bus departs 15:30.

#### Reception, 18:00, Kunlun Hotel

- (g) The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture will host an official welcome reception at 18:00 at the Jin Yuan Restaurant of the Kunlun Hotel, Beijing.

## Tuesday, May 25

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	08:30-09:00	Plenary	- Welcome by Chinese hosts - Chairman's opening remarks - Adoption of the MTM99 agenda
	09:00-10:30	Plenary	- Chairman's address: "Science in the Service of Humanity – The Challenge for China and the World" - Current trends in China-CGIAR collaboration: - Chinese perspective - CGIAR perspective
	10:30-11:00		Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary	- Future challenges and priority areas for collaboration: - Chinese perspective - CGIAR perspective - Discussion - Conclusions
	12:30-14:00		Lunch
	14:00-15:30	Plenary	- System review follow-up: - Introduction by the Chairman - Consultative Council propositions--Science - Discussion
15:30-16:00		Coffee break	
16:00-17:30	Plenary	- Consultative Council propositions--Science (cont) - Discussion	

### Opening Session (agenda item 1), 08:30-09:00

1(a) Welcome by Chinese Hosts

1(b) Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman will open the meeting and share with the Group information about recent developments within the system including new members, appointments, and changes at the Centers.

1(c) Adoption of the MTM99 Agenda (MTM/99/01)

The agenda has been circulated in advance of the meeting and may be adopted as it stands or with amendments. Members who wish to raise items under other business on Friday, May 28, should inform the Secretariat of their intentions and provide the necessary documentation.

**Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security in China: China-CGIAR  
Collaboration in Addressing the Challenge (agenda item 2), 9:00-12:30**

2(a) Chairman's address: "*Science in the Service of Humanity – The Challenge for China and the World*"

2(b) Current Trends in China-CGIAR Collaboration:  
i. Chinese Perspective (speaker from China)  
ii. CGIAR Perspective (Center Director)

2(c) Future Challenges and Priority Areas for Collaboration:  
i. Chinese Perspective (speaker from China)  
ii. CGIAR Perspective (TAC Chair)

2(d) Discussion

2(e) Conclusions on China-CGIAR Collaboration (CGIAR Chairman)

**System Review Follow-up (agenda item 3) (MTM/99/05), 14:00-17:30**

The third System Review, launched at MTM97, presented its findings to the Group at ICW98. The CGIAR Consultative Council was formed at ICW98 for clarifying issues, reviewing options, reaffirming fundamentals, defining specifics for action, and thereby helping to facilitate decision making by the Group as a whole at MTM99. The Council met in Brussels on January 27-28 to discuss the System Review, explore options and draft action proposals for consideration by the Group at MTM99. The Consultative Council's report has been distributed (MTM document number MTM/99/05).

3(a) Introduction by the Chairman

3(b) SR Follow-up: Consultative Council propositions on **Science** (MTM/99/08)

As requested by the Consultative Council, the CDC and TAC will present draft action proposals and progress reports on science-related recommendations of the System Review.

- i. Action proposals on policy analysis, gender analysis, global information sharing, and capacity building:
  - Strengthening policy research, and capacity building for policy research (P. Sanchez, CDC Chair and ICRAF DG)
  - Strengthening the existing gender analysis program (P. Sanchez)
  - New initiatives on global information sharing (S. Bie, ISNAR DG)
  - New initiatives on capacity building (S. Bie)
  - TAC commentary on the action proposals (TAC Chair)
  - Discussion

- ii. Progress reports on IPR matters and proposal for review of plant breeding:
  - Development of an institutional mechanism for holding patents, and update on IPR audits of Centers (T. Reeves, CIMMYT DG)
  - TAC's proposal on terms of reference for the systemwide review of plant breeding (TAC Chair)
  - Discussion
  
- iii. Progress reports on NRM and Sub-Saharan Africa:
  - Strengthening existing NRM networks (J. Sayer, CIFOR DG)
    - Improving the CGIAR's effectiveness in Sub-Saharan Africa (H. Fitzhugh, ILRI DG)
    - Comment by FARA on improving the CGIAR's effectiveness in Africa (FARA)
  - TAC commentary on the progress reports (TAC Chair)
  - Discussion

## Wednesday, May 26

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	08:30-10:30	Plenary	- Consultative Council propositions--Partnership
	10:30-11:00		Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary	-Consultative Council propositions--Governance - Discussion
	12:30-14:00		Lunch
	14:00-15:30	Plenary	- Consultative Council propositions--Governance (cont) - Discussion
	15:30-16:00		Coffee break
	16:00-17:30	Plenary	- Consultative Council propositions-- Finance - Discussion

### **System Review Follow-up (agenda item 3, continued), 08:30-17:30**

3(c) SR Follow-up: Consultative Council propositions on **Partnerships**, 8:30-10:30  
(MTM/99/09)

- i. Progress report by the CGIAR Chair on organizing a high-level meeting with private sector CEOs
- ii. Proposal by the CGIAR Chair on establishing a partnership committee to link with the scientific community
- iii. Proposal by the NGOC for restructuring committee membership
- iv. Proposal by the PSC for restructuring committee membership
  - v. TAC proposal on TOR for analytic review on “Partnerships and Research: Lessons for the CGIAR”
- vi. Discussion

3(d) SR Follow-up: Consultative Council propositions on **Governance**, 11:00-15:30  
(MTM/99/10)

- i. Consultative Council propositions on governance:
  - Conditions of CGIAR membership (*conditions to remain unchanged*)
  - CGIAR chairmanship (*VP of WB, at least 50 percent time on CGIAR*)
  - The role of Cosponsors (*role to remain unchanged; need greater consultation with members on system appointments*)
  - Regional representation (*to be phased out, in consultation with FAO*)
  - CGIAR decision-making process (*retain decision-making by consensus and CGIAR’s status as an informal organization—i.e., reject the recommendation to have the CGIAR reconstituted as a legal entity*)
  - CGIAR meetings (*retain the MTM for the next two years*)
- ii. Discussion
  - iii. Consultative Council propositions on the CGIAR’s decision-making structure (*establish body akin to the Consultative Council to facilitate CGIAR decision-making*):
    - Proposed composition
    - Proposed terms of reference
- iv. Discussion
- v. Consultative Council propositions on committees:

- Proposal by TAC on its future role, composition and working arrangements
- Proposal by TAC and IAEG on integration arrangements
- Proposal by the GRPC on its future composition and TOR
  - Global Forum (*CGIAR to continue providing GFAR with non-financial support*)
- vi. Other Consultative Council propositions on governance:
  - Proposal by TAC on streamlining evaluation processes
  - Proposition on human resource services (*centers should widen and deepen their search for best talent*)
- vii. Discussion

3(e) SR Follow-up: Consultative Council propositions on **Finance**, 16:00-17:30  
(MTM/99/11)

- i. Progress reports and action proposals by the Finance Committee:
  - Long-term financing strategy for the CGIAR
  - Member commitment to financing propositions of the Finance Committee
    - Progress in developing a fund-raising strategy and identifying appropriate structures
- ii. Progress report by the CBC on ways of improving the design, implementation and governance of systemwide programs
- iii. Discussion

## Thursday, May 27

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	08:30-10:30	Parallel Sessions	- ICLARM EPMR (parallel session I)	
	10:30-11:00		- ILRI EPMR (parallel session II)	
	11:00-12:30	Plenary	Coffee break	
			- The 2000-2002 Research agenda framework and implications of Consultative Council propositions on science	
			- The research agenda for 2000	
			- Discussion	
		12:30-14:00		Lunch
	14:00-15:30	Plenary	- Knowledge Management--Presentation by FAO on agricultural information systems	
			- Discussion	
			- Presentation on CGIAR Logframe	
	15:30-16:00		Coffee break	
	16:00-17:30		Working groups/committee meetings	

### **Evaluation (agenda item 5), Parallel Sessions, 08:30-10:30**

The external review reports of ILRI and ICLARM will be considered by open *ad-hoc* committees of interested members in parallel sessions. EPMR reports will be mailed out well in advance of the meeting. Members should indicate to the Secretariat whether, in their view, discussion by the full Group (following the *ad-hoc* committee review) is necessary. The *ad-hoc* committees will be asked to act on behalf of the Group. In the event of significant interest, time will be created on the agenda for a further discussion in plenary. During the parallel sessions, the ICLARM and ILRI EPMR reports will be presented by the Panel Chairs (H. Gregersen and S. Jutzi respectively). This presentation will be followed by response from the Center (Board Chair or Director General), commentary by TAC, and discussion by the *ad-hoc* committee.

- 5(a) ICLARM External Program and Management Review (SDR/TAC:IAR/99/2) (Parallel Session I)
- 5(b) ILRI External Program and Management Review (SDR/TAC:IAR/99/3) (Parallel Session II)

### **CGIAR Research Agenda and Funding Requirements (agenda item 4), 11:00-12:30**

The CGIAR's financing arrangements call for Group consideration of the research agenda and its financing requirements for the following year at the MTM. The Group is requested to review and approve the proposed research agenda for 2000. Upon approval by the Group, the 2000 research agenda will form the basis for the preparation of the 2000 CGIAR financing plan which will be presented for the Group's approval at ICW99.

The document "Financial Requirements of the 2000 CGIAR Research Agenda" (MTM/99/04) summarizes the financial requirements for the programs proposed by the

CGIAR centers for 2000. Documents on the proposed programs for 2000-2001, circulated by the individual centers, provide further elaboration.

4(a) 2000-2002 Research Agenda Framework and Research Agenda for 2000  
(SDR/TAC:IAR/99/7)

- i. Introduction by the Chairman
- ii. Summary by TAC Chair of 2000-2002 research agenda framework, including implications of Consultative Council propositions on science
- iii. Discussion

4(b) Funding Requirements for 2000 (MTM/99/4)

- i. Summary by FC Chair
- ii. Discussion

**Knowledge Management and CGIAR Logframe (agenda item 7), 14:00-15:30**

7(a) FAO Agricultural Information Systems

FAO has developed an enhanced information system “WAICENT” designed, amongst other things, to provide member countries with agriculture and environment databases and improve their decision-making capacity. FAO will provide an overview of this new tool.

- i. Presentation by FAO
- ii. Discussion

7(b) CGIAR Logframe

At ICW98, the Group endorsed the implementation of the CGIAR logical framework (Logframe). The TAC Chair will provide a progress report on its implementation.

- i. Presentation by TAC
- ii. Discussion

**System Review Follow-up (agenda item 3, continued) and Committee Meetings, 16:00-17:30**

- 3(f). Working Groups/Committees
- Working groups and committee meetings will be scheduled, if needed, for additional discussion of Consultative Council propositions and other matters.

## Friday, May 28

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	08:30-10:30	Plenary	- Summary of decisions on Consultative Council propositions - Next steps: Implementation plans - Discussion
	10:30-11:00		Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary	- Committee recommendations and reports - Discussion - Presentation on Climate Change - Discussion
	12:30-14:00		Lunch
	14:00-15:30	Plenary	- Other business - Closing session

### **System Review Follow-up (agenda item 3, continued), 08:30-10:00**

3(g) Summary of decisions on Consultative Council recommendations

3(h) Next steps: Implementation plans

3(i) Discussion.

### **Committee Recommendations and Reports (agenda item 8), and Climate Change (agenda item 6), 11:00-12:30**

*Committee Recommendations and Reports* (various committee chairs)

8(a) Reports (as required) from: Cosponsors, Oversight Committee, Finance Committee, TAC, IAEG, Genetic Resources Policy Committee, NGO Committee, Private Sector Committee, Committee of Board Chairs, Center Directors Committee, GFAR. These reports will provide recommendations on activities not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

8(b) Discussion.

*Climate Change*

At MTM98, the Group was briefed by FAO and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on issues relating to climate change and implications for the CGIAR. The TAC Chair and CDC Chair will provide progress reports on the CGIAR's approach to dealing with issues of global climate change.

6(a). Progress reports:  
i. Report from TAC  
ii. Report from CDC Chair

6(b). Discussion

**Other Business (agenda item 9), and Closing Session (agenda item 10),  
14:00-15:30**

9. *Other Business*

10. *Closing Session* (CGIAR Chairman).