

## **AGM05 Decisions on SSA Task Forces Follow-up**

### ***Decisions on WCA Arrangements:***

*The Chair concluded that the draft “roadmap” presented by F. Reifschneider had been endorsed, with a few modifications. The agreed roadmap is as follows:*

- *Programmatic alignment: Centers should:*
  - *ensure alignment of sub-regional and Center/CP MTPs*
  - *finalize sub-regional MTP development and submit to SC by June 15, 2006*
  - *clarify arrangements for governance of MTP implementation*
- *Corporate services alignment:*
  - *IITA and WARDA should proceed with deliberate speed on corporate services alignment*
  - *the new arrangements should serve as building blocks for CGIAR-wide corporate services alignment in WCA*
- *Structural/governance alignment:*
  - *CGIAR endorses the “common board membership” approach to integrating governance and creating the CGIAR Global Entity for WCA (with due respect to existing legal instruments)*
  - *the Boards of IITA and WARDA should synchronize their board meetings starting January 2006 and make the necessary arrangements to complete the transition to common board membership by January 1, 2007*
  - *the governing bodies of IITA and WARDA should consider merger as an option and, if merger is not seen as a viable option, provide an explanation to the CGIAR why it is not a viable option, including an analysis of other options for realignment.*

### ***Decisions on ESA Arrangements:***

- *Programmatic alignment: Centers should:*
  - *ensure alignment of sub-regional and Center/CP MTPs*
  - *finalize sub-regional MTP development and submit to SC by June 15, 2006*
  - *clarify arrangements for governance of MTP implementation*
- *Corporate services alignment*
  - *ICRAF and ILRI should proceed with deliberate speed on corporate services alignment*
  - *the new arrangements should serve as building blocks for CGIAR-wide corporate services alignment in ESA*
- *Structural/governance alignment:*
  - *ILRI and ICRAF, in consultation with pertinent Centers, should prepare a “think piece” on structural/governance alignment options for ESA, with pros and cons, for the consideration of the CGIAR (through ExCo) by April 30, 2006.*

### ***Decisions on Monitoring of WCA/ESA Arrangements:***

- *The concerned Centers (ICRAF, IITA, ILRI, WARDA) should report to each face-to-face meeting of ExCo on progress in implementing the CGIAR decisions*
- *ExCo should monitor the progress and advise the CGIAR on any follow-up actions.*

***Decisions on Alignments Beyond SSA:***

- *A “market-driven” approach should be used, initially, on alignments beyond SSA. This would involve the following steps:*
  - a one year window will be initiated for interested Centers to formulate alignment proposals*
  - Centers intending to develop proposals could receive special support from the CGIAR*
  - the CGIAR should review the emerging alignment options at AGM06*
  - if necessary, at AGM06, the CGIAR could establish specific task forces to study the options and make recommendations for programmatic and structural alignments beyond SSA.*