



Executive Council

Eleventh Meeting—Paris, France
October 17-18, 2006

Agenda Item: 3.c. Challenge Programs

Issue(s):

1. At AGM04, the CGIAR approved the SSA CP, in principal, for a 5-year period, subject to a successful assessment of its 18-month inception phase. The external review report and FARA's response were discussed by SC at its meeting in September 2006. ExCo is asked to discuss the review and provide recommendations to the CGIAR on actions that should be taken.
2. At ExCo10, ExCo recommended that the freeze on CPs should be removed. Concerns were raised by a few CGIAR Members on the process moving forward. F. Reifschneider will address some of the questions raised and update ExCo on possible next steps.
3. At ExCo8, ExCo agreed to implement a standardized reporting process for CPs. Starting in 2005, the programmatic part of annual reports would be part of the MTP, and CPs would be subjected to the same level of scrutiny as the Centers under the M&E process. The CP annual reports were discussed by the SC Chair under item 3.a. Medium-Term Plans and 2007 Financing Plan. ExCo asked the CGIAR Secretariat to submit commentary on governance and management aspects in the annual reports of the CPs.

Supporting Document(s):

1. CGIAR AGM04 Decision on SSA CP
2. External Review of SSA CP Overview Documents (Report Recommendations, FARA Response Conclusion, SC Commentary Summary)
3. Full report of SSA CP External Review available at:
<http://www.cgiar.org/who/structure/executive/exco11/index.html>
4. Process for Approval of Challenge Programs (as approved by the CGIAR)
5. Challenge Programs: Process and Guidelines (available at:
<http://www.cgiar.org/pdf/cpprocessguide.pdf>)
6. CGIAR Secretariat Commentary on the Governance, Management and Finance Aspects of the Annual Reports (2005) of Challenge Programs
7. Generation Challenge Program: 2005 Annual Report Summary
8. HarvestPlus: The CGIAR Biofortification Challenge Program 2005 Annual Report Summary
9. CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food: Annual Report 2005 Summary
10. Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Programme: Progress Report for the Inception Phase Summary
11. Full CP annual reports available at:
<http://www.cgiar.org/who/structure/executive/exco11/index.html>

Purpose of this Communication

	Information
	Discussion
X	Decision—ExCo Recommendations to the CGIAR

Comments

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