

CGIAR AGM04 Decision on the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program

The CGIAR approves the SSA CP, in principle, for a 5-year period, subject to a successful assessment of its 18-month inception phase, to be initiated in the beginning of 2005. CGIAR requests FARA to:

1. Respond to the consolidated conclusions and recommendations made by the membership at AGM04 by providing ExCo every 6 months a progress report on actions taken, including the development of a logframe; and by providing the SC, 12 months after the start of the inception phase, a detailed report on the pilot sites work plan and priorities. SC will then commission an onsite review and advise the membership through ExCo on the adequacy of programs, including an assessment of a detailed plan for the additional sites, contributions to international public goods, with a focus on validity and rigor of science.
2. The program is expected to be fully funded during the inception phase.
3. Adequate flexibility should be incorporated in the expected timeframe of the inception phase.
4. FARA will indicate at the end of the inception phase the fit between the program and ongoing CGIAR Africa focused initiatives (SSA TFs, CDC Collective Action).