



Executive Council

Twelfth Meeting—Madrid, Spain
May 16-17, 2007

Agenda Item: 3.b. Challenge Program Concept Notes

Background/Issue(s):

1. Following the "unfreezing" of the Challenge Program (CP) process, a call for concept notes for the second cycle of CPs was made on November 21, 2006. The call was posted on the CGIAR website and widely publicized. In accordance with the CGIAR-approved process and guidelines for selecting CPs, the call invited ideas/concept notes for phase 1 (Idea Generation Phase). All concept notes received (41) were transmitted to the Science Council (SC) for evaluation. SC has recommended 5 ideas/concept notes to advance to the pre-proposal stage. SC's assessment was sent to ExCo for endorsement on April 20, 2007.
2. Comments and questions received from ExCo members suggested the item needs further discussion to arrive at a decision during the ExCo 12 meeting.

Supporting Document(s):

Summary Documents (in meeting folder):

1. Science Council Assessment of Challenge Program Concept Notes
2. Cycle 2 Challenge Programs Concept Notes Recommended by Science Council
3. List of Cycle 2 Challenge Program Concept Notes
4. Challenge Programs Cycle 2: Call for Ideas/Concept Notes
5. Process for Approval of Challenge Programs
6. Process and Guidelines for Developing and Implementing Challenge Programs

Full Reports/Background Documents (on web only):

1. System Priorities for CGIAR Research: 2005-2015
2. Strategy for the Implementation of the CGIAR System Priorities for Research: Update and Suggestions for a Consolidated Process
3. Science Council guidance to preparation of Challenge Program Concept Notes, Pre-proposals and Full-Proposals.

Purpose of this Communication

	Information
	Discussion
X	Decision—ExCo Recommendations to the CGIAR on CP Concept Notes

Outcome

	No further action required
	Approved/accepted
	Additional information required
	Referred to the next meeting
	See comments below

Comments

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