

Some Recent Alignment Initiatives among CGIAR Centers

1. IWMI-Worldfish

- Focus- Mainly corporate services, some programmatic and governance elements also.
- Major Elements-
 - i. Set up a joint venture for aligning their finance, HR and IT policies. Shared HR Information Management System to also serve CIFOR, perhaps others as well.
 - ii. Research collaboration focus on wetland and fisheries in Mekong; basin synthesis of water productivity in Nile and Ganges, etc.
 - iii. One joint Board member
- Major Supporters- World Bank, Canada

2. ILRI-ICRAF

- Focus- Mainly corporate services and programmatic alignment; some governance elements also.
- Major Elements-
 - i. Joint Research Methods Group set up, proposal to share corporate services-common IT platforms, HR strategy and systems, common financial policies and harmonized procurement services.
 - ii. Develop a regional MTP for ESA, creation of a network of researchers in “innovation clusters” across Centers and partners, coordinated by a hub unit that has responsibilities spread among several Focal Persons drawn from the Centers with a single coordinator. This is the group that has been putting together the first Regional Plan for Collective Action. An interim coordinator hired.
 - iii. 2 common Board members (one of whom is CGIAR nominee)
- Major Supporters- World Bank

3. IITA-WARDA

- Focus- Mainly corporate services and programmatic alignment; some governance elements also.
- Major Elements-
 - i. Proposed alignment of corporate services, both Centers have signed an MOU to share corporate services in Nigeria, Tanzania and Benin.
 - ii. Develop a regional MTP for WCA, an interim coordinator appointed.
 - iii. 2 common Board members (one of whom is CGIAR nominee), Nominations committees holding joint meetings.
- Major Supporters- World Bank

4. CIMMYT-ICARDA

- Focus- programmatic
- Major Elements- focus on wheat improvement in CWANA, MOU signed at AGM 2005, joint appointment of Director for ICWIP
- Major Supporters- being considered for financial support by some Members

5. IRRI-WARDA-CIAT

- Focus- programmatic focus on rice research for Africa
- Major Elements- improving and exchanging germplasm with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa, 5 thematic groups identified- genomics, policy, seed, post-harvest and commodity chain, establish common platform for database sharing on rice, short-term exchange visits among scientists at the three Centers, short term training for NARES scientists at Centers
- Major Supporters- expected support from Canada

6. CIMMYT-IRRI

- Focus- programmatic
- Major Elements-
 - i. Proposal to set up of Crop Research Informatics Laboratory (CRIL) for comparative analysis of data
 - ii. Proposal on IPSA- Intensive Production Systems in Asia- focus on rice-maize systems to assess impact of introducing maize into intensive rice-based systems on environment
 - iii. Proposal to set up Cereal System Knowledge Portal (CSKP) to align knowledge on rice, maize and wheat production systems.
 - iv. Appointment of a 4- member Joint Board Committee to oversee joint projects, one Common Board member.
- Major Supporters- under review