



Executive Council

**Thirteenth Meeting—Rome, Italy
October 16-17, 2007**

Agenda Item: 4.c. CP (Cycle 2) Selection of Pre-proposals

Background/Issue(s):

1. At ExCo 12 (May 2007), ExCo recommended the following concept notes advance to the pre-proposal stage:
 - a) Climate change, agriculture and food security;
 - b) High-value crops – fruits and vegetables; and
 - c) Combating desertification (dryland degradation)
2. ExCo's recommendation was approved by the CGIAR on June 21, 2007.
3. In accordance with the CGIAR-approved process and guidelines for selecting CPs, the call was then posted on the CGIAR website and widely publicized, inviting pre-proposals on the approved topics.
4. All pre-proposals received (39) were transmitted to the Science Council (SC) for evaluation.
5. SC considers that none of the pre-proposals submitted is of sufficiently good quality to move to the full-proposal stage; however, recommends that the pre-proposal development stage be extended to allow proponents of 3 pre-proposals to submit revised pre-proposals.

Supporting Document(s):

Summary Documents (in meeting folder):

1. Science Council Assessment of Challenge Program Pre-Proposals: The Regular Process, 2nd Cycle
2. Challenge Programs Cycle 2: Call for Pre-proposals
3. Process and Guidelines for Developing and Implementing Challenge Programs
4. Process for Approval of Challenge Programs (as approved by the CGIAR)

Full Reports/Background Documents (on web only):

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

Purpose of this Communication

<input type="checkbox"/>	Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decision—ExCo Recommendations to the CGIAR on CP Pre-proposals

Outcome

<input type="checkbox"/>	No further action required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved/accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional information required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to the next meeting
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