

## **AGM07 Conclusion and Decision on Options to Streamline the EPMR Process<sup>1</sup>**

### ***Conclusion and Decisions:***

- *It is important to use the EPMR process to maintain fiduciary and accountability standards, and as a feedback mechanism for learning.*
- *The CGIAR endorsed Option 2 to maintain fiduciary and accountability standards:*
  - *CGIAR delegated to ExCo decision making responsibility on Center and Challenge Program external reviews;*
  - *Those EPMRs (and/or CPERs) that require, in ExCo's judgment, full discussion by the CGIAR should be brought to AGM;*
  - *All EPMR reports should be sent to CGIAR Membership including those not requiring full discussion at AGM as determined by ExCo;*
  - *ExCo should recommend discussion of a particular EPMR at AGM, if ExCo feels the EPMR contains either positive or negative lessons for the System;*
  - *Centers should also be given the option to request an EPMR report be discussed at AGM;*
  - *ExCo's decisions should be transmitted to the CGIAR following discussion at ExCo meetings;*
  - *EPMRs should be scheduled so that submission of the report would coincide with SC meetings to prevent undue time delays in handling EPMRs.*
- *For feedback and learning from EPMRs:*
  - *CGIAR requested the CGIAR Director to give a presentation at AGM business meeting on the common themes and issues that arise from EPMRs.*
  - *Issues that emerge from EPMRs that contain lessons for the System should be shared at the AGM stakeholders meeting. This must be done in a responsible and useful manner.*
  - *ExCo should also examine quality of the reviews as part of the feedback mechanism.*
- *CGIAR encouraged individual Members to harmonize review requirements to avoid multiple reviews, within the framework of the Paris Declaration.*

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from AGM07 Business Meeting (December 5-6, 2007) Summary Record of Proceedings, January 30, 2008.