

## **CIAT Meeting Comments on Terms of Reference and Composition of the ExCo Ad Hoc Committee on Finance<sup>1</sup>**

- There was some discussion on process issues and it was clarified that the draft TORs document that was circulated to ExCo for comments earlier had not been revised because the issue would now be discussed at the face to face meeting of ExCo in May 2008.
- The issue of delegation of authority to the ExCo ad hoc committee was raised. In order to help the System be more efficient, a certain degree of decision making needs to be delegated to the ad hoc committee rather than simply adding another layer to the decision making process and more meetings.
- On composition of the ExCo ad hoc committee, different opinions were raised about the minimum contribution that will be considered in order to serve as a member of the ad hoc committee. While the benefit of having a minimum unrestricted contribution for membership on the ad hoc committee creates an incentive for increasing core unrestricted contribution to the System, the disadvantage is that the ad hoc committee would not be inclusive.
- Some Members also expressed the need for a more balanced representation, especially to increase representation from the South.
- Representation from the Alliance as a member of the ExCo ad hoc committee or as a resource person was also discussed.

### ***Conclusion:***

- *The Chair suggested that while the decision to finalize the TORs and the composition of the ExCo ad hoc committee on finance would be taken at the May 2008 ExCo meeting, the CGIAR Secretariat was tasked to revise the draft TOR using the discussion in this meeting to include: a) stronger developing country representation, and b) Alliance representation in the ExCo ad hoc committee as resource person.*

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from CGIAR Special Meeting on CIAT: Summary, March 11, 2008