

ExCo 13 Conclusion and Decision on CP (Cycle 2) Selection of Pre-Proposals¹

- *ExCo expressed appreciation to the Science Council for its assessment of the Challenge Program Cycle 2 Pre-proposals.*
- *ExCo also expressed disappointment with the low quality of the pre-proposals, but recognized these are important research areas and the CGIAR should signal a willingness to move forward.*
- *With respect to the pre-proposals on Oasis and High-value Crops, ExCo decided the following:*
 - 1) *The proponents of the pre-proposals on Oasis and High-value Crops should incorporate lessons learned from the first cycle of CPs presented at ExCo 13, and guided by inputs from the SC on the pre-proposals, develop full proposals for SC review.*
 - 2) *Oasis should be submitted by February 29, 2008, for assessment by SC and discussion and recommendation at ExCo 14.*
 - 3) *High-value Crops should be submitted at the latest by July 31, 2008, if not earlier for assessment by SC and discussion and recommendation at ExCo 15.*
 - 4) *After submission of the full proposals, if ExCo does not believe the full proposals are of sufficient quality, they would be withdrawn from further consideration.*
- *With respect to Climate Change, ExCo decided:*
 - 1) *The Alliance, Science Council, and CGIAR Secretariat should take stock of where we are on work that is already being undertaken within the CGIAR on climate change and use this as a basis to develop a strategic initiative on climate change to be announced in December 2007, in order to position the CGIAR as a leader in climate change research. This should be available two weeks prior to AGM07 for review and endorsement by the CGIAR Membership.*
 - 2) *The proponents of the pre-proposal on climate change should incorporate lessons learned from the first cycle of CPs, comments from the SC, and information on gaps identified by the stock taking, and develop a more focused full proposal for submission to SC by February 29, 2008, for assessment by SC and discussion and recommendation at ExCo 14.*
 - 3) *In addition, the CGIAR would convene a conference in 2008 on climate change to bring together key representatives of the international research community to identify ways to move the mitigation and adaptation agendas forward.*
- *To initiate proposal development, proponents should seek clarification and guidance from the Science Council.*

¹ Excerpt from Thirteenth Meeting of the CGIAR Executive Council (October 16-17, 2007) Summary Record of Proceedings, November 2, 2007.