



# Executive Council

**Fifth Meeting—Washington  
September 19, 2003**

## **Agenda Item: 4.a. Challenge Programs**

### **Issue(s):**

1. The Pilot Challenge Programs on Water and Food and Biofortified Crops were approved by the CGIAR in October 2002. The two CPs are currently in their first year of implementation. The Pilot CP proposal on Genetic Diversity was approved by the CGIAR in July 2003 for a one-year “inception phase” during which the proponents would respond to issues raised by ExCo. E. Javier and F. Reifschneider will update ExCo on the progress and status of the CPs.
2. E. Javier will update the ExCo on iSC’s discussion of the Challenge Program proposal on “Improving Livelihoods and Natural Resources Management in sub-Saharan Africa: Securing the Future for Africa's Children.”

### **Supporting Document(s):**

1. Update on Biofortification Challenge Program Activities, August, 2003
2. Water & Food Challenge Program: 2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report
3. Update for ExCo-Challenge Program: Unlocking Genetic Diversity in Crops for the Resource-poor

### **Purpose of this Communication**

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