



CGIAR Annual General Meeting 2005

Stakeholder Meeting (Science Forum)
Marrakech, Morocco, December 6-7, 2005

Agenda Item 4. CGIAR Priorities: Science for the Poor. **Parallel Session (a) Sustaining biodiversity**

Background/Process:

This is one of five parallel sessions under Agenda Item 4 which provides an expanded opportunity for discussion of the new CGIAR research priorities formulated through a Science Council-led process. It involves a keynote presentation by a Science Council-invited speaker, Roger Blench (Managing Director, Mallam Dendo Ltd, UK), to be followed by comments from three discussants.

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The keynote presentation considers some of the current challenges involved in the conservation of indigenous livestock. The importance of livestock biodiversity in reducing the risks faced by many poor rural households is described in the context of accelerating erosion of livestock diversity. The role of science in identifying genetic resources and the implications of emerging techniques for science based policy are also discussed. The need for coherent policies on livestock is highlighted focusing on a framework that allows input from evolving science, the implementation of the Convention of Biodiversity, regional policies, and a re-orientation of research and extension towards species and uses relevant to poor people.

1. Conservation of Indigenous Livestock: Sustaining Biodiversity for Current and Future Generations

Comments: