

## Alignment Forum at ExCo 12

**Date:** May 16, 2007 (first day of ExCo12)  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
**Venue:** INIA (National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology), Spanish Ministry of Education and Science  
Carretera de La Coruña km. 7.5  
28040 Madrid

### CGIAR Decision at AGM06:

*“ExCo should discuss at their next meeting the need for a CGIAR visionary exercise. The CGIAR Secretariat was requested to organize a special half-day “Alignment Forum” in a workshop mode at the next ExCo meeting to discuss what has been achieved so far (including an analysis of alignment initiatives, progress on regional MTPs, and use of existing analyses as building blocks), and whether a more detailed visioning exercise is needed. This workshop would also get other actors/NARS, etc. to join the discussion. Based on the results of the workshop the CGIAR would arrive at a consensus on next steps with a commitment to implement them.”*

### Draft Agenda

#### Session 1: Context Setting 9:00 am – 9:15 am

- Explain purpose of Forum.
- Chair’s opening remarks, Kathy Sierra

#### Session 2: Food for Thought: An External Perspective 9:15 am – 9:45 am

- Presentation: Luke Aspinall from GFATM (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria), “Governance in a Modern Global Program.” (5’)
- A CSO Perspective by Thomas Remington from Catholic Relief Services (5’)
- Discussion (15-20’)
- Moderator: Rudy Rabbinge

#### Session 3: CGIAR Initiatives: Learning from Within 9:45 am – 11:30 am

- Overview/Introduction: CGIAR Secretariat presentation on recent reform history/initiatives (10’)
- Panel discussion
  - Opening statements (2-3’ each): Steve Hall (WorldFish), Emile Frison (Alliance Executive Chair), Peter Hartmann (IITA), Monty Jones (FARA), Wolfgang Kasten (Germany), Franklin Moore (USA)
  - Discussion (60-70’)
- Moderator: Katharina Jenny (Switzerland)

*Coffee Break 11:30 am – 11:45 am*

#### Session 4: Revolutionizing the Evolution 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

- Role playing exercise
- Alignment in the CGIAR: Revolutionary or Evolutionary?
  - Arguments for revolutionary approach: Denis Despreaux (France) (5’)
  - Arguments for evolutionary approach: Ayman Abou Hadid (Egypt) (5’)
- Discussion (45’)
- Moderator: Jean Lebel (IDRC)

#### Session 5: Moving Ahead 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm

- Recap
- Outline next steps