

## **Implementation and Coordinated Funding of CGIAR Priorities and Strategies: 2005-2015**

ExCo ad hoc committee Terms of Reference

### **Background**

At AGM05, the CGIAR agreed to establish an ExCo ad hoc committee to move towards implementation of the priorities and coordinated funding. The ad hoc committee would be linked to organization of the System funding coordination forum to be held at AGM, starting in 2006. The AGM05 decisions are reproduced below for reference:

#### **CGIAR Priorities and Strategies: 2005-2015**

*(Decision points not directly related to establishment of the ExCo ad hoc committee not included.)*

*-- To move towards implementation of the priorities and coordinated funding (i.e., translating technical assessment to funding decisions) an ExCo ad hoc committee should be formed, augmented with interested Members, supported by the CGIAR Secretariat and inputs from SC as needed. The Members are requested to provide specific suggestions on the creation of an ad hoc ExCo committee. The CGIAR Secretariat will consolidate their views and offer a detailed proposal for discussion and approval by ExCo.*

#### **Funding System Priorities Task Force**

- *On funding System Priorities, the CGIAR endorsed TF recommendation Option 3 (System funding coordination forum), with the understanding that:*
  - *The CGIAR will learn “by doing” as the new process is put into effect. The CGIAR Secretariat, in consultation with the ExCo ad hoc committee established to move towards coordinated funding, will present to ExCo ideas on the implementation of Option 3, including the organization of a forum at the margin of AGM06.*
  - *The issue of different budget cycles should be taken into account as the option is implemented.*
  - *Members should exercise discipline to ensure that the System Priorities are funded.*
  - *All programs and projects in the matrix need to be fully costed.*

*(Decisions on funding SC/SC Secretariat not included.)*

CGIAR Members have provided suggestions which are incorporated in this proposal.

### **Terms of Reference**

Based on the technical assessment (please see CGIAR decision above) and strategic recommendations by the SC, the principal task of the ad hoc committee would be to develop a strategy for filling the funding gaps in the CGIAR-approved priorities and for coordinating donor funding for all programs that fall within the priorities.

Additionally, the ad hoc committee will also serve in an advisory role as a sounding board to the CGIAR Secretariat, which was tasked by the CGIAR to present ideas to ExCo on organization of a System funding coordination forum to be held at AGM, starting in 2006.

### **Composition**

The ad hoc committee would initially be comprised of 6 members, made up of:

6 CGIAR Members (3 ExCo, 3 non-ExCo)

Support will be provided by CGIAR Secretariat, with input from SC as needed. A focal point from the Centers will be invited as resource to the exercise, whenever needed by the ExCo ad hoc committee.

As much as possible, interactions of the ad hoc committee should take place virtually, and face-to-face meetings held only as needed.

### **Timeline**

The ad hoc committee would be appointed no later than June 1, 2006, and its work sequenced with SC processes which will determine programmatic gaps, excesses and outliers, ensuring coherence in each priority sub-area, including strategic recommendations as decided by Membership at AGM05.

At ExCo 11 (October 2006), the ad hoc committee should report to the full ExCo on its progress and development of a strategy to move towards implementation of the priorities and coordinated funding. It should submit a final report with recommendations at AGM06.

### **Membership**

1. Jonathan Wadsworth, Chair
2. Finn Christensen
3. Kevin Cleaver
4. Jean Lebel
5. Franklin Moore
6. Njabulo Nduli