



INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE CGIAR SYSTEM

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THE REVIEW

- Independent Panel
- Client = CGIAR system as a whole (no single part alone)
- No preconceptions; a listening and learning stance
- A Review embedded in the realities of the work of the Centers

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Take stock and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the CGIAR partnership and governance.**
- 2. Assess the effectiveness of CGIAR research.**
- 3. Recommend changes in the CGIAR system to improve effectiveness (in view of emerging challenges for food security, agriculture, and natural resource management for the poor).**

INDEPENDENT REVIEW, AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- The working relationship has been worked out over the past few weeks.
- Confident that Panel independence will be maintained.
- Review will stimulate analytical reflection and learning.
- Review will also serve CGIAR's accountability commitments.

REVIEW STANDARDS

- **Guidelines for reviews of global programs have emerged more clearly in past five years.**
 - **Scope, independence and quality of the Review**
 - **Appropriate processes and procedures.**

CONSTRAINTS

- A relatively short time to complete the work (eight months).
- A Panel whose members have other responsibilities as well.
- A desire to manage the “evaluation burden” on Members and Centers.

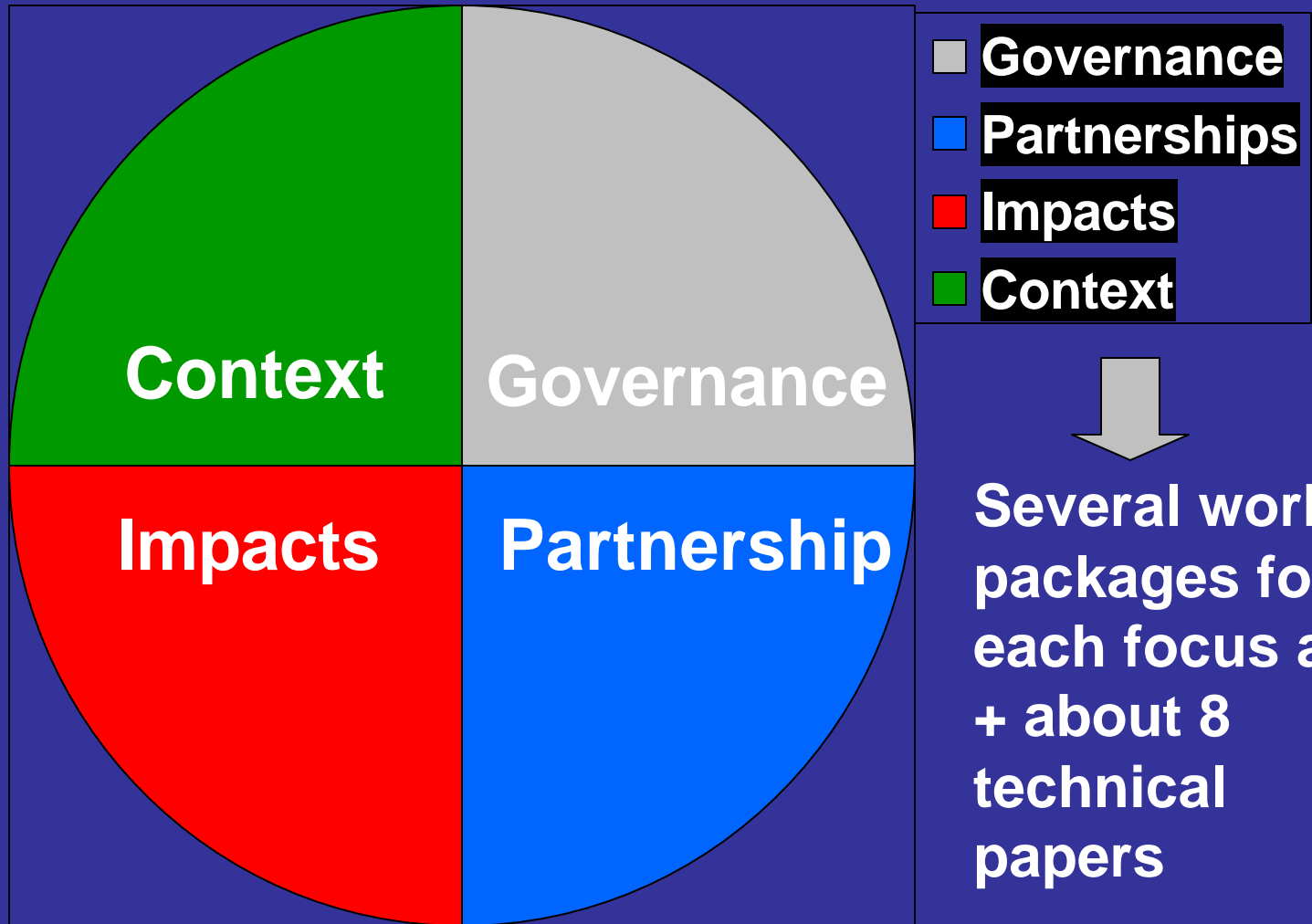
RESOURCES

- Stakeholders inputs.
- Panel of Scientists, Economists and Evaluators.
- Consultants with special expertise to prepare technical papers.
- Many CGIAR-related reports to draw upon.

PANEL COMMITTED TO TIMETABLE

- **Inception Report** (Dec 2007)
- **Interim Report on Progress to World Bank** (March 2008)
- **Technical Papers** (Feb-June 2008)
- **Exit Workshops** (June 2008)
- **Circulation Report** (End July 2008)
- **Final Report** (September 2008)
- **ExCo Presentation** (October 2008)
- **AGM 2008 Presentation** (December 2008)

PANEL FOCUS



ADVISORY GROUP

- The ad hoc committee of the ExCo continues as an Advisory Group to provide a sounding board to the Panel.
- Committee members have agreed to continue.
- Considering additional members to represent other perspectives.

SUCCESS?

- 1. Clear findings and actionable recommendations**
- 2. ... defensible methodologies and analysis**
- 3. ... inclusive consultations and information gathering**
- 4. ... and used.**