

THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Twenty-Sixth Meeting, Ibadan (Nigeria), 23-30 June 1981

PLANT NUTRITION

PROGRESS REPORT - JUNE 1981

(Agenda Item 9)

Proposed objectives of the discussion ^{1/}

Three reviewers provided comments on the consultants' draft for the Plant Nutrition Study. Others are being received from the Centres concerned. The Centre Directors and TAC may wish to discuss jointly these comments. TAC should then decide on the next steps to be taken.

1/ Joint session with the Centre Directors

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1. Background

TAC had, at its 25th meeting, a discussion on the draft report of its consultants for the Plant Nutrition Study 1/. It decided to submit the draft to three reviewers and also to seek comments from the Centres concerned and the Co-Sponsors.

2. Progress

Three reviewers were identified and agreed to make a review and critique of the draft report in the light of the terms of reference given to the consultants. The reviewers were: Dr. D. Muljadi, Soil Research Institute, Bogor (Indonesia); Dr. D. Munns, University of California, Davis (U.S.A.); Dr. J. Velly, Institut de Recherches Agronomiques Tropicales et des Cultures Vivrières (IRAT), Montpellier (France). The draft was circulated also for comments to the IARCs, to IFDC and to the CGIAR Co-Sponsors. The comments by the reviewers were received at the end of May and others are being received 2/. The time was too short for the consultants to review their draft in time for presentation to this 26th meeting.

3. Proposed Action

The Steering Committee appointed for this study will report to TAC and the Centre Directors on the main points raised so far by the reviewers and others on the draft report of the consultants. Centre Directors and TAC members may wish then to discuss jointly these comments on the draft. On the basis of this discussion, further guidance should be given by TAC as regards the finalization of the study and its submission to the CGIAR. Assuming that the report would not require further discussion by subject matter specialists, it would be submitted to TAC at its 27th meeting for onforwarding to the CGIAR with TAC's observations and recommendations.

1/ Reference is invited to the records of the discussions (paras. 51-69 of the 25th TAC Report (AGD/TAC:IAR/81/16))

2/ Copies of these comments will be available at the meeting.

List of suggested Names for the Plant Nutrition
Study

Jacques Velly, ORSTOM	- suggested by Mr. Vallaey's, IRAT	
Mr. Richard, IRCT	- suggested by Camus/Vallaey's	
Mr. von Uexkull-Guldenband	- FAO (Dudal)	
Dr. D.R. Bhumbra	- FAO (Dudal)	
Mr. Askari	- FAO (Dudal)	
Prof. Mengel	- FAO (Bommer) University of Giessen, Germany	} too late
Prof. Marschler	- " " University of Hohenheim, Germ.	

Mr. von Uexkull-Guldenband (Director, East & S.E. Asia, International Potash
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Dr. D.R. Bhumbra, Deputy Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural
Research, Min. of Agriculture and Irrigation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, (Indian)

Mr. Askari, former: Chairman, Indian Agric. Planning Committee; now: Chairman,
Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi