

CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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TAC 42

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening Session
 - (a) Chairman's Opening Remarks
 - (b) Adoption of TAC 41 Report
 - (c) Matters Arising from TAC 41
 - (d) Adoption of the Agenda
2. Report on CGIAR Matters
 - (a) Financial Matters
 - (b) CGIAR Task Force on Sub-Saharan Africa
 - (c) Developments Concerning WARDA
 - (d) Other
3. Study of External Review Processes in the CGIAR
4. Future External Reviews
 - (a) IRRI
 - (b) CIMMYT
 - (c) Other
5. Follow-up to External Reviews
 - (a) ILCA
 - (b) Other
6. IITA Strategic Planning Study
7. Resource Allocation Process - IBPGR, IFPRI, ISNAR
8. Farming Systems Research
9. Plant Genetic Resources in the CGIAR
10. Continuing Sub-Committees: Progress Reports
11. New Ventures
 - (a) Vegetables
 - (b) Aquaculture
12. Other Matters
13. Future Meetings

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ANNOTATED AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening Session

(a) Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman will open the 42nd TAC Meeting by welcoming all TAC Members and others present.

(b) Adoption of TAC 41 Report

The Report of TAC 41 will be discussed, amended if necessary and approved.

(c) Matters Arising from TAC 41

Matters arising from the report, not otherwise covered by the Agenda, may be brought up. The meeting will decide on appropriate arrangements for scheduling the discussion of such matters.

(d) Adoption of the Agenda

TAC will consider the proposed Agenda and adopt it with or without modifications. The Chairman will invite Members to bring to his attention any items to be discussed under "Other Matters" (Agenda Item 12). The Chairman will also announce the membership of Working Groups and their meeting times and places.

Item 2 - Report on CGIAR Matters

(a) Financial Matters

The Executive Secretary of the CGIAR will report on the outcome for 1986, the financial situation for 1987 and the outlook for 1988.

(b) CGIAR Task Force on Sub-Saharan Africa

The Chairman of the Task Force will report on its activities.

(c) Developments Concerning WARDA

The Committee will be brought up to date on the results of continuing negotiations and on other developments.

(d) Other

Additional items which may be of interest to TAC may also be brought to the Committee's attention.

Item 3 - Study of External Review Processes in the CGIAR

In joint session on Thursday, 19 March, TAC and the Committee of Board Chairpersons will consider the Report on the "Study of External Review Processes in the CGIAR" prepared by Professor V.W. Ruttan. The Report is expected to be distributed to TAC, Board Chairpersons and Center Directors in mid-February.

The Committee is expected to prepare a position paper for consideration by the CGIAR at its May 1987 meeting.

Item 4 - Future External Reviews

TAC will be informed about progress in final preparations for and first activities of the EPR of IRRI.

As agreed at TAC 41, the EPR of CIMMYT will be delayed to early 1988. The Committee will discuss and recommend the timing, program, composition of the review panel, and issues to be addressed.

TAC will also discuss and propose the timing of EPRs for other Centers.

Item 5 - Follow-up to External Reviews

As agreed at TAC 40, the Committee will review the draft of a long-term strategy paper under preparation by ILCA. Comments will be prepared to guide the Center in developing the final version which is expected to come before TAC 43 in June.

The Committee will consider follow-up action on any other EPR, as necessary.

Item 6 - IITA Strategic Planning Study

TAC will be briefed on the outcome to date of the strategic planning study undertaken by IITA mainly during 1986.

Item 7 - Resource Allocation Process - IBPGR, IFPRI, ISNAR

TAC will use the new process to examine the draft program and budget submissions of the three Centers. The Committee is expected to recommend the allocation of resources on a tentative basis, to be confirmed at TAC 43.

Item 8 - Farming Systems Research

The proceedings of the 1986 Inter-Center Workshop on Farming Systems Research should come before TAC. The Committee is expected to prepare its commentary for submission to the CGIAR meeting in May 1987.

Item 9 - Plant Genetic Resources in the CGIAR

The Committee will examine a progress report from the joint Center Directors-TAC working group established at TAC 41. The working group was formed to strengthen the cooperative effort to develop a CGIAR policy on plant genetic resources and to study improved means of collaboration and integration of activities among Centers.

Item 10 - Continuing Sub-Committees: Progress Reports

The CSCs will report on their programs of work and the timetables for its accomplishment. Activities undertaken and documents prepared to date will be described. These are expected to include: CSC I - an annotated outline of a draft paper discussing the issues involved in sharing of responsibilities among CG centers; CSC II - a consideration of the nature and extent of current sustainability-related research at CG and non-CG centers; and a discussion of issues in agroforestry; and CSC III - draft papers on implementation and monitoring of CGIAR recommendations on priorities and strategies, and on ways to keep priorities under continuing review.

Item 11 - New Ventures

TAC will examine proposals for support by the CGIAR of research on vegetables and on aquaculture production in developing countries. The Committee is expected to prepare comments or recommendations for the Group, as appropriate.

Item 12 - Other Matters

Proposal of items is invited from TAC Members and other participants.

Item 13 - Future Meetings

The Committee may wish to examine whether sufficient time has been set aside for TAC 43 in view of the expected workload, particularly that involving application of the new resource allocation process. The date and place of TAC 43 as currently agreed is 22-30 June 1987 at ILRAD in Kabete, near Nairobi. Center Directors are also meeting at ILRAD, 22-26 June 1987.

TAC 44 is foreseen to meet 19-24 October 1987 in Washington, D.C. prior to ICW 1987 (26-30 October).

The Committee may wish to confirm the dates of TAC 43 and TAC 44.

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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Meeting Times: 09:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:30
Breaks: 10:30-11:00, 12:30-14:00, 15:30-16:00

Monday, 16 March

	<u>A.M.</u>		<u>OPEN</u>
09:00-09:30	Item 1	Opening Session (a) Chairman's Opening Remarks (b) Adoption of TAC 41 Report (c) Matters Arising from TAC 41 (d) Adoption of the Agenda	
09:30-10:30	Item 2	Report on CGIAR Matters (a) Financial Matters (b) CGIAR Task Force on Sub-Saharan Africa (c) Developments Concerning WARDA (d) Other	
11:00-11:30	Item 8	Farming Systems Research	
11:30-12:30	Item 9	Plant Genetic Resources in the CGIAR	
	<u>P.M.</u>		<u>OPEN</u>
14:00-15:30	Item 10	Continuing Sub-Committees: Progress Reports	
16:00-17:30	Item 10	Continuing Sub-Committees: Progress Reports (cont'd)	
17:30-	Working Group 1:	Farming Systems Research	
	Working Group 2:	Resource Allocation Process (preparatory)	

Tuesday, 17 March

	<u>A.M.</u>		<u>OPEN</u>
09:00-10:30	Item 11	New Ventures (a) Vegetables	
11:00-11:30	Item 11	New Ventures (a) Vegetables (cont'd)	
11:30-12:30	Item 6	IITA Strategic Planning Study	

Tuesday, 17 March (cont'd)

P.M.

OPEN

14:00-15:30	Item 7	Resource Allocation Process - IBPGR
16:00-17:30	Item 7	Resource Allocation Process - IBPGR (cont'd)
17:30-	Working Group 1:	Vegetables
	Working Group 2:	Resource Allocation Process - IBPGR

Wednesday, 18 March

A.M.

OPEN

09:00-10:30	Item 5	Follow-up to External Reviews (a) ILCA (b) Other
11:00-12:00	Item 4	Future External Reviews (a) IRRI (b) CIMMYT (c) Other
12:00-12:30	Item 13	Future Meetings

P.M.

OPEN

14:00-15:30	Item 7	Resource Allocation Process - IFPRI
16:00-17:30	Item 7	Resource Allocation Process - IFPRI (cont'd)
17:30 -	Working Group 2:	Resource Allocation Process - IFPRI
	Working Group 3:	(a) Follow-up to External Reviews: ILCA
		(b) Future External Reviews: CIMMYT

Thursday, 19 March

A.M.

OPEN

09:00-10:00	Item 11	New Ventures (b) Aquaculture
10:00-10:30	Item 12	Other Matters
11:00-12:30	Item 3	Study of External Review Processes in in the CGIAR

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1/ Joint meeting with Board Chairpersons

Thursday, 19 March (cont'd)

P.M.

OPEN

14:00-15:30 Item 7 Resource Allocation Process - ISNAR

16:00-17:30 Item 7 Resource Allocation Process - ISNAR (cont'd)

17:30- Working Group 1: Study of External Review Processes
in the CGIAR

Working Group 2: Resource Allocation Process - ISNAR

Working Group 3: Aquaculture

Friday, 20 March

A.M.

CLOSED

09:00-10:30 Item 7 Resource Allocation Process

11:00-12:30 Working Group 1: Study of External Review Processes
in the CGIAR (cont'd)

Working Group 2: Resource Allocation Process

(Other items, as necessary)

P.M.

CLOSED

14:00-

TAC DECISION MAKING

- External Review Processes in the CGIAR
- Future External Reviews: CIMMYT
- Follow-up to External Reviews: ILCA
- Farming Systems Research
- Plant Genetic Resources in the CGIAR
- Vegetables
- Aquaculture
- CSC Matters

Saturday, 21 March

A.M.

CLOSED

09:00- TAC DECISION MAKING (cont'd)

Sunday, 22 March

A.M.

CLOSED

09:00-

TAC DECISION MAKING (cont'd, if necessary)

Monday, 23 March

and

(if necessary)

Tuesday, 24 March

March 1987

A NOTE ON WORKING METHODS OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

(for New TAC Members)

I presume that from the previous briefing materials sent to you, you are already familiar with the structure and organization of the CGIAR, including its various components - the donors, the two Secretariats, TAC and the IARCs.

Meetings of the TAC normally comprise of open and closed sessions as shown on the timetable. In addition, whenever the Chairman deems it necessary he may decide to have an unscheduled closed session. The CGIAR Secretariat and representatives of the Co-Sponsors can and do attend closed sessions of the Committee.

Appropriate procedures have been institutionalized to enable the Committee to efficiently handle its increasing workload:

- (i) Individual TAC Members are assigned to specific Centers every year (as TAC Liaison Scientist) in order to get more acquainted with the Center's programs and its budgetary implications.
- (ii) TAC has established two types of Working Groups. One is characterized by an element of continuity (e.g. the TAC Standing Committee and the three Continuing Sub-Committees (CSCs)). The other is represented by ad hoc Working Groups which are established at each meeting to assist the Committee on specific items.

Functions of Working Groups

The primary functions of the Working Groups is to prepare the ground work for TAC's thinking, to guide the Committee's discussions and to prepare for its decision making.

Chairmanship and membership of the Working Groups are decided by the TAC Chairman. He is guided by the principle of rotation. This tends to expose all TAC Members to varying tasks. The products of the Working Groups are invariably inputs into TAC's deliberations, such as working papers, draft commentaries and draft position papers. These are put to the whole Committee for approval and/or further utilization.

Working Group sessions are open to observers until such time the Chairman of the Working Group may decide to have a closed session. In no case the open sessions are intended to reach a consensus between the TAC Members and the observers. The usefulness of observers lies in the broadening of the information base to improve further the decision making process.

ASSIGNMENT OF CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES TO TAC MEMBERS FOR 1987

Centers	1985	1986	1987
CIAT	Sawadogo Alvarez Luna	Sawadogo Yoshida	Nahal Muhammed
CIMMYT	Tanaka Arnold	Chaudhri Arnold	McCalla Odhiambo
CIP	Javier Arnold	Joandet Alvarez Luna	Odhiambo de Wit
IBPGR	Heide von Urff	Arnold Chaudhri	Paterniani York
ICARDA	Arnold Chaudhri	McCalla Heide	Heide Paterniani
ICRISAT	von Urff York	Alvarez Luna McCalla	Sawadogo Yoshida
IFPRI	York McCalla	de Wit York	Arnold Nores
IITA	Alvarez Luna Sawadogo	York von Urff	York Nahal
ILCA	Nahal Joandet	von Urff Chantalakhana	von Urff Arnold
ILRAD	Joandet Nahal	Chantalakhana Joandet	Chantalakhana McCalla
IRRI	Chaudhri Javier	Heide Nahal	Yoshida Chantalakhana
ISNAR	McCalla Alvarez Luna	Nahal Javier	de Wit Sawadogo
WARDA	Heide Tanaka	Javier Sawadogo	Muhammed von Urff

Note: First name indicates primary responsibility; second name is alternate.