

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE CGIAR CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

1. The CGIAR Consultative Council met at the World Bank on Tuesday, October 26, to consider issues connected with the succession and leadership of the CGIAR. Mr. Henri Carsalade (FAO Cosponsor) presided.

2. Mr. Carsalade informed the meeting that earlier in the day he and Mr. Wally Falcon, CBC Chair, had met Mr. Sven Sandstrom, Acting President of the World Bank to seek clarification of the World Bank's position on the matters to be discussed by the Consultative Council.

3. Mr. Sandstrom informed Mr. Carsalade and Mr. Falcon as follows:

- The World Bank is fully committed to providing the CGIAR with continuing support, and with providing the CGIAR with leadership at the level of Vice-President;
- The Bank proposes that Mr. Ismail Serageldin, the Bank's Vice-President for Special Programs, should continue as CGIAR Chairman for up to 2 years, with full institutional backing from the Bank;
- Mr. Serageldin will spend 50 percent of his time as Vice-President with the CGIAR, and the rest of his time on World Bank responsibilities;
- At the end of his term, Mr. Serageldin will be succeeded by Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (ESSD), who is not available at the present time to assume duties with the CGIAR;
- During the remainder of Mr. Serageldin's chairmanship, the new Executive Secretary will be recruited and will be more closely integrated with the ESSD Vice-Presidency. The Bank wishes the recruitment process to be transparent and favors a process similar to what was followed in the recent selection of the TAC Chair;
- The successor to Mr. Alexander McCalla, Director of Rural Development Department (RDV) will be named shortly, and will function as the Bank's Cosponsor.

4. After a full and frank discussion the following consensus was reached, for submission to the Group:

- The Council welcomes the commitment of the World Bank to continue supporting the CGIAR and to provide the Group with leadership at the level of Vice-President;
- The Council welcomes the continuation of Mr. Ismail Serageldin as Chairman of the CGIAR, as outlined by Mr. Sandstrom;
- Actions required as a consequence of the Bank's proposal should involve all the normal structures of the CGIAR, in particular the Oversight Committee;
- In all matters, the CGIAR System should work within established institutional structures, and enhance the culture of consultation and transparency.

This is the unanimous view of the Consultative Council.

5. Matters connected with suggestions made by the Chairman in his opening address on Monday, October 25, will be discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Consultative Council later this week.