

Message from the Executive Secretary

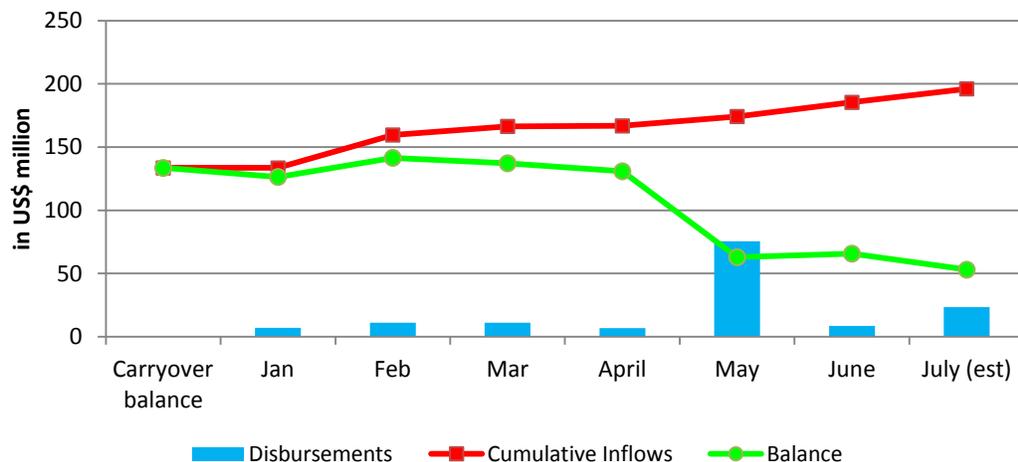
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you know, at the end of May, Frank Rijsberman joined the CGIAR Consortium as its new CEO. I'm confident that Frank's dynamic leadership and commitment to performance management will help us to fully reap the fruits of reform and ensure that research leads to genuine impact in the lives of the poor. As we welcome Frank, we also bid a fond farewell to Lystra Antoine, who recently joined Pioneer, a DuPont business, as Director of Agricultural Development. Lystra was a major asset to the Fund Office and will be sorely missed, but we're happy for her to have this new opportunity. The recruitment of her successor is well underway.

In terms of funding, we expect contributions to increase by 10 percent over last year, despite difficult economic circumstances, indicating strong donor confidence in CGIAR. However, the increased funding will not be sufficient to reach our \$1 billion goal by 2013. Moreover, following the pattern of 2011, we're already halfway through the year but the Fund has only received 12 percent of the projected funding for 2012, or \$52 million of \$425 million (see Figures 1 and 2). If donor payments do not pick up pace in the next couple of months, our ability to provide timely disbursements to the CGIAR Research Programs will be affected (see Figure 3).

Figure 1. Balance of the CGIAR Fund (as of June 2012)



We strongly urge donors to make early payments and multi-year commitments. We're very grateful to those donors who have already signed 3-year agreements (see list on page 2). As you know, providing multi-year funding is a major objective of the Fund and an integral part of CGIAR's resource mobilization efforts. It is also critical to CGIAR's overall strategy, facilitating research planning over the long term and supporting large, multi-year programs. In short, multi-year funding commitments enable scientists to focus more on the research through which they develop and deliver big ideas for big impact.

Thank you very much,
Jonathan Wadsworth, Executive Secretary, CGIAR Fund Council

Donor Commitments to the CGIAR Fund in 2012 (as of June 26)

The following donors have initiated or completed Contribution Agreements/Arrangements (CA) for 2012 (in US\$ million):

World Bank	50.0	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	9.1	New Zealand	2.0
Australia	29.0	IDRC	8.0	Japan	1.8
European Commission	25.5	United Kingdom	6.2	France	0.8
United States	23.4	Russia	3.8	Luxembourg	0.7
Norway	18.7	Denmark	3.0	Spain	0.4
Canada	15.6	India	2.7	Portugal	0.3

Multi-Year Commitments

Donors who have initiated or completed a CA for multi-year support to the CGIAR Fund: Australia, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Denmark, IDRC, Luxembourg, Russia, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

Figure 2. Contributions to the Fund in US \$million (as of June 26, 2012)

	Carryover balance ¹	Projected fund inflows for 2012			Subtotal 2012	Total
		Received as of Jun 26, 2012	Confirmed ² to be received in 2012	Additional ³ expected funding July - Dec. 2012		
Window 1	94	24	70	83	177	271
Window 2	22	21	3	74	98	120
Window 3	5	5	73	66	144	149
Provisional	12	2	4	-	6	18
TOTAL	133	52	150	223	425	558

¹ Carryover balance: Undisbursed funds from CY 2011, including confirmed contribution of \$0.7 million in Window 3.

² Funds are considered "confirmed" if any of the following applies:

- CA already signed between Fund donor and the Trustee, but the funds have not been received in the Fund
- Fund donor and the Trustee have initiated the CA process, but funds have not been received
- contributions were received but CA process has not been completed

³ Based on estimated indications from ongoing communications with donors

CGIAR at Rio+20: Agriculture's Vital Role in Sustainable Development

"We all know that to feed our growing population we need to intensify agriculture production. We need to produce more, sustainably, on less land," said Rachel Kyte, Chair of the CGIAR Fund Council and World Bank Vice

President of Sustainable Development, speaking in Rio at [Agriculture and Rural Development Day](#) (ARDD), which brought together more than 600 global experts to highlight the vital role of agriculture in sustainable development.



"We must learn how to take to speed and scale the cultivation of ecosystem services, such as water purification, water retention, soil fertility, carbon sequestration, and coastal protection, and farm in ways that will have a reduced environmental impact," she explained. "Tackling these challenges requires continued, substantial investment in agriculture research [and] the results of agriculture research need to be more quickly moved into the hands of farmers and fishers and foresters," Kyte said.

Rachel Kyte giving the address "[It's All Connected: Landscape Approaches to Sustainable Development](#)" at ARDD in Rio on June 18, 2012. (Photo: C. Schubert, CCAFS)

"CGIAR's new portfolio taps unprecedented collaboration with a diverse range of partners to ensure that research translates into results on the ground," said Frank Rijsberman, CEO of the [CGIAR Consortium](#), who moderated a session on "Science for a Food Secure Future," which was held as part of ARDD and highlighted how CGIAR's

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comprehensive new research portfolio can improve the lives of the poor while protecting the planet.

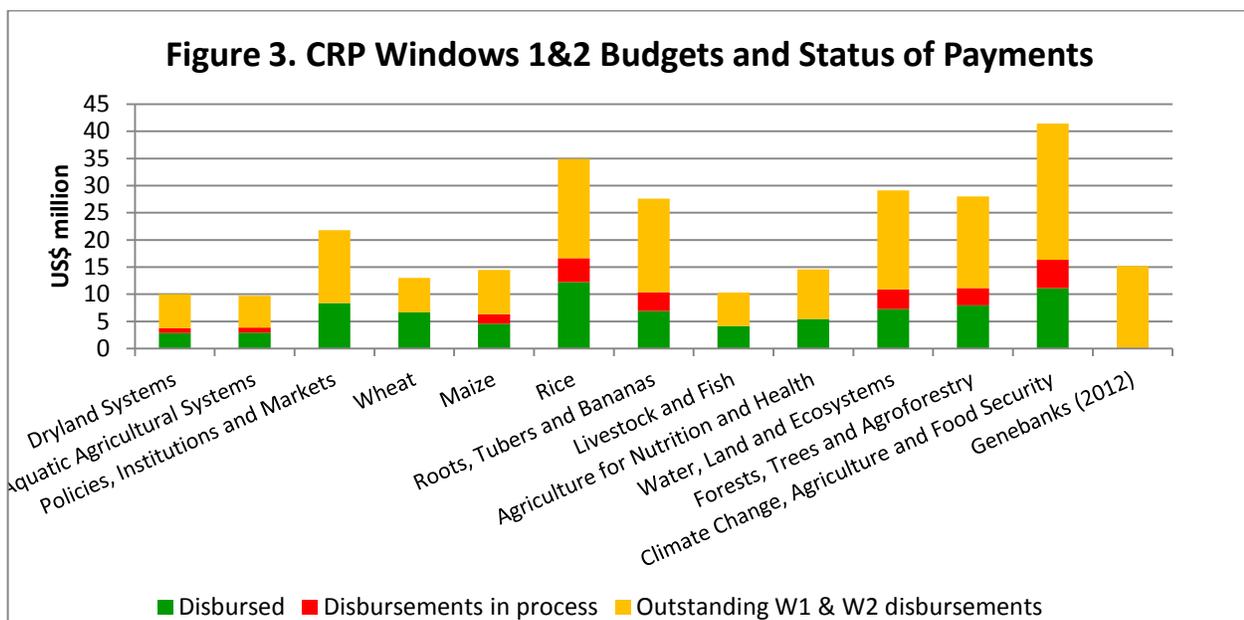
“Capitalizing on the CGIAR’s vast potential to reduce poverty, hunger and environmental degradation requires increased and sustained investment,” said Jonathan Wadsworth, who called for urgent action to fund agricultural research, including CGIAR’s new portfolio, which requires an annual budget of \$1 billion. “We need to invest today to ensure food security tomorrow,” he added.

In advance of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, the CGIAR issued a [Call-to-Action at Rio+20](#), outlining a seven-point plan for how agricultural research for development can contribute to a more sustainable, food-secure future. The plan calls for a focus on the entire agricultural landscape as an integrated system and harmonizing food security and environmental sustainability through agricultural R&D.

“The bottom line is that we can’t achieve food security, or nutrition security, without preserving the ecosystem services that forests provide. We can’t sustain forests without thinking of how we will feed a growing population. And we can’t grow food without water,” concluded Kyte.

Status of CRP Budget Disbursements

The Fund Council-allocated component of CRP budgets (i.e., Windows 1&2) was set at \$289 million in the 2012 Financing Plan in order to match the projected resources available in Windows 1&2 of the CGIAR Fund during the year. Figure 3 illustrates how much of the financing plan has been paid at midyear.



CGIAR Research Programs: Annual Reports

Some of the CRPs that were operational in 2011 have published their Annual Reports:

[Aquatic Agricultural Systems](#)

[Forests, Trees and Agroforestry](#)

[Rice/Global Rice Science Partnership \(GRiSP\)](#)

*Reports from CRPs on *Wheat and Climate Change*, *Agriculture and Food Security* forthcoming.

Multimedia

- Watch CCAFS video on “[How to Feed the World in 2050: Actions in a Changing Climate.](#)”
- Learn how the CRP on Aquatic Agricultural Systems is working in Bangladesh to help small-scale fish farmers improve their lives through better farming practices: “[Farming Waters, Changing Lives.](#)”
- [Why Forests Matter at Rio+20](#), remarks by Frances Seymour, outgoing Director General of [CIFOR](#), lead center of the CGIAR Research Program on [Forests, Tree and Agroforestry](#).

News Bytes

CGIAR Fund Office Seminar Series: Presentations and videos available online

On May 15, the Fund Office launched a new Brown Bag Lunch (BBL) Seminar Series with a presentation by Robert Zeigler, Director General of the [International Rice Research Institute](#), lead center of the [CGIAR Research Program on Rice](#), and in June, John McDermott, Director of the [CRP on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health](#), led a panel discussion. The next seminar is on July 25 with Frank Rijsberman. All presentations are videotaped for those who cannot attend in person. Visit [BBL Seminars](#) to access videos and summaries of the events.

Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS)

From May 30-June 1, the World Bank hosted an International Workshop on Investing in and Strengthening Agricultural Innovation Systems, which included a discussion of key findings from the new [AIS Investment Sourcebook](#) and presentations by a few CGIAR staff. View [workshop presentations and videos](#), including a session on the “Role of Research and Technology in AIS” chaired by Jonathan Wadsworth.

New Brochure produced jointly by the Fund and Consortium Offices highlights how CGIAR advances science to ensure a food secure future and outlines:



- why agricultural research is one of the most effective and cost-effective ways to alleviate poverty and hunger;
- past success stories and promising technologies, policies, and approaches;
- key assets and benefits of the CGIAR;
- current research programs and examples of potential impact; and
- how investing through the CGIAR Fund gives donors better value for money.

To request hardcopies of the brochure, please email cgiafund@cgiar.org

Update from the CGIAR Consortium

In case you missed it, read the [“Welcome Interview”](#) with Frank Rijsberman, who became CEO of the CGIAR Consortium on May 29. In June, the Consortium launched the new CGIAR website. Useful links to the site:

[CGIAR Research Programs](#)
[Resources, legal document and reports](#)
[What's New in Research](#)

Upcoming Events

- **CGIAR Consortium Approach to Agro-biodiversity Research Workshop**, July 24-26, Montpellier, France
- **CGIAR Science Leaders Meeting**, September 13-14, Montpellier, France
- **Independent Science & Partnership Council (ISPC) Meeting**, September 26-29, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Gender Transformative Research Approaches Workshop**, October 3-5, convened by the CGIAR Research Program on Aquatic Agricultural Systems, Penang, Malaysia
- **Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD II)** October 29-November 1, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- **8th CGIAR Fund Council Meeting**, October 31-November 1, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- **2nd Funders Forum**, November 2, Punta del Este, Uruguay

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