CGIAR FUND COUNCIL MEETING

April 5-6, 2011
Room B0.6, Agropolis International
Montpellier, France

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
Tuesday, April 5, 2011

ITEM 1. OPENING SESSION
08:30 – 08:40

The meeting will be opened by the CGIAR Fund Council Chair Inger Andersen. A Co-Chair will be nominated and elected for the meeting.

Action Requested: The Fund Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

ITEM 2. FUND OFFICE REPORT AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS
08:40 – 08:55

A matrix on the follow-up actions from the previous Fund Council meetings has been circulated. A verbal report on the Fund Office will be made at the meeting followed by a brief discussion.

Action Requested: The Fund Council is invited to take note of this information.

ITEM 3. TRUSTEE REPORT ON THE CGIAR FUND
08:55 – 09:10

A report of the Trustee on the status of the CGIAR Fund and its management has been circulated. Brief discussion on the report will take place.

Action Requested: The Fund Council is invited to take note of the report

ITEM 4. CONSORTIUM REPORT
09:10 – 09:40

The Consortium Board Chair will update the Fund Council on developments since November 2010 including the Strategy and Results Framework and Financial Envelope 2011-2013.

Context
The Consortium submitted the Strategy and Results Framework (SRF) document to the donors at the Funders Forum in July 2010. Donors provided comments on the SRF to sharpen the document, and agreed to accept the SRF as a work in progress. It was decided that the Consortium would take the lead in revising the SRF and submit the revised SRF to the Funders Forum within 6 months. It was also decided that the Funders Forum would have an ad-hoc meeting to endorse the revised SRF.

Next Steps
The Consortium has submitted the revised version of A Strategy and Results Framework for the CGIAR, 2011 for discussion and endorsement at the Funders Forum on April 7, 2011.
Action Requested

The Fund Council is invited to take note of the SRF. The Fund Council members along with other donors will have the opportunity to comment on the SRF at the Funders Forum on April 7. The endorsement decision on the SRF would be taken by donors at the Funders Forum.

ITEM 5. CRP6 PROPOSAL: FORESTS TREES AND AGROFORESTRY: LIVELIHOODS, LANDSCAPES AND GOVERNANCE
10:00 – 11:30 FOR DISCUSSION

Fund Council members were requested to provide written comments on the CRP6 proposal: Forests, Trees and Agroforestry: livelihoods, landscapes and governance. An Issues Matrix will be prepared based on the comments received and will be shared with the Consortium and the CRP6 lead Center. ISPC commentary will be made available to the Fund Council by March 27.

The Consortium/Lead Center will make a presentation on CRP6 proposal, followed by commentary by ISPC Chair. Subsequently, discussion on the proposal will take place. However, Fund Council members will make decision on the proposal on Wednesday, April 6 (Agenda 11). This will enable the Fund Council members to discuss the four CRP proposals (6, 2, 1.1 and 3.2) at the same time prior to making decisions.

ITEM 6. CRP2 PROPOSAL: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS TO STRENGTHEN FOOD SECURITY AND INCOMES FOR THE POOR
11:30 – 13:00 FOR DISCUSSION

Fund Council members were requested to provide written comments on CRP2: Policies, Institutions and Markets to Strengthen Food Security and Incomes for the Poor. An Issues Matrix will be prepared based on the comments received and will be shared with the Consortium and the CRP2 lead Center ISPC commentary will be made available to the Fund Council by March 27.

The Consortium/Lead Center will make a presentation on CRP2 proposal, followed by commentary by ISPC Chair. Subsequently, discussion on the proposal will take place. However, Fund Council members will make decision on the proposal on Wednesday, April 6 (Agenda 11). As mentioned earlier, this will enable the Fund Council members to discuss the four CRP proposals (6, 2, 1.1 and 3.2) at the same time prior to making decisions.

ITEM 7. JOINT AGREEMENT FOR DECISION
14:30 – 15:00

Context

The Joint Agreement has evolved through numerous revisions reflecting 10 months of intensive discussion among representatives of the Consortium, the Fund Donors, the Trustee and the
Fund Office. A donor-Consortium meeting was organized in Washington DC on March 7-8 to resolve all outstanding issues in the draft Joint Agreement. The intensive meeting allowed for thorough discussion of operational, financial and legal considerations in operationalizing the flow of funds downstream from the CGIAR Fund.

The version of the Joint Agreement circulated for Fund Council approval, therefore, contains comprehensive terms for the proposal, budgeting and implementation of all CRPs funded by the CGIAR Fund, and addresses responsibilities for the use of funds from the CGIAR Fund in order to prevent any gap in responsibility.

Based on the development of negotiations on the Joint Agreement certain changes will need to be made to the Glossary, Governance Framework and Contribution Agreement in order to ensure CONSISTENCY of terms and CONFORMITY between them and the Joint Agreement.

Two copies of the Joint Agreement and accompanying documents have been provided for reference: (1) an unmarked Joint Agreement with annexed Consortium Performance Agreement and Payment Request, and with the Glossary, Governance Framework and Contribution Agreement attached showing changes from the versions finalized in November 2010 and (2) a copy of the Joint Agreement with annexed Consortium Performance Agreement and Payment Request marked to show changes from the version circulated on March 14.

The Form of Contribution Arrangement would also be conformed to the revised Form of Contribution Agreement.

A more detailed explanatory note on this agenda item is posted and included in the meeting folder along with the unmarked copy of the Joint Agreement mentioned above.

**Action Requested**

The Fund Council is invited to review and approve the Joint Agreement and the forms of Consortium Performance Agreement and Payment Request, attached to it at Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

In addition, the Fund Council is also invited to review and approve the amendments to the Glossary, Governance Framework and Contribution Agreement (and Contribution Arrangement, as marked in the Contribution Agreement) which have been made TO CONFORM to the Joint Agreement.

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**ITEM 8. CRP1.1 PROPOSAL: INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEMS FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE IN DRY AREAS**

15:20 – 16:50 FOR DISCUSSION

Fund Council members were requested to provide written comments on CRP 1.1: Integrated Agricultural Production Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable in Dry Areas. An Issues Matrix will
be prepared based on the comments received and will be shared with the Consortium and the CRP1.1 lead Center ISPC commentary will be made available to the Fund Council by March 31.

The Consortium/Lead Center will make a presentation on CRP1.1 proposal, followed by commentary by ISPC Chair. Subsequently, discussion on the proposal will take place. However, Fund Council members will make decision on the proposal on Wednesday, April 6 (Agenda 11). As mentioned earlier, this will enable the Fund Council members to discuss the four CRP proposals (6, 2, 1.1 and 3.2) at the same time prior to making decisions.

ITEM 9. SUB-SAHERAN AFRICA CHALLENGE PROGRAM
16:50 – 17:30 FOR DISCUSSION

Context
Following approval by the CGIAR in 2001, the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program (SSA-CP), which is managed by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), went through an inception phase, and subsequently the CGIAR endorsed the findings of an External Review in 2006 including the key recommendation that the SSA-CP should continue for a three-year research phase to end in Dec 2010.

The interim ISPC commissioned a second External Review to assess progress and make recommendations regarding the future of the SSA-CP and implementation of the Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (IAR4D) approach in light of results from the SSA-CP and the changes taking place in the CGIAR.

At the request of the European members of the Fund Council, the Review Report on SSA-CP has been included in the agenda of the Fund Council meeting for discussion. The report was earlier sent to the Fund Council and the Consortium Office for information regarding the SSA-CP’s programmatic and partnership development aspects for possible incorporation in the CGIAR Research Program proposals.

The review recommended an extension of the research phase of the SSA-CP for at least another two years and this was endorsed by the interim ISPC. The Fund Council members are reminded that according to the CGIAR Governance Framework, any proposal for funding will need to be submitted by the Consortium to the Fund Council for decision. The Consortium has not submitted the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program to the Fund Council.

Action Requested
The Fund Council is invited to discuss the Review Report on the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program. No decision on the funding recommendation in the Review Report is requested.
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ITEM 10. CRP3.2 PROPOSAL: MAIZE – GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVING FOOD SECURITY AND THE LIVELIHOODS OF THE RESOURCE-POOR IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD
08:30– 10:00 FOR DISCUSSION

CRP3.2 is the fourth CRP proposal for discussion at the Fund Council meeting. ISPC has indicated that given their exposure to the earlier drafts of the CRP3.2 proposal, a full review was possible and therefore the preference was to include this CRP proposal in the agenda for Fund Council discussion. An Issues Matrix will be prepared based on the comments received and will be shared with the Consortium and the CRP3.2 lead Center. ISPC commentary will be made available to the Fund Council by March 31.

The Consortium/Lead Center will make a presentation on CRP3.2 proposal, followed by commentary by ISPC Chair. Subsequently, discussion on the proposal will take place. However, Fund Council members will make decision on the proposal on Wednesday, April 6 (Agenda 11 – following this agenda item). As mentioned earlier, this will enable the Fund Council members to discuss the four CRP proposals (6, 2, 1.1 and 3.2) at the same time prior to making decisions.

ITEM 11. DECISION SESSION
10:20– 11:50

Presentations and discussions on four CRP proposals namely CRP6, CRP2, CRP1.1 and CRP3.2 (Agenda items 5, 6, 8 and 10) would have taken place in presence of the Lead Centers. During this decision session the Fund Council members will have the opportunity to discuss among themselves and consider the four CRP proposals together and make decisions.

Presentations on the remaining four CRP proposals (CRP3.7, CRP5, CRP1.3 and CRP3.1) would take place following this agenda item. A discussion on the next steps for the approval process of these four CRP proposals may take place in this session or after the presentations.

Action Requested
The Fund Council is invited to deliberate and approve

a) the overall proposal and total budget of the following four CRP proposals:

• CRP6: Forests, Trees and Agroforestry
• CRP2: Policies, Institutions and Markets for Enabling Agricultural Incomes for the Poor
• CRP 1.1: Integrated Agricultural Production Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable
• CRP3.2: Maize – Global Alliance for improving Food Security and the Livelihoods of the Resource-poor in the Developing
CRP6, CRP2, CRP1.1 and CRP3.2 are all eligible to receive funds from Window 2 of the CGIAR Fund.

b) the next steps on the approval process for CRP proposals scheduled for presentation at this meeting (i.e. CRP3.7, CRP5, CRP1.3 and CRP3.1)

ITEM 12. CRP3.7 PROPOSAL: MORE MEAT, MILK, AND FISH BY AND FOR THE POOR
11:50 – 12:20 FOR PRESENTATION

CRP3.7 Proposal: More Meat, Milk and Fish by and for the Poor was circulated to the Fund Council. The Consortium will make a presentation. Given time limitation and task of reviewing a large number of CRP proposals at the same time, ISPC will not be able to review this CRP proposal and provide commentary prior to the April Fund Council meeting.

Action Requested: The Fund Council is invited to take note of the information presented

ITEM 13. CRP5 PROPOSAL: WATER, LAND AND ECOSYSTEMS
12:20 – 12:50 FOR PRESENTATION

CRP Proposal: Water, land and ecosystems was circulated to the Fund Council. The Consortium will make a presentation. Given time limitation and task of reviewing a large number of CRP proposals at the same time, ISPC will not be able to review this CRP proposal and provide commentary prior to the April Fund Council meeting.

Action Requested: The Fund Council is invited to take note of the information presented

ITEM 14. CRP3.1 PROPOSAL: WHEAT – GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVING FOOD SECURITY AND THE LIVELIHOODS OF THE RESOURCE-POOR IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD
14:00 – 14:30 FOR PRESENTATION

CRP3.1 Proposal: Wheat – Global Alliance for Improving Food Security and the livelihoods of the Resource-poor in the Developing World was circulated to the Fund Council. The Consortium will make a presentation. Given time limitation and task of reviewing a large number of CRP proposals at the same time, ISPC will not be able to review this CRP proposal and provide commentary prior to the April Fund Council meeting.

Action Requested: The Fund Council is invited to take note of the information presented

ITEM 15. CRP3.1 PROPOSAL: HARNESSING THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF AQUATIC AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE
14:30 – 15:00 FOR PRESENTATION
CRP1.3 Proposal: *Harnessing the Development Potential of Aquatic Agricultural Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable* was circulated to the Fund Council. The Consortium will make a presentation. Given time limitation and task of reviewing a large number of CRP proposals at the same time, ISPC will not be able to review this CRP proposal and provide commentary prior to the April Fund Council meeting.

**Action Requested:** The Fund Council is invited to take note of the information presented

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**ITEM 16. CRP proposal: GENE BANK**

**FOR DECISION**

15:00 – 16:00

A study was commissioned by the Consortium Board to determine, in a standardized, uniform way, the costs of conserving the important international plant germplasm collections that are maintained *ex situ* by the Centers of the Consortium. The Report took into account the majority of the most critical CGIAR crop collections (but excluded tree species, livestock and fish). The Report assessed only the ‘benefit to mankind’ functions of the genebanks i.e. maintenance and distribution of genetic resources for the benefit of future generations.

Due to the urgency of finding a workable solution that would protect the above unique assets, the Consortium Board in conjunction with Centers and in association with the Global Crop Genetic Diversity Trust has submitted a Genebank proposal. The proposal focuses on how the system can fund the pure public good function of the genebanks (their research functions are funded through the CRPs)

**Action Requested**

The Fund Council is invited to deliberate and approve the overall proposal and total budget of the Genebank proposal.

**The Genebank proposal is a CRP proposal which the Consortium is requesting for funding through Window 1.**

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**ITEM 17. INCEPTION REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION ARRANGEMENT**

**FOR DECISION**

16:00 – 17:15

At the 2009 CGIAR Business Meeting it was decided that an Independent Evaluation Arrangement (IEA) for CRPs and cross-cutting issues would be established as part of the new M&E Framework. The Fund Council would be the commissioning body of this Independent Evaluation Arrangement. The Fund Council agreed to engage a team of evaluation experts to help design the independent evaluation arrangement.

The inception report submitted by the team includes a work plan specifying methodological and organizational aspects of the work for the design of the IEA. A mid-term report is expected to be presented at the Fund Council meeting in July and the final report in November of this year.
Action Requested
The Fund Council is invited to deliberate and approve the Inception Report of the Independent Evaluation Arrangement

ITEM 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING SESSION
17:15 – 17:30