

IRRI management thanks the Options Group for their thoughtful and comprehensive work.

In our opinion Option 3 is the most workable option that will address most of the problems we have encountered, while retaining most of the efforts to reform the System. We believe that it could be implemented relatively quickly.

Despite our best efforts, the dysfunction between the centers and the Consortium Office continue even after our Rome meeting. This in our minds effectively rules out Options 1 and 2.

We do not believe that Option 4 could work, as there would be built in stresses and conflicts that would simply perpetuate what has hobbled the System thus far.

Option 5 has so many complexities and unknowns that, while it may be an aspirational target, it is premature to try to move there quickly.

On behalf of my colleagues at IRRI, I thank you for your hard work.

All the best,

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