Dated: 31st July 2016

Dear Members of the CGIAR System Management Office, the ISPC, and the FUND Council:

On behalf of the lead Center CIMMYT, IITA, and the partners of the CGIAR Research Program MAIZE, we are pleased to submit the **MAIZE Agri-Food Systems (AFS) Phase-II (2017-2022) revised full Proposal and the annexes**, along with an addendum in response to the constructive feedback/comments from the ISPC based on review of the 31st March version of the MAIZE AFS Phase-II full proposal.

The attached MAIZE AFS Phase-II Proposal (2017-2022) document has been prepared in accordance with the Guidance document for CRP Full Proposals, and the time-to-time inputs received from the Consortium Office. The compulsory overview and the Flagship Project (FP) sections are complemented by Annexes (Section 3); these annexes provide detailed additional information on various sub-sections in the overview (Section 1) and Flagship Projects (Section 2).

Building on a strong base of impactful technologies/knowledge generated over the last five years, MAIZE in Phase-II will play a key role in contributing to the CGIAR Strategic Results Framework and System Level Outcomes. Through its on farm livelihood-focused technologies and approaches, partnerships that encompass more than 300 research and development partners worldwide and further incorporating part of the HumidTropics CRP, MAIZE will leverage and synergize with an array of AFS and Cross-cutting CRPs as well as Platforms (Genebanks, Big Data, and Excellence in Breeding).

Thank you for considering the MAIZE AFS Full Proposal.

With best regards,

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