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**Mid-Term Meeting 1997  
May 26 - 30, 1997  
Cairo, Egypt**

***The CGIAR Research Programs:  
Gearing Up for New Challenges***

**Annotated Agenda**

The 1997 CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting (MTM97) will take place in Cairo from Monday, May 26 to Friday, May 30, 1997. The business sessions of the MTM will commence on Tuesday, May 27 at 1300 hours at the Hotel Mena House Oberoi and conclude at 1730 on Friday, May 30. The MTM agenda, document number MTM/97/01/Rev.2, indicates the order and indicative timing of proceedings. The Annotated Agenda provides greater detail on the planned proceedings for each agenda item. A summary schedule is also attached.

# Mid-Term Meeting 1997

## Annotated Agenda

### Agenda Item 1. Opening Session

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Tuesday, 27th	1300-1430	Luncheon Session	Opening addresses followed by discussion and slide presentation
	1500-1515	Plenary Announcements,	approval of agenda

#### i. Address by H.E. Prof. Youssuf Wally, Deputy Prime Minister

*Luncheon Session:* MTM97 is being hosted by the Government of Egypt under the auspices of the President, H.E. Mohamed Hosni Mubarak. The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation has organized the meeting locally under the guidance of H.E. Prof. Youssuf Wally, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation. Prof. Wally will address the Group.

#### ii. Chairman's Opening Statement

*Luncheon Session:* The Chairman will review and analyze the research policies and programs that will enable the CGIAR to mobilize cutting edge science as an instrument for achieving sustainable agriculture for food security in the 21st Century.

#### iii. Discussion

*Luncheon Session:* The floor will be open for comments on the Chairman's opening statement.

#### iv. CGIAR slide Presentation: "*Challenges in the WANA Region*"

*Luncheon Session:* A slide presentation will illustrate the challenges facing agricultural research in the West Asia and North Africa Region.

#### **v. Chairman's Announcements**

*Plenary:* The Chairman will draw the Group's attention to highlights of the MTM97 agenda, announce changes that have taken place in the System since ICW96, and note impending developments.

#### **vi. Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. MTM/97/01/Rev.2)**

*Plenary:* The agenda has been circulated in advance of the meeting and may be adopted as it stands or with amendments. Members who wish to raise items under Other Business on Friday, May 30, should announce their intentions at this point. Any documentation for Other Business items should be handed to the Secretariat for reproduction and circulation.

#### **Agenda Item 2. System Review (Docs. MTM/97/10; MTM/97/12)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Tuesday, 27th <i>presentation</i>	1515-1600	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Introduction; video</i>
Friday, 30th	1400-1500	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Open forum</i>

- i. Review of Progress**
- ii. Open Forum**

*Plenary (Tuesday):* The Chairman will brief the Group on the System Review, including the makeup of the review panel, and introduce those panel members present. There will then be a videotaped presentation by Maurice F. Strong, Chair of the System Review Panel, who will outline the plans for the Review. The Chairman will invite participants to interact with panel members throughout the week.

*Plenary (Friday):* There will be an Open Forum on the CGIAR System Review on Friday when participants will be invited to make comments and suggestions to the Panel.

### Agenda Item 3. Reports from CGIAR Committees

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Tuesday, 27th <i>single</i>	1600-1700	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Reports followed by discussion</i>

#### i. Report from the Cosponsors

*Plenary:* This is a new agenda item which has been introduced in keeping with the spirit of transparency which characterizes the renewed CGIAR. The Cosponsors will report on their deliberations and decisions reached during their pre-MTM97 meeting.

#### ii. Report from the Oversight Committee

*Plenary:* The Chair of the Oversight Committee, Andrew Bennett (UK), will report on important issues under consideration by the Committee and outline its major recommendations to the Group.

#### iii. Report from the Finance Committee

*Plenary:* The Chair of the Finance Committee, Michel Petit (World Bank), will report on the main thrust of the Committee's deliberations since ICW96.

#### iv. Discussion

*Plenary:* Following presentation of the reports the floor will be open for comment.

### Agenda Item 4. Evaluation and Impact Assessment in the CGIAR (Doc. MTM/97/11)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Tuesday, 27th <i>commentaries</i>	1700-1730	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Reports and</i>
Thursday, 29th	1400-1700	<i>Parallel Session</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
Friday, 30th	0830-0930	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Decision making</i>

- i. Overview by the Chairman
- ii. Report from the Impact Assessment and Evaluation Group (IAEG)
- iii. Comment from the Centers
- iv. Comment from the Cosponsors
- v. Discussion
- vi. Decision Making

*Plenary:* The Chairman will introduce the agenda item, providing background on the establishment of the IAEG. The Chair of the IAEG, James Peacock, will report on progress made in undertaking the work program approved at ICW96, and will outline future activities. The Chair of the Committee of Center Directors (CDC) will comment on strengthening impact assessment in the centers and the role of the IAEG. The Cosponsors will summarize the main points of their pre-MTM discussion on the future of the IAEG.

*Parallel Session (Thursday):* Members will discuss the future role and the work program of the IAEG.

*Plenary (Friday):* The chair of the parallel session will summarize the discussion. The floor will be open for additional comments. The Chairman will summarize the Group's consensus and outline the next steps.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Biotechnology in the CGIAR** (Docs. MTM/97/10; MTM/97/15; MTM/97/17)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Wednesday, 28th	0830-0930	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Introduction;</i>
	1100-1230	<i>Parallel</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
Friday, 30th	0930-1000	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Conclusions</i>

- i. Introduction by the Chairman
- ii. Overview of Issues and Options: Comments from Partnership Committees, TAC, Centers
- iii. Discussion
- iv. Conclusions

*Plenary:* In the context of rapid advances in agricultural biotechnology and the opportunities these provide for developing countries, the Chairman will explore how best the CGIAR can serve as a bridge builder between institutions with strong biotechnological capacity and NARS in developing countries. He will outline some of the options open to the System and seek the views of the Group on the options. The Private Sector and NGO Committees, TAC and the Centers will summarize their deliberations on this subject.

*Parallel Session:* The discussion will continue in parallel session as part of item 7, "Positioning the CGIAR in the Global System".

*Plenary (Friday):* The Chairman will review the outcome of the discussions and outline the next steps for the Group's endorsement.

**Agenda Item 6. CGIAR Research Plans 1998-2000**  
(Docs. SDR/TAC:IAR/96/6.2; SDR/TAC:IAR/97/6)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Wednesday, 28th	0930-1030	Plenary	Introduction
	1100-1730	Parallel Session	Presentations; discussion
Thursday, 29th	0830-1700	Parallel Session	Presentations; discussion
Friday, 30th	1400-1530	Plenary	Decision making

Background: TAC submitted recommendations for CGIAR Priorities and Strategies at the 1996 Mid-Term Meeting (Jakarta). Following MTM96, guidelines for preparation of the new series of MTPs were developed jointly by the CGIAR Secretariat and TAC. These were shared with Center Directors, Board Chairs, and members of the CGIAR Finance Committee. After revision, the guidelines were formally issued to centers and members of CGIAR Committees early in September, 1996. Interaction between TAC and center management took place between November 1996 and February 1997.

Centers submitted the final drafts of their MTP documents to TAC and the CGIAR Secretariat in March 1997. TAC review of the program content took place at the TAC meeting in Rome, March 17-26, 1997. Following TAC's review the centers submitted their MTPs, amended as necessary, to the CGIAR in April 1997 for consideration by the Group at MTM97. The financing plan for the first year of the period will be

developed between MTM97 and ICW97. Centers will begin implementing their MTPs in 1998.

Proceedings: This item will be discussed in three stages:

- Stage 1: 6(a) Introduction and Context**
- i. Operational Implications of CGIAR Priorities and Strategies: the Context for Medium-Term Planning in the CGIAR
  - ii. Implications at the Center Level: TAC's Analysis and the MTP Planning Process
  - iii. Overview of the Center Research Plan Review Process at the MTM

*Plenary (Wednesday)*: The introductory session will include a briefing by the TAC Chair on the links between CGIAR priorities and strategies and center medium-term plans; a briefing on the process used by the centers and TAC to bring to the CGIAR the proposals that will be reviewed at MTM; and finally, a briefing on the process to be followed during the MTM to review the centers' proposals.

**Stage 2: 6(b) Review of Center Research Plans**

*Parallel Session (Wednesday & Thursday)*: Individual center MTPs will be presented and discussed in Parallel Session I. Each center will present the highlights of its MTP, followed by comments from TAC and discussion by members.

- Stage 3: 6(c) Conclusions on CGIAR Research Plans**
- i. TAC's Recommendations on Center Research Plans
  - ii. Finance Committee Recommendations
  - iii. Conclusions on CGIAR Research Plans

*Plenary (Friday)*: The Group will reach conclusions on CGIAR research plans in plenary session on Friday, based on the outcome of the parallel session discussions and the recommendations of TAC and the Finance Committee.

## Agenda Item 7. Positioning the CGIAR in the Global System (Docs. MTM/97/10)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Wednesday, 28th	1100-1230	Parallel Session	Discussion
Friday, 30th	0830-0930	Plenary	Report of discussion/conclusions

- i. Perspectives of Participants
- ii. Report on Discussion

*Parallel Session (Wednesday):* A major focus of the System Review will be the CGIAR's future role within the global agricultural research system. This session will be structured as an open forum, enabling the participants to share their perspectives on the future role of the CGIAR. These perspectives could relate to CGIAR's future work on biotechnology (following from the introduction of this item under agenda item 5 on Wednesday morning), or to any aspect of CGIAR's future strategies and priorities (including activities supported by the CGIAR and their distribution by region or target group). Some members of the system review panel will be present to observe the discussion.

CGIAR Committees and individual members are encouraged to present statements reflecting their views and provide them, if possible, to the Secretariat ahead of the discussion.

*Plenary (Friday):* The conclusions reached in parallel session discussions will be reported to the Group on Friday in plenary.

## Agenda Item 8. External Reviews

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Wednesday, 28th	1400-1730	Parallel Session	ICRISAT & ISNAR Reviews
Thursday, 29th	0830-1230	Parallel Session	ISNAR & IPGRI Reviews
Friday, 30th	0830-0930	Plenary	Decision making

8(a) ICRISAT (Doc. SDR/TAC:IAR/96/22)



*Parallel Session (Wednesday):* The chair of the review, Ronnie Coffman, will present the main findings of the review, the Center will respond, and the TAC Chair will summarize TAC's views. Members will raise issues and comment on the report. Center representatives and/or the review panel chair will respond.

#### **8(b) ISNAR (Doc. SDR/TAC:IAR/96/23)**

*Parallel Session (Wednesday/Thursday):* The chair of the review, Samuel Paul, will present the main findings of the review, the Center will respond, and the TAC Chair will summarize TAC's views. Members will raise issues and comment on the report. Center representatives and/or the review panel chair will respond.

#### **8(c) IPGRI (Doc. SDR/TAC:IAR/97/1)**

*Parallel Session (Thursday):* The chair of the review, Calvin Qualset, will present the main findings of the review, the Center will respond, and the TAC Chair will summarize TAC's views. Members will raise issues and comment on the report. Center representatives and/or the review panel chair will respond.

*Plenary (Friday):* The session chairs will summarize the conclusions of the discussion of each review to the Group for decision-making.

### **Agenda Item 9. Follow-up of Items From ICW96**

#### **9(a) Implementation of CGIAR Decisions on Central/Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the Caucasus**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday, 30th <i>followed by `</i> <i>from the floor</i>	1000-1030	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Information report</i> <i>comments</i>

*Plenary:* In recognition of the region's vast potential for increasing global food supplies, participants in Lucerne encouraged the CGIAR to consider developing a program of research collaboration in this region. A CGIAR task force was established at ICW95 which reported to the Group at ICW96. At MTM97, the Chairman will introduce the item and the floor will be open for comment.

## 9(b) Report from the Global Forum Steering Committee

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday 30th	1100-1145	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Information report; discussion</i>

*Plenary:* The Global Forum Steering Committee will meet just prior to the MTM. Fernando Chapparo, Chair, NARS Global Steering Committee, will provide a report on the work of the committee and on future plans for collaboration among members of the global agricultural research system. A discussion will follow.

## Agenda Item 10. Reports from CGIAR Committees

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday, 30th	1145-1230	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Information reports</i>

### i. TAC

*Plenary:* TAC Chair Donald Winkelmann will report on items on the TAC's agenda which are not covered elsewhere.

### ii. Genetic Resources Policy Committee (GRPC) (Doc. MTM/97/18)

*Plenary:* On behalf of the Genetic Resources Policy Committee, Geoffrey Hawtin will report on a recent workshop on Ethics and Equity organized by the Committee, and on other GRP issues.

### iii. NGO Committee

*Plenary:* The CGIAR NGO Committee will have met just prior to MTM97. The Chair of the NGO Committee, Miguel Altieri, will brief the Group on the work of the committee.

### iv. Private Sector Committee

*Plenary:* The CGIAR Private Sector Committee met on April 1-2, 1997 and will have met again just prior to MTM97. Mohamed El Ghandour will brief the Group on the work of the committee.

**v. PARC**

*Plenary:* The Chair of PARC, Geoffrey Hawtin, will report to the Group on PARC's plans of action with regard to a public awareness campaign and on other PARC activities since ICW96.

**Agenda Item 11. CGIAR 1998 Research Agenda (Doc MTM/97/14)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday, 30th <i>decision</i>	1600-1645	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Report; discussion; making</i>

**i. 1998 Research Agenda  
ii. 1998 Funding Requirements**

*Plenary:* The center MTPs prepared for the 1998-2000 period reflect operationalization of the CGIAR Priorities and Strategies recommended by TAC and endorsed by the CGIAR at the 1996 Mid-Term Meeting (Jakarta). The 1998 CGIAR Research Agenda recommended by TAC consists of the center activities slated for implementation during the first year of the MTP period. The TAC Chair will summarize the key elements of the recommended CGIAR-wide 1998 Research Agenda. Following discussion, the Chairman will summarize the Group's consensus on the next year's research agenda.

The paper by the CGIAR Secretariat entitled Financial Requirements of the 1998 CGIAR Research Agenda (MTM/97/14) summarizes the financial implications of the 1998 research programs recommended by TAC. The CGIAR Finance Committee will consider the 1998 funding requirements at the start of the MTM and the Chairman of the Committee, Michel Petit, will summarize the Finance Committee's recommendations to the CGIAR. The Group will act on the Finance Committee's recommendations following their discussion.

**Agenda Item 12. Other Business**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday, 30th	1645-1700	Plenary	Information reports

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### **Agenda Item 13. Closing Session -- Chairman's Summation**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>
Friday, 30th	1700	Plenary	Concluding address