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International agricultural research group to decide on future research agenda and procedures

Nairobi, May 15—Sustainable agriculture, ecoregional approaches to research and genetic resources are high on the agenda of the Mid-Term Meeting of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (May 22–26). This annual CGIAR meeting, held for the first time in Nairobi, will review the Group's research agenda in light of recent decisions taken at ministers' level. The 150 scientists and member delegates will also deal with strengthening evaluation procedures in the CGIAR and with financial matters.

The CGIAR maintains the world's largest international research system for agriculture, consisting of 16 specialized research centres dealing with vital aspects of developing country agriculture. Group membership is made up of 48 countries in the North and South, international and regional organizations, and private foundations. The Group is cosponsored by the World Bank, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The CGIAR was established in 1971. Its mandate is to contribute, through its research, to promoting sustainable agriculture for food security in developing countries.

The meeting is held upon invitation of the Kenya Government and organized by the Ministry of Research, Technical Training and Technology in association with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing.

Kenya joined the Group in February, 1995. It hosts two research centres of the CGIAR headquartered in Nairobi—the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF).

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