



CGIAR
Science Council

EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SCIENCE COUNCIL

ROME, ITALY – 27-31 AUGUST 2007

AGENDA AUGUST 21 2007

MONDAY 27 AUGUST (FAO HQs, Lebanon Room)

09:00 – 10:00 OPENING SESSION – Rudy Rabbinge, SC Chair.

Welcome by the Director General of FAO, Mr. Jacques Diouf.

News from the CGIAR – Ren Wang, CGIAR Director.

Introduction & adoption of the agenda, Rudy Rabbinge.

10:00 – 11:00 Science that matters for agricultural development:

The Biofuel Revolution and Implications for the CGIAR. **Ken Cassman**, Director, Nebraska Center for Energy Science Research, and Heuermann Professor of Agronomy University of Nebraska (30 mins.); followed by comments of **Rudy Rabbinge**, SC Chair (10 mins), and general discussion.

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:15 Science that matters for agricultural development:

Assessing the International Spillover Potential of Agricultural Technologies and Implications for the CGIAR. **Phil Pardey**, Professor of Science and Technology Policy and Director, International Science and Technology Practice and Policy Center, University of Minnesota (30 mins); followed by comments of **Jim Ryan**, SC/SPIA Chair (10 mins), and general discussion.

12:30 – 14:00 WORKING LUNCH (SC Members and FAO Directors)

Indonesia Room, Building B Eighth Floor

14:00 – 15:30 [ITEM 1] CIP EPMR

Edgardo Moscardi, EPMR Panel Chair, will present the main recommendations (20 mins). **Jim Godfrey**, BoT Chair, and **Pamela Anderson**, DG of CIP, will present the Center Response (15 mins). The Council will discuss both the Report and Center response and prepare a commentary for ExCo.

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 [ITEM 2] CIAT EPMR

Eduardo Venezián, EPMR Panel Chair, will present the main recommendations (20 minutes). **Yves Savidan**, BoT Chair, and **Joachim Voss**, DG of CIAT, will present the Center Response (15 minutes). The Council will discuss both the Report and Center response and prepare a commentary for ExCo.

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST (Bioversity International)

08:30 – 10:30 BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AGENDA

Welcome by **Emile Frison**, DG of Bioversity Int., Bioversity presentation, discussion.

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 [ITEM 3] AFRICA RICE CENTER (WARDA) EPMR

Eric Tollens, EPMR Panel Chair, will present the main recommendations (20 mins). **Gaston Grenier**, BoT Chair, and **Papa Seck**, DG of WARDA, will present the Center Response (15 mins). The Council will discuss both the Report and Center response and prepare a commentary for ExCo.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 [ITEM 4] IITA EPMR

Cyrus Ndiritu, EPMR Panel Chair will present the main recommendations (20 minutes). **Bryan Harvey**, BoT Chair, and **Hartmann**, DG of IITA, will present the Center Response (15 minutes). The Council will discuss both the Report and Center response and prepare a commentary for ExCo.

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 [ITEM 5] META-EVALUATION OF CENTER EPMRS

Howard Elliott and **Maureen Robinson** will present the main recommendations of the study (30 mins.). The Council will discuss the Report and prepare commentary for ExCo.

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST (Bioversity International)

08:30 – 10:00 [ITEM 6] WATER & FOOD CHALLENGE PROGRAM EXTERNAL REVIEW

Asit Biswas, CPER Panel Chair will present the main recommendations (20 mins). **Jonathan Woolley**, CP Coordinator, will present the CP Response (15 minutes). The Council will discuss both the Report and Center response and prepare commentary for ExCo.

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 [ITEM 7] HARVEST PLUS CHALLENGE PROGRAM EXTERNAL REVIEW

Ricardo Uauy, CPER Panel Chair will present the main recommendations (20 mins). **Howarth Bouis**, CP Coordinator, will present the CP Response (15 mins). The Council will discuss both the Report and Center response and prepare a commentary for ExCo.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 [ITEM 8] SC REVIEW OF MEDIUM TERM PLANS

15:30 – 16:00 Break

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THURSDAY 30 AUGUST (Biodiversity International)

08:30 – 10:00 [ITEM 8] SC REVIEW OF MEDIUM TERM PLANS

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:30 [ITEM 8] SC REVIEW OF MEDIUM TERM PLANS

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 [ITEM 9] SPME REPORT

Ken Fischer, SPME Chair.

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:00 [ITEM 10] SPPS REPORT

Mike Gale, SPPS Chair.

17:00 – 18:00 [ITEM 11] SPMS REPORT

Mariza Barbosa, SC Member.

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST (Biodiversity International)

08:30 – 10:00 [ITEM 12] SPIA REPORT

Jim Ryan, SPIA Chair.

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 [ITEM 13] SC WORKPLAN 2008/2009

12:00 – 12:30 CLOSING SESSION

Rudy Rabbinge, SC Chair.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

19:00 – 22:00 FAREWELL DINNER

RESTAURANT 'LA NAVE', Fregene, near Biodiversity.