

## SCIENCE COUNCIL OF THE CGIAR

### PROPOSED EVALUATION OF NEW CGIAR CHALLENGE PROGRAM PRE-PROPOSALS

May 31, 2007

The Group has endorsed the ExCo-12 (Madrid, May 2007) recommendation to advance the following three concept notes to the pre-proposal stage: *Climate change, agriculture and food security*; *High-value crops – fruits and vegetables*; and *Combating desertification (dryland degradation) (OASIS)*.

#### **The SC will use the following criteria to assess all forthcoming pre-proposals:**

##### **1. Quality of Science:**

- Clear definition of research objectives
- Appropriateness and scientific rigor of research methodology/approach
- Clearly defined research outputs
- Qualifications, competence, comparative advantages of the participating CGIAR Centers and their partners

##### **2. Stakeholder Involvement and CGIAR Partnerships:**

- Kinds and number of collaborative arrangements among Centers and with partner organisations (NARS, NGOs, CSOs, ARIs, private sector, development institutions) are appropriate
- Partners involvement and participation in problem identification, research planning and implementation is clear
- Coordination mechanisms are appropriate and likely to capture greater synergies and cost effectiveness
- The program has potential to contribute to capacity building of NARS partners

##### **3. Alignment with CGIAR System Priority research:**

- Addresses clearly a CGIAR System Priority or advances System Priority research through a cross-cutting approach
- The research deliverables are relevant for the specific System Priority sub-goals

##### **4. Relevance to MDGs in general and specifically to CGIAR Goals and Impact:**

- Potential to contribute to CGIAR goals
- Clearly defined mechanisms for delivery and dissemination of research outputs
- Strongly international public goods-oriented

##### **5. Magnitude and Evidence of Financial and Resource Support:**

- Evidence of donor interest and commitment

- Potential for attracting new funding

**Timeline:**

Pre-proposals should be submitted to the Science Council by email to [SC-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:SC-Secretariat@fao.org) cc. to the CGIAR Secretariat at [cgiar@cgiar.org](mailto:cgiar@cgiar.org) by September 8, 2007.