



Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to update you on some of the developments related to the change in the CGIAR and outcomes from the last few Transition Management Team (TMT) teleconferences.

Independent Science and Partnership Council

Earlier this year, the TMT commissioned an independent task group to offer recommendations to the TMT on the role and structure of the new Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC). We wanted to get an expert opinion on questions such as: what should be the size and composition of the council? how should the council operate? and what should be the selection criteria and process for membership? The task group submitted its report last week, and the TMT is now digesting its recommendations. We will share the report along with our comments in the next week or so.

Fund Development Approach

The Fund work stream group led by Ren Wang has come up with a detailed approach for getting the new Fund up and running with buy-in from the CGIAR membership. All the steps required for this work stream between now and the December CGIAR Business Meeting are clearly laid out. The TMT has provided feedback on the plan and now the Advisory Group for the Fund Framework Document is reviewing it and will provide their inputs.

Transition Plan for 2010

The TMT is also focusing on the complex issues to be faced during the real transition over the next twelve to eighteen months. A number of questions need to be addressed such as: what is the precise timing for various structures to be in place such as the Consortium Board and the Fund? how will cash flow and financial matters be managed to ensure the Centers are able to continue without any "hiccups"? and when is the right time for the TMT to disband? As we develop a clear sketch of milestones for 2010-11 we will continue to share our thoughts and seek inputs from you.

The Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development

The TMT has been working to ensure momentum is maintained in the Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD) process timeline. Discussions within the regional fora are beginning to get underway with the recent launch of a review of priorities and key issues. Face-to-face consultations have been scheduled for October. Additionally, colleagues involved in the GCARD process and colleagues working on the Strategic Results Framework and Mega-programs consultations are working together to coordinate those consultation processes.

More news to come, as we progress: In the meantime, feel free to email us at TMT@cgiar.org with feedback, questions, suggestions or ideas or post them on the Transition Management Team journal updates blog space at <http://cgiarchangemanagement.wordpress.com/category/tmt-journal-updates/>

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