

Transition Management Team

Progress Report on Implementation

December 2008

The CGIAR approved, in principle, the document *A Revitalized CGIAR—A New Way Forward: The Integrated Reform Proposal* at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Maputo Mozambique.

A small Transition Management Team (TMT) was established and tasked with providing leadership to keep the transition process on track, including the establishment and functioning of the Consortium and the CGIAR Fund. In implementing the transitional arrangements, the TMT will articulate the next level of detail of the reform. It will ensure that each proposed changes adds value to a new and improved CGIAR that is more effective in delivering positive development outcomes and higher impacts on poverty and hunger.

Below are the key activities related to the CGIAR transition phase in December 2008:

1. The TMT had its kickoff meeting on December 5, 2008 right after the CGIAR Annual General Meeting in Maputo, Mozambique. The TMT deliberated on the implementation phase and agreed on several work streams with timelines and deliverables as well as work stream leaderships.
2. The Alliance of CGIAR-supported Centers has established a Consortium Planning Team, which will drive the design and establishment of the Consortium. The Consortium Planning Team has started the process of securing a consulting firm that will manage the Consortium work stream.
3. GFAR has formed a task force to organize the Global Conference for Agricultural Research for Development.
4. The TMT held a teleconference on 16 December 2008 and assessed the progress of the transition.
5. The TMT has started work on expanding and further clarifying the high-level strategy in the *New Way Forward* document.
6. Discussions have taken place within the World Bank on the likely structure, composition and legal aspects of the proposed CGIAR Fund.
7. An overall draft document linking the Consortium charter and the operational procedures of the Fund is being prepared and will be presented to the TMT for discussion.

The TMT will have its next teleconference in the second week of January 2009.