

AGM07 Conclusion and Decision on Options to Streamline the EPMR Process¹

Conclusion and Decisions:

- *It is important to use the EPMR process to maintain fiduciary and accountability standards, and as a feedback mechanism for learning.*
- *The CGIAR endorsed Option 2 to maintain fiduciary and accountability standards:*
 - *CGIAR delegated to ExCo decision making responsibility on Center and Challenge Program external reviews;*
 - *Those EPMRs (and/or CPERs) that require, in ExCo's judgment, full discussion by the CGIAR should be brought to AGM;*
 - *All EPMR reports should be sent to CGIAR Membership including those not requiring full discussion at AGM as determined by ExCo;*
 - *ExCo should recommend discussion of a particular EPMR at AGM, if ExCo feels the EPMR contains either positive or negative lessons for the System;*
 - *Centers should also be given the option to request an EPMR report be discussed at AGM;*
 - *ExCo's decisions should be transmitted to the CGIAR following discussion at ExCo meetings;*
 - *EPMRs should be scheduled so that submission of the report would coincide with SC meetings to prevent undue time delays in handling EPMRs.*
- *For feedback and learning from EPMRs:*
 - *CGIAR requested the CGIAR Director to give a presentation at AGM business meeting on the common themes and issues that arise from EPMRs.*
 - *Issues that emerge from EPMRs that contain lessons for the System should be shared at the AGM stakeholders meeting. This must be done in a responsible and useful manner.*
 - *ExCo should also examine quality of the reviews as part of the feedback mechanism.*
- *CGIAR encouraged individual Members to harmonize review requirements to avoid multiple reviews, within the framework of the Paris Declaration.*

¹ Excerpt from AGM07 Business Meeting (December 5-6, 2007) Summary Record of Proceedings, January 30, 2008.