

2003 Planning Guidelines

At AGM01, The Group, during its business meeting under Agenda Item 3: CGIAR Financing Plans,

- **agreed** that with the switch from two meetings to one CGIAR meeting per year, the two-step financial planning calendar (approval of medium term work plans at MTM, followed by approval of financing plans at ICW) should be replaced by simultaneous approval of the medium term work plans and financial plans at each AGM, with major revision of a MTP requiring review and recommendation by the Science Council;
- **authorized** commissioning of the 2003 planning process, and issuance by the CGIAR Secretariat of guidelines for 2003 planning under the oversight of the Executive Council.

In this context, The World Bank has also confirmed its intent to provide matching funding at a matching rate of 8% in 2003 in context of the following Funding Policy announced at AGM01:

The Bank will continue its overall policy of supporting the CGIAR system in partnership with CGIAR's other investors, both industrialized and developing countries. The Bank's contribution will be allocated in support of two major objectives:

- *ensuring stability of CGIAR centers by providing general support to Centers and*
- *fostering dynamism by opening up the CGIAR research agenda to other partners, increasing the linkage to Bank activities and strengthening the relevance of CGIAR to the development agenda by supporting the newly launched CGIAR challenge programs.*

Over time, the larger portion will be allocated to the CGIAR challenge programs.

Proposal:

- The Secretariat will issue 2003 planning guidelines in June 2002, which confirm the continuation of existing documentation requirements for submission of the 2003-05 MTPs and 2003 financing plans by the Centers.
- In financial terms, the starting point will be the actual funding outcome for 2001.
- Centers will be expected to submit their MTPs to the System Office, and iSC as appropriate, by September 9, 2002. The System Office will consolidate the Center proposals and prepare a financing plan for 2003 by AGM02. The consolidated financing plan will be issued by September 30, 2002.

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