



# Executive Council

Sixth Meeting—Montpellier, France  
May 10-11, 2004

## Agenda Item: 8.a. Global Open Agriculture and Food University

**Background:** The Global Open Agriculture and Food University (GO-AFU) is a CGIAR initiative for open distance learning and capacity strengthening that serves developing and developed country universities (traditional and open). Its goal is to strengthen the capacity of post-graduate students, researchers, and other working professionals in food and agriculture in order to enhance agricultural development, poverty reduction, and food security. It will provide course content based on CGIAR research and professional and applied academic teaching in partnership with regional and national institutions to enhance research and analytical capacities necessary for improved food and nutrition security in developing countries. IFPRI's DG will provide highlights of this initiative.

### Supporting Document(s):

1. A CGIAR Initiative: Global Open Agriculture and Food University presentation
2. The CGIAR Initiative for a Global Open Agriculture and Food University (GO-AFU)

### Purpose of this Communication

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision

### Outcome

<input type="checkbox"/>	No further action required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved/accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional information required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referred to the next meeting
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### Comments

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