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Agenda Item 1. Opening Remarks and Welcome

Jim Godfrey, AB Chair, welcomed the meeting participants and extended a special welcome to Lynn Haight and Andrew Bennett, incoming Chairs of the World Agroforestry Center and CIFOR Boards, respectively; and Emmy Simmons, ILRI Board Member, representing ILRI Board Chair Uwe Werblow who sent regrets earlier. Apologies were also received from Bryan Harvey and Trond Bjorndal. The attendance list is at *Annex 1*.

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Decision: The Draft Agenda (see *Annex 2*) was adopted with one revision: the item on Chair Compensation will be tabled for the next AB meeting when Bjorndal, who had proposed the item, is present.

Agenda Item 3. Confirmation of Cali Meeting Minutes

Decision: The Minutes of the Cali Meeting, approved virtually on 9 June 2006, were confirmed.

Agenda Item 4. Review of Matters Arising from the Minutes

Conflict Resolution: It was noted that this matter had been delegated to the AE for implementation and, on behalf of the Chair, the Executive Secretary will request the AE for a progress report.

Board Meetings Data: Chairs will send updated information to the Executive Secretary who will in turn update the table.

Agenda Item 5. Chair's Report

The Chair reported on his activities since the Cali Meeting, all of which are on the meeting's agenda: preparations for and participation in ExCo 10 and ExCo 11, the December 2006 Alliance meetings, and the 2006 Board Orientation Program.

Agenda Item 5.a. Centralization of the Science Program and the CGIAR

Decision(s): The AB will invite the SC to a dialogue to explore more effective and efficient ways of working together. The AB will also organize a meeting with Members to see how Center activities can be better aligned with donors' institutional priorities and thus facilitate funding. Both meetings are planned around the next Alliance meetings in April 2007.

Agenda Item 6. Finance and Budget

The AB 2007 Operating Budget was approved at the 100% level (see *Annex 3*). Reserves were included in the 2007 budget, as agreed at the Cali Meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Follow-up on Joint AB/AE Meeting

Decision(s): The AB Chair will write to the CGIAR Chair to: offer the Alliance's readiness to assist with the speedy resolution of the EU funding issue; follow-up on the Alliance request for involvement in the selection of the CGIAR Director, with the AB Chair serving as the Alliance's focal point; and request a meeting to discuss broader CGIAR issues.

AB Members will provide any additional feedback to the AB Chair on follow-up actions to the Joint AB and AE Meeting.

Lange will prepare a paper on how the Alliance can add value to the functioning of the CGIAR as a System; this will be on the agenda for the next AB Meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Working Groups – Written Reports by Chair

There were no written reports except that from the Center Governance WG. Committee/ working group memberships (AI 10) were discussed along with AI 8 and 9.

Agenda Item 8.a. Center Governance Working Group

Decision(s): The Working Group will continue to function, with Best as Lead Chair and Bjorndal and Lange as Members.

On the DG compensation table, Gregson will share information from Bioversity International that, while not presented in the exact same format, may facilitate understanding the information provided by AIARC.

Agenda Item 8.b. Program and Structural Alignment Working Group

Decision: The Committee is discontinued, with Gryseels appointed focal point for programmatic and structural alignment matters.

Agenda Item 8.c. Operationalising the Alliance Working Group

Decision: The Working Group is discontinued as there are more than enough ongoing activities at the Alliance level to move this item forward.

Agenda Item 8.d. Board Orientation Working Group

Decision: The AB will continue to conduct the Board Orientation Program, in collaboration with the CGIAR Secretariat. The Board Orientation WG will continue to function, with Godfrey as Lead Chair and Bennett and Harvey as Members; all serve on the faculty.

Agenda Item 9. Other Working Group (with no meetings since Cali)

Agenda Item 9.a. Performance Measurement Committee

Decision(s): The Committee will continue to function, with Haight as Lead Chair and Gryseels and Savidan as Members. Haight will meet with Mort Neufville for a handover briefing.

Agenda Item 9.b. Compensation Committee

Decision: The Compensation Committee is retained, with Werblow as Lead Chair.

Agenda Item 9.c. Board Nominees Committee

Decision: The Board Nominees Committee is discontinued; Godfrey will serve as focal point for board nominee process matters.

Agenda Item 9.d. Gender and Diversity Committee

Decision: The Gender and Diversity Committee is discontinued; G&D matters are handled adequately at the Alliance level.

Agenda Item 9.e. GRPC Working Group

Decision: The GRPC Working Group is retained, with Tony Gregson as Chair. It was noted that in response to the CBC's request for representation on the GRPC, Gregson was appointed by then CGIAR Chair Ian Johnson for an initial three-year term effective 01 July 2005.

Agenda Item 10. 2007 Working Groups – Chair and Membership

This item was discussed in conjunction with AI 8 and 9. Committees/ Working Groups Table is at *Annex 4*.

Agenda Item 11. Appointment of Vice Chair

Decision: Gryseels was appointed Vice Chair from 01 January 2007 and will assume the Chairmanship from 01 January 2008 for a two-year term.

Agenda Item 12. Other Business and Future Meetings

Agenda Item 12.a. Chair Compensation

Decision: This item will be tabled for the next AB Meeting when Bjorndal, who had proposed this agenda item, is present.

Agenda Item 12.b. Future Meetings

Decision: The next AB Meeting will be on 27 – 28 April 2007, the same dates agreed at Cali, but will be hosted by Bioversity International. [NB The decision to hold the next Alliance meetings at ICRISAT was revoked to allow for optimum participation.]

Closing Session

On behalf of the AB, the Chair thanked and bid farewell to outgoing Members Terry and Cropper for their invaluable contribution to the work of the Committee. He acknowledged Eugene Terry's long history in the System in various leadership capacities and noted that his good advice and sound judgment will be sorely missed. The Chair also expressed appreciation for the fresh insights Angela Cropper contributed to the Committee's deliberations. In Cropper's absence, the Chair will write to convey the Committee's thanks and appreciation for her dedicated service to the Committee, CIFOR and the CGIAR.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions to a productive meeting, wished them a fruitful AGM, and declared the meeting closed.

Decision/ Action Table

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Decision/Action	Status
2	Adoption of Agenda	The Draft Agenda was adopted with one revision: The item on Chair Compensation will be on the agenda of the next AB meeting when Bjorndal is present.	Information item.
3	Cali Meeting Summary Record, 27 Apr 2006	The Draft Summary Record of the Cali Meeting, approved virtually on 9 June 2006, was confirmed.	Posted on website.
4	Review of Cali Meeting Decisions and Actions Table	<i>Conflict Resolution:</i> The Executive Secretary will request the AE for a progress report on the appointment/training of Conciliators. <i>Board Meetings Data:</i> Chairs will submit updated table to the Executive Secretary.	<i>In progress.</i> <i>In progress.</i>
5	Chair's Report	Information-sharing.	
5.a.	Centralization of the science program and the CGIAR	The AB will request a dialogue with the Science Council to seek more effective and efficient ways of working together. The AB will organize a meeting with donors to facilitate funding.	<i>In progress.</i> <i>In progress.</i>
6.	Finance and Budget	The AB 2007 Operating Budget was approved at the 100% level.	Information item.
7.	Follow-up to Joint AB, AE Meeting	The Chair will write to the CGIAR Chair to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offer Alliance willingness and readiness to assist with the speedy resolution of the EU funding issue; - follow-up on the Alliance request for involvement in the selection of the CGIAR Director; and - request a meeting to discuss broader CGIAR issues. AB Members will provide additional feedback to the Chair on follow-up actions to the Joint AB, AE Meeting. Lange will prepare a paper on the Alliance adding value to the System; this will be on the next meeting's agenda.	Completed. <i>In progress;</i> the CGIAR Secretariat is keeping the Chair updated. <i>In progress;</i> the Chair is on the Advisory Group and Interview Panel. <i>In progress.</i> <i>In progress.</i> <i>In progress.</i>
8.a.	Center Governance WG	The WG will continue to function, with Best as Lead Chair, and Bjorndal and Lange as Members. On the DG Compensation Report, Gregson will share with the group	Information item. <i>In progress.</i>

		information from Bioversity that, while not presented in the exact same format, may facilitate understanding the report prepared by AIARC.	
8.b.	Programmatic and Structural Cooperation Committee	The Committee is discontinued, with Gryseels appointed focal point for program and structural alignment matters.	Information item.
8.c.	Operationalising the Alliance Committee	The Committee is discontinued.	Information item.
8.d.	Board Orientation WG	The AB will continue to conduct the CGIAR Board Orientation Program in collaboration with the CGIAR Secretariat. The WG is retained with Godfrey as Lead Chair, and Bennett and Harvey as Members; all serve on the Board Orientation faculty.	<i>In progress.</i> Information item.
9.a.	Performance Measurement Committee	The Committee will continue to function, with Haight as Lead Chair, and Gryseels and Savidan as Members. Haight will meet with Neufville for a handover briefing.	Information item. Completed.
9.b.	Compensation Committee	The Committee is retained, with Werblow as Lead Chair.	Information item.
9.c.	Board Nominees WG	The WG is discontinued; Godfrey will serve as focal point for board nominee process matters.	Information item.
9.d.	Gender & Diversity Committee	The Committee is discontinued.	Information item.
9.e.	GRPC WG	The WG is retained, with Tony Gregson as Chair.	Information item.
10.	2007 Committees/ Working Groups	Please see <i>Annex 4</i> .	Information item.
11.	Appointment of AB Vice Chair	Guido Gryseels was elected Vice Chair from 1 January 2007; he assumes the AB Chairmanship on 1 January 2008 for two years.	Information item.
9.c.	Other Business and Future Meetings	The agenda item "Chair Compensation" will be tabled at the next AB Meeting when Bjorndal is present. The next AB Meeting will be held on 27-28 April 2007 at Bioversity International's Maccarese Headquarters. The Chair will write to outgoing CIFOR Chair Cropper to convey the AB's appreciation for her dedicated service to the Committee.	<i>Pending.</i> Information item. Completed.

Annex 1 Attendance

<i>Africa Rice Center</i>	Gaston Grenier, Board Chair
<i>Bioversity International</i>	Tony Gregson, Board Chair
<i>CIAT</i>	Yves Savidan, Board Chair
<i>CIFOR</i>	Angela Cropper, Board Chair (for the morning session) Andrew Bennett, Board Chair-Elect
<i>CIMMYT</i>	Lene Lange, Board Chair
<i>CIP</i>	Jim Godfrey, Board Chair and AB Chair
<i>ICARDA</i>	Guido Gryseels, Board Chair
<i>ICRISAT</i>	Simon Best, Board Chair
<i>IFPRI</i>	Ross Garnaut, Board Chair
<i>ILRI</i>	Emmy Simmons, Board Member, vice Uwe Werblow
<i>IRRI</i>	Keijiro Otsuka, Board Chair
<i>IWMI</i>	Nobumasa Hatcho, Board Chair
<i>World Agroforestry Center</i>	Eugene Terry, Board Chair and AB Vice Chair Lynn Haight, Incoming Board Chair
AB Executive Secretary	Jo Hernandez

Regrets

<i>IITA</i>	Bryan Harvey, Board Chair
<i>ILRI</i>	Uwe Werblow, Board Chair
<i>WorldFish Center</i>	Trond Bjorndal, Board Chair

Annex 2 Draft Agenda

1. Opening remarks
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Minutes of the AB Meeting, 27 April 2006, CIAT
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Chair's report
 - 5.a. Discussion on the centralization of the science program and the CGIAR
6. Finance and budget
7. Follow-up on joint AB/AE meeting
8. Working Groups - Written reports by Chair:
 - 8.a. Governance Simon Best
 - 8.b. Program and structure alignment Guido Gryseels
 - 8.c. Operationalising the Alliance Gaston Grenier
 - 8.d. Board orientation Jim Godfrey
9. Other Working Groups - with no meetings since our last meeting:
 - 9.a. Performance measurement Mort Neufville
 - 9.b. Compensation Uwe Werblow
 - 9.c. Board nominees
 - 9.d. Gender & diversity Isher Ahluwalia
 - 9.e. GRPC Tony Gregson
10. 2007 Working Groups, chair and membership
11. Appointment of Vice Chair from 1 January 2007 and to be Chair for 2 years from 1 January 2008. Outgoing Chairs recommend the Vice Chair to the AB for approval.
12. Other business and Future meetings
 - 12.a. Chair compensation
 - 12.b. Future meetings

Annex 3 2007 Alliance Board Budget

		US\$
INCOME		
15 Centers @ \$6,250/Center		93,750
TOTAL INCOME		93,750
BUDGETED EXPENSES		
ExCo (2 meetings/year)		
May		
Travel		5,000
Honoraria \$350 @ 3 days		1,050
Per Diem \$250 @ 3 days		750
October		
Travel		5,000
Honoraria \$350 @ 3 days		1,050
Per Diem \$250 @ 3 days		750
AB/AE ExCom Meetings (Resource Persons only)		
Working Group participation		
GRPC Feb (Gregson)		
Travel		5,000
Honoraria \$350 @ 3 days		1,050
Per Diem \$250 @ 3 days		750
GRPC Sep (Gregson)		
Travel		5,000
Honoraria \$350 @ 3 days		1,050
Per Diem \$250 @ 3 days		750
Science Council participation (2 meetings/year)		
SC May		
Travel		5,000
Honoraria \$350 @ 3 days		1,050
Per Diem \$250 @ 3 days		750
SC Sep		
Travel		5,000
Honoraria \$350 @ 3 days		1,050
Per Diem \$250 @ 3 days		750
Underwriting Board Orientation Program		11,960

AB Committees/ Working Groups		
Performance measurement		0
Compensation		0
Board nominees		0
Gender and Diversity		0
GRPC		0
Governance		0
Program & Structural cooperation		0
Operationalising the Alliance		0
Enhancements to Board Orientation		0
Contingency		5,000
Communication (Chair)		5,000
Honoraria 20 days @\$350 (Chair)		7,000
AIARC Administrative Fee		1,200
Meeting Costs (2X per year)		13,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		83,960
AB Total Surplus/Deficit		9,790
<u>Board Orientation</u>		
<i>INCOME</i>		
Fees, BOP participants (20 participants @ \$2,500/)		50,000
AB contribution		11,960
TOTAL		61,960
<i>EXPENSES</i>		
Board Orientation Program		61,960
Board Orientation surplus/deficit		0

Annex 4 2007 Committees/ Working Groups

Committee/Working Group	Lead Chair	Focal Point	Members	AE Reps
Performance Measurement Committee	Haight	---	Savidan Gryseels	Rijsberman Zeigler
Compensation Committee	Werblow	---	NA	Optional
Board Nominees Committee	NA	Godfrey	NA	NA
GRPC	Gregson	---	NA	Frison Iwanaga
CGIAR Center Governance WG	Best	---	Bjorndal Lange	NA
Programmatic & Structural Cooperation WG	NA	Gryseels		Optional
Board Orientation WG	Godfrey	---	Bennett Harvey	NA

NB The Gender & Diversity Committee and the Working Group for Operationalising the Alliance were discontinued. The Board Nominees Committee and the Programmatic and Structural Cooperation Working Group were likewise discontinued, with focal points appointed.