

## Summary of CGIAR AGM 02 Survey Findings

### Objective

To Assist the Secretariat to obtain a better understanding of how attendees perceive the AGM and enable the Secretariat to continue to develop future AGMs.

An email inviting the recipient to undertake the online AGM survey was sent to 355 attendees of the 2002 AGM. 135 attendees responded (38%) an unusually high response rate. Responses were divided into the following categories:

Member Delegation Head  
Member Delegation Staff  
Partner Institution Representative or Staff  
Center Director or Board Chair  
Center staff for Board member  
Other

Respondent were asked to measure their level of agreement with individual statements on a scale of 1 to 6. 6 indicating strongest agreement.

### Results

Delegation heads (mean of 4.7) and delegation staff (mean of 5.0) were most likely to consider attending the AGM to be a valuable use of their time.

Delegation Heads found the visit to IRRI a very valuable use of their time (m 5.4).

Respondents clearly indicated that future AGMs should be located close to a Center to enable field visits (45.2% of all respondents). 61.1% of Delegation Heads agreed and 51% of Center Directors/Board Chairs agreed. The next most preferred choice was Washington DC for Delegation Head (27.8%) and Co sponsor or member country location for Center Directors/Board Chairs (29%).

Overall the stakeholders meeting was seen to be a valuable use of time (m 4.3) Partner Institutions (m 5.05) and Delegation staff (m 4.48) found it most valuable. Delegation Heads (m 3.94) and Center Directors/Board Chairs (m 3.60) least valuable.

Overall the Business meeting was seen to be valuable use of time (m 4.4) with significant differences between categories of respondents. Partner Institutions, Member Delegation staff considered the meeting most valuable (m 4.9), Delegation Heads found it valuable (m 4.4) and Center Directors / Board Chairs found it least valuable (m 3.3).

64% of all respondents indicated they would prefer the Business Meeting last two days. 53.8% of Delegation Heads voted for 2 days and 38.5% voted for one and a half days. 72% of Center Director / Board Chairs preferred 2 days and 33.3% indicated one and a half days to be their preference.

70.6% of respondents overall indicated they would prefer the Stakeholders meeting ran for two full days. However, only 56.3% of Delegation Heads would prefer a two day meeting, 63% of Center Directors, 66% of partner institutions and 83.9% of Center Staff / Board members.

There was overall agreement (m 4.2) that ExCo had a positive impact on decision making (Delegation Heads m 4.43; Center Directors/Board Chairs m 3.36) but less agreement that the decision making process in the Business meeting was effective (all respondents m 3.1; Delegation heads m 3.07, Center Directors/Board Chairs m 2.27).