



**Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)**

**Annual General Meeting 2003  
Nairobi, Kenya**

***STAKEHOLDER MEETING***  
**October 29 – 30, 2003**

**Agenda Item 6. Stakeholder Interaction on Key Issues**

(b) Stakeholder Consultations:

- (i) Future of CGIAR's Partnership Committees;
- (ii) Design of Challenge Program on Sub-Saharan Africa

**Background/Process:**

- (i) At AGM02, the CGIAR agreed to have an external review of CGIAR's Partnership Committees (Private Sector and NGO). Key questions asked by the review were: 1) How successful have the Committees been in achieving their mission? and 2) Are there alternative ways in which the CGIAR could achieve the committees' mission more efficiently? The review sought the views of the CGIAR members, centers, civil society groups, the private sector, and "client" countries. The panel chair will present the panel's preliminary findings for comments.
- (ii) The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) initiated and led the development of a challenge program proposal for Sub-Saharan Africa, "Building Sustainable Livelihoods through Integrated Agricultural Research for Development." The proposal was vetted by the CGIAR interim Science Council (iSC). In its commentary, the iSC offered a number of recommendations on the design of the program. This session provides a forum for discussion of FARA's response to the recommendations and plans to move forward.

**Document:**

1. Parallel Session B Draft Program

**Comments:**