

Summary of ExCo 10 Discussion and Conclusions to the CGIAR on Report from the Centers¹

CBC (AB) Matters

CBC (AB) Chair Jim Godfrey informed ExCo that the Center BOTs have unanimously agreed to the Principles and Protocols of the Alliance and have requested that the CGIAR Charter be adjusted to reflect this development

CDC (AE) Matters

Frank Rijsberman, speaking on behalf of CDC (AE) Chair Joachim Voss, noted that the Center Directors General have been discussing the numerous and diverse performance assessment processes currently in place and considering how these might best be made more coherent and efficient.

He noted that the Centers had expressed a desire to be involved in the discussion on funding of the Priorities. He raised the idea of establishing an outcome contracting system by which Centers would contract with donors to deliver specific outcomes over a period of 3-5 years. While the risk of this approach is that it might serve to restrict core funding, it might also allow donors to direct restricted funds to outcomes and reduce transaction costs, while enabling Centers to focus on Priorities and maintain a longer term funding horizon. Centers would like this idea to be discussed during the donor coordination forum to be held at AGM06.

The CGIAR Director welcomed the formation of the Alliance and confirmed that the Charter will be amended to reflect these recent changes and noted that at AGM05 the CGIAR requested ExCo to consider the question of Alliance membership on ExCo and at AGM. He suggested that the CGIAR Secretariat should prepare a short piece on this issue.

Discussion:

- Some members stated that they shared the analysis of the CGIAR Secretariat and indeed believed that it is the right time for examining ExCo's role and architecture considering significant evolution in the CGIAR in recent years.
- Formation of the Alliance was welcomed and it was clarified that there is no intention by Centers to form a legal entity at this time but that decisions of the Alliance would be binding on all Centers.

Conclusions:

- *ExCo welcomed progress made by the Alliance.*
- *The CGIAR Charter will be amended to reflect the formation of the Alliance, according to established procedures.*

¹ Excerpt from Tenth Meeting of the CGIAR Executive Council (May 17-18, 2006) Summary Record of Proceedings, June 8, 2006.

- *Alliance membership on ExCo and representation at AGM will be addressed by ExCo either at ExCo 11 or virtually, following preparation of a short issues paper by the CGIAR Secretariat.*