

December 2011

Message from the Executive Secretary

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

When the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness was held in Busan, South Korea, from November 29 - December 1, donors and developing countries reaffirmed their commitment to inclusiveness, transparency, results, and untied aid—the very principles that the new CGIAR has incorporated into its strategy to manage funding and donor involvement. At the forefront of this strategy is a multilateral approach to funding, which many of our donors have adopted.

Since the CGIAR Fund opened one year ago, in December 2010, donors have already contributed about half of their overall funding to the CGIAR multilaterally, through the Fund. Of that, about 80 percent is untied aid—evidence of the multilateral approach in action. As the Fund continues to grow, our goal is to ensure that the proportion of untied aid also continues to increase, thereby maximizing donor harmonization. Funding itself, of course, will also have to increase. The CGIAR's proposed research programs will require at least \$1 billion in funding per year by 2013, which is just over one year away.



As the CGIAR Fund marks its first, successful year of existence, we would like to recognize the unfailing contributions of all our donors, for which we're extremely grateful. We appreciate not only your financial commitments, but also what they represent: faith in CGIAR research and its proven potential for eradicating poverty, hunger, and malnutrition in a sustainable, efficient, and effective way. We're confident that the CGIAR will continue to be a "best bet" for investors who are committed to achieving global food security.

Thank you very much, and happy holidays,

Jonathan Wadsworth,
Executive Secretary, CGIAR Fund Council

Highlights from the Sixth Fund Council Meeting

During its meeting in Rome on November 8-9, the Fund Council approved the CGIAR Research Program (CRP) 5 on Water, Land and Ecosystems. Two other CRPs were given conditional approval: CRP 3.5 (Grain Legumes: Leveraging Legumes to Combat Poverty, Hunger, Malnutrition and Environmental Degradation) and CRP 3.6 (Dryland Cereals: A Global Alliance for Improving Food Security, Nutrition and Economic Growth for the World's Most Vulnerable Poor). CRP 1.1 (Dryland Systems: Integrated Agricultural Production Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable in Dry Areas) received unconditional approval for the inception phase and conditional approval of the overall program and budget. The Fund Council also agreed to develop metrics for

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State of Play: CGIAR Research Programs, as of Dec. 12, 2011

CGIAR Research Program (CRP) Proposal Title		Lead Center	FC Decision, Category & Status	Total Budget (in \$m)	Status of Disbursements: Windows 1 & 2
CRP 1.1	Dryland Systems: Integrated Agricultural Production Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable in Dry Areas	ICARDA	Unconditional approval of inception phase & conditional approval of overall program & budget on 9-Nov-11	122.7	Pending CPA completion
CRP 1.2	Humidtropics: Integrated Systems for the Humid Tropics	IITA	CAT III Proposal requested for re-submission		TBD
CRP 1.3	Harnessing the Development Potential of Aquatic Agricultural Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable	WorldFish	CAT I Approved on 8-Jul-11	59.5	Disbursed \$3.9m as of 7-Dec-11
CRP 2	Policies, Institutions, and Markets to Strengthen Food Security and Incomes for the Rural Poor	IFPRI	CAT II Revised proposal and ISPC comments sent to FC for virtual approval	265.6	TBD
CRP 3.1	WHEAT – Global Alliance for Improving Food Security and the Livelihoods of the Resource-poor in the Developing World	CIMMYT	CAT I Approved on 14-Oct-11	227.5	Pending CPA completion
CRP 3.2	MAIZE – Global Alliance for Improving Food Security and the Livelihoods of the Resource-poor in the Developing World	CIMMYT	CAT I Approved on 6-Apr-11	238	Payment request of \$6.08m received
CRP 3.3	GRISP – A Global Rice Science Partnership	IRRI	CAT I Approved on 1-Nov-10	593.4	Disbursed \$31.32m as of Dec 12, 2011
CRP 3.4	Roots, Tubers and Bananas for Food Security and Income	CIP	CAT I Approved on 15-Nov-11	182.8	Pending CPA completion
CRP 3.5	Grain Legumes: Leveraging Legumes to Combat Poverty, Hunger, Malnutrition and Environmental Degradation	ICRISAT	CAT II Approved on 9-Nov-11	138.1	TBD
CRP 3.6	Dryland Cereals: A Global Alliance for Improving Food Security, Nutrition and Economic Growth for the World's Most Vulnerable Poor	ICRISAT	CAT II Approved on 9-Nov-11	78.8	TBD
CRP 3.7	More Meat, Milk and Fish by and for the Poor	ILRI	CAT I Approved on 8-Jul-11	99.6	CPA signed. No payment request received.
CRP 4	Agriculture for Improved Nutrition and Health	IFPRI / ILRI	CAT II Revised proposal and ISPC comments sent to FC for virtual approval	191.4	TBD
CRP 5	Water, Land and Ecosystems	IWMI	CAT I Approved on 9-Nov-11	246.3	Pending CPA completion
CRP 6	Forests, Trees and Agroforestry: Livelihoods, Landscapes and Governance	CIFOR	CAT I Approved on 6-Apr-11	232.9	Disbursed \$11.1m as of Nov 2011
CRP 7	Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS)	CIAT	CAT I Approved on 2-Nov-10	392.6	Disbursed \$36.2m as of Dec 12, 2011
	Genebanks Funding Proposal	Consortium Office	CAT I Approved on 6-Apr-11	15.2	Disbursed \$13.08m in Nov 2011
	Funding Stability	Consortium Office	CAT I Approved on 4-Jul-11	102.6	Disbursed \$57.6m as of Oct 2011. Payment request of \$25m received.

Donor Commitments to the CGIAR Fund

As of December 12, 25 donors have started or completed Contribution Agreements/Arrangements (CAs). A few of these donors have also completed amendments to their original CAs to make additional contributions.

Contributions by donors who have initiated or completed the CA process

> US\$ 50 million

United Kingdom
World Bank

US\$ 10-50 million

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Norway
Russia
Sweden
Switzerland
United States

< US\$ 10 million

Australia
China
Denmark
France
IDRC
Ireland
Italy
Korea
Luxembourg
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Portugal
South Africa
Spain
Turkey

Funding Flows (in US\$ million) to the CGIAR Fund as of December 12, 2011¹

	Received as of Dec.12, 2011	Confirmed ¹	Additional expected funding by Dec.30, 2011 ²	Total
Window 1	212	44	24	280
Window 2	35	3	16	54
Window 3	63	4	20	87
Provisional	20	11	-	31
Total Inflows	330	62	60	452
Outflows	(224)			
Fund Balance	106			

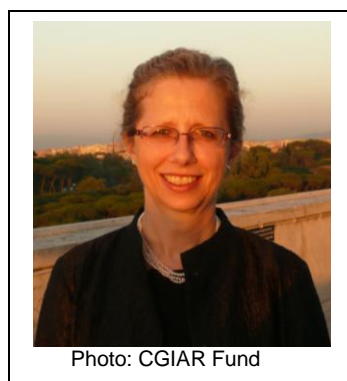
¹ Contribution Agreements already signed or in process.

² Based on estimated indications from on-going communications with donors.

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measuring efficiency gains; discussed mechanisms to increase the stability, reliability, and predictability of funding; and elected Rachel Kyte, World Bank Vice President for Sustainable Development, as the new Chair of the Fund Council. For a summary of the proceedings and meeting documents, please see: http://www.cgiarfund.org/cgiarfund/6th_fund_council_meeting. The next Fund Council meeting will be held on March 6-7 at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, Washington.

Inger Andersen Recognized for Dedicated Service



In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the CGIAR, outgoing Fund Council Chair Inger Andersen was presented with a scroll of appreciation at the conclusion of the 6th Fund Council Meeting. On behalf of the Council members and the CGIAR and its stakeholders, Jonathan Wadsworth, Executive Secretary of the Fund Council, thanked Inger for her leadership and commitment throughout the implementation of reforms, and for securing harmonized funding for the global priorities outlined in the new CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs). During her 18-month tenure, most of the CRPs were approved and the Fund grew substantially, positioning the CGIAR to aggressively pursue its goal of eradicating poverty and hunger.

News Bytes

CGIAR Reform Featured at the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF4)

The video “Voices for Change” was selected for exhibition at the HLF4 in Busan, South Korea (November 29- December 1) to illustrate how changes within the CGIAR have led to an increased focus on impact-driven research and better results. Following a competitive selection process, the reform of the CGIAR was also showcased at a run-up event to the Busan Forum at the World Bank in October, highlighting the CGIAR’s success in increasing the transparency, predictability, and accountability of funding for the benefit of the poor.

Celebration of the CGIAR’s 40th Anniversary at FAO

On December 2, the FAO hosted a high-level event in Rome to celebrate the CGIAR’s impressive accomplishments of the past four decades. Speaking at the celebration, Jonathan Wadsworth noted that investment in agricultural research needs to increase substantially, and become more stable, reliable, and predictable if we are to meet the challenges of the next 40 years. Emphasizing the importance of a multilateral approach to funding, he said “how” we invest is as important as “how much.” And “how soon” we can finance the pursuit of technological solutions will determine whether everyone’s right to food is finally guaranteed.

CGIAR Fund Council Chair Speaks at Forest Day

On the sidelines of the UN climate change conference in Durban, South Africa, Fund Council Chair Rachel Kyte spoke at the 5th annual Forest Day to help launch the new CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry.

“With this new research program we can create powerful collaborations to make a major contribution toward greater food security and climate stability,” Kyte said. “We must be ambitious and drive innovation, adopt new methods, form new partnerships, and create more capacity if we are to close the time gap between research discoveries and their impact in real-world settings,” she added.



Rachel Kyte in Durban. Photo courtesy of CIFOR.

Chatham House Hosts “Food Security 2011: Transforming the Food Production System”

On December 14-15, business leaders and representatives from the private sector, governments, multilateral agencies, and non-governmental organizations are gathering in London for a conference on making the agricultural system more productive, efficient, resilient, and environment-friendly. During the conference, Jonathan Wadsworth will present on “Prioritizing and Delivering Investment in Agricultural Productivity.”

CGIAR Events in 2012

Seventh CGIAR Fund Council Meeting, March 2012, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, Washington

GCARD II, October 29-November 1, 2012, Punta del Este, Uruguay

Funders Forum, October 31, 2012, Punta del Este, Uruguay

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