

CGIAR 6th Fund Council Meeting (FC6), IFAD, Rome- Italy, 8-9 November 2011

Dr. Ibrahim Hamdan, the Executive Secretary participated in the Meeting in which AARINENA represented the regional fora in the CGIAR 6th Fund Council (FC). Meeting was held at IFAD, Italy from 8-9 November 2011. At the opening session, the Fund Council Chair, Dr. Inger Andersen opened the meeting and welcomed the Council Members. The Executive Secretary of the Fund Council, Dr. Jonathan Wadsworth, and Head of the Fund Office (FO) presented a report on FO achievements since July 2011. Dr. Jonathan provided an update on the expected flow of funds where 24 donors have completed their contribution agreements, and five countries agreed to multi-year funding through the Fund. Consortium Board (CB) Chair, Dr. Carlos Perez del Castillo updated the Fund Council on Consortium activities focusing on developments since the July 2011 Fund Council Meeting. Director of Finance and Corporate Services at the Consortium Office, Dr. Gordon MacNeil presented the 2011 financing update and the 2012 Consortium Research Programmes (CRP) Financing Plan. The meeting discussed and adopted the following recommendations:

- The Fund Council approved the 2012 budgets of the Four System Units, i.e. the Consortium, the Fund Office, ISPC and the Trustee as presented.
- The budgets of the three System level entities i.e. the Consortium, the Fund Office and the ISPC will be capped at the 2012 level.
- An annotated activity level budget for 2012 will be provided by the Consortium Office, the Fund Office and the ISPC Secretariat prior to the Fund Council Meeting.
- The Peer Review Team will review the draft efficiency measurements and budget template with annotated commentary.

- It is expected that the draft templates would be approved at the March meeting, at which time the System level entities that will track these efficiencies will be determined.

With regards to the CRPs, the participants deeply discussed and adopted the following recommendations:

- CRP1.1 Proposal on Dryland Systems: Unconditional approval for the inception phase and use of portion of the proposed budget; Lead Center ICARDA with a total budget of US\$ million 10. Conditional approval of the overall program and remaining budget, with a total budget of US\$ million 112.725.
- CRP1.2 Proposal on Integrated Systems for the Humid Tropics; Category III– Request re-submission with substantial revisions; Lead Center: International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) with a total budget of US\$ million 144.418 for 3 years.
- CRP3.5 Proposal on Grain Legumes: Enhance Food and Feed Security, Nutritional Balance, etc.; Category II - Approval with conditions; Lead Center: International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT (with a total budget of US\$ million 138.119 for 3 years.
- CRP3.6 Proposal on Dryland Cereals: Food Security and Growth for the World's Most Vulnerable Poor; Category II - Approval with conditions; Lead Center: ICRISAT with a total budget of US\$ million 78.814 for 3 years.
- CRP5 Proposal on Water, Land and Ecosystems; Category I – Approval with light adjustments; Lead Center: International Water Management Institute (IWMI) with a total budget of US\$ million 246.253 for 3 years.