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GPP Evaluation: situation report

Situation Report on the process for the evaluation of the Global Partnership Programme mechanism

The GFAR Steering Committee Meeting held in Entebbe, Uganda on 8 June 2005 approved the proposed process for the conduction of the Global Partnership Programme with some minor adjustments; these were incorporated into the Terms of Reference document. The steps taken since the Entebbe Steering Committee Meeting include the following:

- a) **Review of draft ToR and circulation.** Following the Entebbe meeting, the draft ToR for the review were shared with current and future GPP practitioners. Useful feedback was received, and in particular from personnel associated with PROLINNOVA. The consultants will consider the subsidiary review questions that have been suggested when they prepare the final evaluation framework during the planning phase (see below).
- b) **Contact with and hiring of consultants.** A number of names of potential candidates had been proposed for the review. A reduced list of six of these candidates was established and the persons contacted, enquiring about their interests and availability to participate in the review. The following two have agreed to undertake the evaluation: i) Julian Gonsalves, who is currently a freelance development consultant, and was for eight years the Director of the Appropriate Technology Unit (ATU) and seven years the Vice President-Program of the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR). He has been a member of a number of evaluation teams for global and regional projects and programmes, including the CGIAR. ii) Oumar Niangado, who currently works for the Syngenta Foundation in Mali. Previously, Oumar was Director General of the Institut d'Economie Rurale (IER) of Mali for six years. These two persons complement each other well: the one with an NGO background and strong participatory planning and implementation skills, the other with a strong NARS research background, with experience in management, and currently a close association with the private sector.
- c) **Initiation of literature review and collection of documents.** The GFAR Secretariat has initiated the process of collecting together relevant background documents both on the GPP origins and evolution as well as the CGAIR Challenge Programmes. An initial set of documents was forwarded to the consultants. This task is being greatly facilitated by the arrival of Steve Crittenden, a Canadian volunteer supported by the Canadian Farmers' Association.
- d) **Presentation to the GFAR Management Team.** An up-date on progress of the review was presented to the members of GFAR's Management Team in their meeting on 8 September 2005. A request was made to the Management Team to modify the schedule of the review, in which an interim report would be provided to the Steering Committee in Marrakech, the information gathering and experience sharing workshop held at the end of January and the final report delivered at the end of February. These modifications were requested to a)

accommodate the plans of the two consultants and (b) to ensure that the most appropriate persons are available to partake in the workshop.

- e) **Organisation of the planning phase for the evaluation.** The planning phase for the evaluation took place in Rome on 12-14 September when the consultants spent three days with the GFAR Secretariat team to achieve the following:
- Review the key questions for the review and the comments provided by GPP practitioners. Prepare the analytical framework for the evaluation and decide on the methods required to generate the relevant information.
 - Develop the tools for collecting the required information (questionnaires for key informants, telephone interviews, literature review, field visit, workshop, etc.).
 - Plan the information-gathering phase.
- During this planning phase, Christian Hoste joined the meetings with the consultants to share the ‘institutional memory’ of how the concept of the GPP evolved and was initially implemented. The consultants also met with Irmgard Hoeschle-Zeledon of the Global Facilitation Unit of the Under-utilised Species GPP and staff of the CGIAR Science Council.
- f) **Field trip to PROLINNOVA sites.** Contact with the on-going GPP (PROLINNOVA, DMC and UUS) has confirmed that only PROLINNOVA would offer appropriate field visit opportunities. Ann Waters Bayer presented a short list of potential sites to be visited. In consultation with the consultants, it was decided that Oumar Niangado would visit Uganda and Julian Gonsalves would visit Nepal and Cambodia. The visits to Uganda and Nepal have already taken place.
- g) **Information gathering from different stakeholder groups.** The consultants have prepared an e-mail questionnaire that has been sent to present and prospective donors, GPP conveners, regional forum personnel, and other key resource persons. Use will also be made of the GFAR Statutory Meetings to gather information from other key persons that have been associated with the GPP process. Julian Gonsalves will be present at these meetings. Rupert Best and Julian Gonsalves will report on progress and preliminary findings at the GFAR Steering Committee meeting on Saturday 3 December.
- h) **Information gathering and experience sharing workshop.** This tool for gathering information relevant for the review process is considered key in achieving high level of ownership of the results of the evaluation, as well as achieving a better product through building on and sharing experiences among GPP practitioners. Therefore it will serve a purpose beyond the strict needs of the evaluation itself. The workshop is schedule for 26-28 January 2006.
- i) **Final report preparation.** Following the workshop, the final report will be delivered by 28 February, and then be circulated to the GPP practitioners and key resource persons for comment before finalisation and submission to the Steering Committee.