

**Minutes of the first meeting of the CRP-GLDC Independent Advisory Committee (GLDC-IAC)
held on 6 September 2018 from 4 to 5 p.m. through Bluejeans Video Conferencing System**

Present:

S. No.	Name	GLDC-IAC role
1	Dr Ian Barker, Head, Agricultural Partnerships, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture	Chair
2	Dr May-Guri Saethre, Deputy Director General - Research for Development (R4D), IITA	Member
3	Dr Michael Battaglia, Research Director, Agriculture And Global Change, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Member
4	Dr Uma Sah, Principal Scientist (Agcl. Extension), ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR)	Member
5	Dr Geoffrey Heinrich, Senior Technical Advisor, Agriculture Livelihoods and Environment, CRS	Member
6	Dr Mariame Maiga, Regional Adviser Gender and Social Development, West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development CORAF/WECARD	Member
7	Dr Etienne Hainzelin, Advisor of CIRAD CEO and Visiting Professor, University of Ottawa (Canada), CIRAD	Member
8	Dr Jane Ininda, Associate Program Director, Emerging Initiatives, AGRA	Member
9	Dr Ravi Prabhu, Deputy Director General – Research, ICRAF	Member
10	Dr Devra Jarvis, Principal Scientist Agrobiodiversity & Ecosystem Services Programme, Bioversity International	Member
11	Dr Peter Carberry, Director, CRP-GLDC	Secretary

Apologies:

S. No.	Name	CRP GLDC role
1	Dr David Bergvinson (ICRISAT, India)	Member (on medical leave), represented by Dr Peter Carberry as Director General (Acting), ICRISAT
2	Dr Jacques Wery (ICARDA, Morocco)	Member

The following items were discussed and action points were agreed:

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dr Peter Carberry welcomed the IAC members and introduced Dr Ian Barker, Chair (GLDC-IAC) to them. The Chair requested the members to introduce themselves and declare conflict of interest, if any. No conflict of interest was reported. It was suggested to revisit the ToR of the IAC in the forthcoming meeting on 17 October 2018.

Action point: Revision of the ToR to be included in the agenda of the IAC meeting to be held on 17 October 2018.

2. GLDC Overview

Dr Peter Carberry gave an overview of the GLDC and apprised the members of the progress made so far.

Action point: Presentation made by Dr Carberry to be shared with IAC.

3. Updates

Ms Neena Jacob, Program Manager (CRP-GLDC) gave a brief update on the following:

a. Plan of Work & Budget (PoWB)

Total budget allocation for the year 2018 is USD 7.93M. 81% of the total budget was disbursed for activities of core partners, 6% was allocated for GLDC Innovation Fund (non-CGIAR) and 13% was allocated for the PMU, which includes operational budget for IAC, RMC, Communication activities and for Financial and administrative support in addition to PMU staff and operational cost. The PoWB is available online http://crp-gldc.icrisat.org/GLDC_POWB-Final.pdf, which was shared with the IAC in advance.

b. Program Participant Agreements (PPAs)

Funds disbursement to Institutions was done through PPAs. All PPAs have been signed and funds have been released to all Centres except IRD as their invoice is still awaited.

c. Innovation Fund (IF)

Details of IF allocation along with criteria were shared with the IAC in advance. Total 42 nominations were received. Based on the criteria, 14 nominations were shortlisted for inviting concept notes with work plan. 13 concept notes qualified for IF and one was disapproved as the proposed outcome was not fully aligned with the proposed activity and didn't meet any of the IF criteria. It was suggested to discuss the IF criteria and selection process in the forthcoming IAC meeting on 17 October.

Action point: IF Criteria to be included in the agenda of the IAC meeting to be held on 17 October 2018.

d. Sponsorships

Details of sponsored events were shared with IAC in advance. For 2018, USD 100K have been allocated to co-sponsor relevant events and to sponsor NARS participations in these events for their capacity development. An amount of USD 59,180 has already been invested in sponsorships.

e. Partnerships

Dr Carberry briefly shared that the partnerships are being developed through FP leaders which is critical to maximise the impact of GLDC. Partnership engagement needs to be further strengthened with NARS, SROs, ARIs, NGOs and Private sector to tap into the available resources and connections, and for leveraging those connections for scaling successful innovations across South Asia and Sub-Saharan African region.

4. Current Issues

a. Resubmission of FP2 proposal to SMB

Dr Carberry gave an update on the re-writing of the FP2 proposal. SMB September meeting will clarify the Board's intent as to if and when they will issue an invitation for resubmission of proposal of FP2 for GLDC. If approved, FP2 will run from 2019 to 2022. Dr Carberry requested Dr Michael Battaglia to apprise the member of the progress being made in revising the FP2 proposal by CSIRO. Dr Geoffrey Heinrich offered to share a recent report USAID on the successful scaling of agricultural technologies which may be useful in strengthening the FP2 proposal. Dr Carberry requested the IAC to give feedback on the FP2 proposal.

Action point: FP2 revised proposal and the USAID report to be shared with IAC for their feedback and comments

b. Revised proposal for Common Bean FP

A copy of the revised proposal for Common Bean FP was shared with the IAC in advance. Dr Carberry informed the IAC that the Common Bean proposal by CIAT received a weak rating from SMB. Common Bean proposal has already been revised for re-submission. GLDC wasn't involved in the revision process of the Common Bean proposal however feedback was sought from CRP-GLDC. It was suggested by the Chair to have a wider discussion on the Common Bean proposal in the forthcoming meeting on 17 October 2018, for which a representative of CIAT should be invited to the meeting.

Action Point: Common Bean proposal discussion to be included in the agenda of the IAC meeting to be held on 17 October 2018 and invitation to attend the GLDC-IAC meeting to be extended to CIAT.

Agenda item 5 (GLDC Comms) and item 6 (F2F IAC & RMC meeting) were not discussed due to lack of time.

The meeting ended on time with a vote of thanks to the Chair.