

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the  
CRP-GLDC Independent Advisory Committee (GLDC-IAC)  
held on 12 March 2019 from 3-4 PM through BlueJeans Video Conferencing System**

**1. Attendance**

S. No.	Name	Role in GLDC-IAC
1	Dr Ian Barker, Head, Agricultural Partnerships, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture	Chair
2	Dr Peter Carberry, Director General, ICRISAT	Member
3	Dr Jacques Wery, Deputy Director General – Research, ICARDA	Member
4	Dr Geoffrey Heinrich, Senior Technical Advisor, Agriculture Livelihoods and Environment, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Member
5	Dr Mariame Maiga, Regional Adviser Gender and Social Development, West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development CORAF/WECARD	Member
6	Dr Etienne Hainzelin, Advisor of CIRAD CEO and Visiting Professor, University of Ottawa (Canada), CIRAD	Member
7	Dr Jane Ininda, Associate Program Director, Emerging Initiatives, AGRA	Member
8	Dr Arega Alene, Agricultural Economist, IITA	Representing Dr May-Guri Saethre, Deputy Director General - Research for Development (R4D), IITA
9	Dr Kiran K Sharma, Director, CRP-GLDC	Secretary

Apologies:

S. No.	Name	Role in GLDC-IAC
1	Dr Ravi Prabhu, Deputy Director General – Research, ICRAF	Member
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 Devra Jarvis, Principal Scientist Agrobiodiversity & Ecosystem Services Programme, Bioversity International	Member

## 2. Welcome and Introduction

Ian Barker, Chair, welcomed the members to the third meeting of GLDC-IAC. He shared the agenda items of the meeting with the members and introduced the new IAC Secretary, Kiran K Sharma (Director, CRP-GLDC). Minutes of the second meeting held on 17-19 October 2018 were endorsed by the IAC.

## 3. SMO Stretch Funding Target

Kiran Sharma mentioned that CRP-GLDC received information about the Stretch Funding Target cut on 3 Jan 2019 from SMO, which was further communicated to all the participating institutions. The Stretch Funding Target cut affected the approved funding of 7.927M for 2018 by 10.166%. The final receipt of funds for 2018 was closed at 7.121M.

## 4. GLDC Updates

Kiran Sharma gave a brief update on the progress made by CRP-GLDC since last IAC meeting held in October 2018.

- **Annual Report**

CRP-GLDC is in the process of writing its first annual report. The draft report will be circulated to IAC for review.

**Action Point:**

- PMU to send draft report to IAC for review*
- IAC to provide its feedback to PMU*

- **Plan of Work and Budget (PoWB) 2019**

PMU submitted its PoWB for 2019 to SMO on time; 15 January 2019. Ian Barker added that FP2 remains unfunded as indicated by SMB, although there is still a scope to resubmit the FP2 proposal and he intends to take this discussion forward with SMB. In the last meeting, it was agreed to create a new cross-cutting horizontal activity on Markets and Partnerships in Agri-Business (MPAB) which will aim to achieve the same impact as of FP2. MPAB has already been introduced in PoWB 2019 and US\$ 250,000 (contributed by other FPs on pro-rata basis) has been allocated for the implementation of key activities planned under FP2. Kiran Sharma pointed out that FP2 is still being shown as part of the CRP-GLDC on its website as W3/Bilateral projects are still being mapped to FP2.

- **Budget Allocation for 2019**

The approved funding for 2019 is 8.50 M, and activity budget allocation has already been done to all the participating institutions.

- **Program Participant Agreement (PPAs)**

ILRI has already been allocated activity budget for 2019 for which a PPA is being signed. PPAs signed in 2018 with other participating institutions are valid till 2022. The activity budget for 2019 will be formally communicated to all the participating institutions as addendum to the PPA.

- **Sponsorships 2019**

A budget of 100K has been allocated for capacity building of NARS by sponsoring their participation in relevant global events and for positioning of GLDC. PMU has already committed US\$ 38,000 for the following events:

- 13th International Conference on Dryland Development: Converting Dryland Areas from Grey to Green (ICDD) in Jodhpur, India from 11-14 February 2019
- Beating Famine Sahel III Conference, Mali from 26-28 February 2019
- SAARC Regional Consultation Meeting on Pulses Value Chain Development for achieving Food and Nutrition Security in South Asia from 17-19 April 2019, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
- 15th World Congress on Parasitic Plants, 30 June - 5 July 2019, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 6th Asian PGPR International Conference for Sustainable Agriculture from 18-22 August 2019, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 8th Asian-Oceanian Symposium on Plant Lipids (ASPL) from 19-22 November 2019, Canberra, Australia

- **Innovation Fund (IF)**

CRP-GLDC invested US\$ 480,000 in the IF in 2018 and will invest US\$ 515,000 in 2019.

The criteria set for the IF in the CRP-GLDC proposal was reviewed by the RMC. No major comments were received. RMC proposed that the IF grant may be extended to those activities which were supported through IF grant in 2018. It was pointed out by IAC that PMU prepares an analysis as to how the IF grant was distributed across FPs since the areas of innovations were directly linked to individual FP.

IAC members proposed the following to leverage those institutions who are already part of the GLDC partners' network:

- i. IF call for concept notes along with criteria guidelines to be extended to the IAC member for inviting larger participation from the partners.
- ii. Funding for IF to be increased for which CRP-GLDC should explore other options to raise additional funds to expand and explore new innovation areas.

**Action:**

- i. *PMU to share the criteria guidelines and the template with IAC for inviting Concept Notes and extend the submission timeline of 10 days.*
- ii. *PMU to share analysis of IF grant 2018 distribution across FPs.*

## **5. Status of FP6: Common Bean for Markets and Nutrition**

CIAT is yet to respond to the queries raised by the CRP-GLDC relating to the integration cost, management and reporting obligation through MEL. FP6 was not included in the PoWB 2019, since a formal communication from SMO is still awaited.

## **6. Recommendations for CRP-GLDC Management**

Ian Barker mentioned that the review of CRP-GLDC management is underway. He has received a briefing paper from Peter Carberry with a brief analysis of governance mechanism of other CRPs. The briefing paper outlines three scenarios - GLDC Director @ 20%; Part-time Director @ 40%; and full-time Director. The analysis of other CRPs management indicates that in general, other CRPs have full time Director with an exception of CRP-Maize and CRP-Wheat, which are led by full-time Global Heads with the support of a Program Manager shared by both CRPs. Ian Barker

indicated that he will be sharing the briefing paper along with his views with the Governance Committee (Ravi Prabhu, Devra Jarvis and Jacques Wery) for further consultation. The proposed recommendation will be shared with all the IAC members before they are proposed to the Governing Board of ICRISAT on 12 April 2019.

**Action:**

- i. *Ian Barker to submit the final recommendation for the ICRISAT Board by 24 March 2019*
- ii. *PMU to share the format/template with Ian Barker for his presentation to the Governing Board.*

**7. AOB**

- Feedback from Centres on management of CRP-GLDC by ICRISAT

Ian Barker invited feedback from the CG Centres on the management of GLDC by ICRISAT. The feedback received was positive; Centres are pleased with the way GLDC functions, its engagement with partners in a broad range of activities, the collaborative approach it has adopted, and Centres feel optimistic in delivering the GLDC agenda.

It was highlighted that GLDC real success is the AVISA project, funded by BMGF in collaboration with CIAT, IITA and ICRISAT for modernising crop improvement for 5 GLDC crops; groundnut, pearl millet, sorghum, and cowpea for IITA and common bean for CIAT. It's a W3 allocation mapped to GLDC with 20% allocation for partners and 20% for seed systems.

- Fall Armyworm: GLDC to play leadership role

It was informed that CRP-GLDC is collaborating with CIMMYT in organising a three-day workshop on Fall Armyworm from 1-3 May at ICRISAT. It was proposed that a screening facility for Fall Armyworm at ICRISAT can be explored. CRP-GLDC should take the lead and submit a one-pager along with CIMMYT on how can we tackle Fall Armyworm.

**Action:** *CRP-GLDC to develop a short note/proposal in partnership with CIMMYT and submit it to IAC*

- It was proposed by IAC that the dates for the next F2F meeting should be decided and communicated to IAC soon. It was also proposed to organise a partners meeting followed by the F2F IAC meeting which will provide an opportunity for the IAC to discuss the importance and future of GLDC crops.

**Action:** *CRP-GLDC to propose tentative dates for the F2F IAC meeting combined with Partners meeting*

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

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