



Message from the CGIAR Fund Council Chair
on the
Mid-Term Review Panel Report and Recommendations
6 November 2014 – Brussels, Belgium

In 2013, the CGIAR Fund Council commissioned an independent Panel to conduct a mid-term review (MTR) of the progress of reforms being implemented across the CGIAR system and to make informed, evidence-based recommendations on course corrections needed to keep the change process on track and ensure that CGIAR is well equipped to make significant scientific, technical and innovations to tackle global development challenges.

The MTR Panel, whose eminent members represent a broad range of expertise and experience, began its work in January 2014, drawing on as many sources of evidence and information as was possible, including dozens of interviews with individuals from various CGIAR entities, a stakeholder survey, literature reviews, background studies, meetings, commissioned reports, and written submissions from stakeholders. In October, the Panel issued its final report, which included nine major recommendations. The Report is available at: <https://library.cgiar.org/bitstream/handle/10947/3390/Final%20Report%20from%20the%20MTR%20Panel%20of%20the%20CGIAR%20Reform%2c%20October%2028.pdf?sequence=4>

The Fund Council is grateful to the work of the MTR panel and welcomes the MTR report. It was unanimous, succinct and clear, aiding decision-making on implementation. The Fund Council notes that it has garnered widespread support across the CGIAR system.

At its meeting in Brussels on November 5, the CGIAR Fund Council discussed the recommendations. It agreed follow up actions on all recommendations and accepted as proposed 8 out of 9 recommendations.

On governance, noting the sense of urgency communicated by the MTR and in responses received, the Fund Council, with its Governance Committee providing oversight, asked the Fund Council Chair to recruit an options team to develop specific options, including a single CGIAR board as recommended by the MTR. The team will present these options for the 13th meeting of the Fund Council. The team will reach out across the system.