

**Summary Report of the Executive Board Teleconference**  
**5<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

The following Members of the Board were present by phone:

Dr. Margaret Catley-Carlson  
Prof. Sir Peter Crane  
Amb. Jorio Dauster  
Prof. Cary Fowler  
Amb. Walter Fust  
Ms. Åslaug Haga  
Prof. John Lovett  
Prof. Wangari Maathai  
Dr. Emile Frison (CGIAR)

The following Members sent their apologies:

Mr. Lew Coleman  
Prof. Adel El-Beltagy  
Dr. Modibo Traore (FAO)

The following staff attended by phone:

Mellissa Wood            Secretary to the Executive Board  
   Director of Operations

Gerald Moore            Legal Advisor

**Welcome and Adoption of provisional Agenda**

- The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed Members and introduced the new Board Members Åslaug Haga and Walter Fust. She confirmed that the purpose of the teleconference was to receive an update on the Headquarters Agreement and the CGIAR reform process (as it affects the Trust) as agreed at EB6 last November.

**1. Progress with Headquarters Agreement**

- The Chair provided background on this issue and Mr. Moore briefed the Board on the current status of various discussions.
- Mr. Moore was asked to report back at the next Executive Board meeting.

**2. CGIAR Reform Process Update**

- The Chair provided the background to this issue. Dr. Frison provided an update on the process of developing the Thematic Areas and Megaprograms (post GCARD) in relation to the future funding of genetic resources. He mentioned that a scoping study on genetic resources would be undertaken shortly. He also suggested to collaborate with the Trust on a costing study on the funding of the CGIAR genebanks.
- The Chair noted that the whole CGIAR is now focused on a results based and outcome orientated framework and that the genebanks don't fit into this model.
- The Executive Director noted that the CGIAR genebanks hold the world's most important collections and distribute the most number of accessions by orders of magnitude to any other genebanks. But he also noted their funding was vulnerable.

He emphasized that the Trust currently spends approx. US\$1.8 mill per year on long-term conservation of these collections and that the CGIAR genebanks were the largest institutional recipients of our funding.

- Members noted that an interim CGIAR genebank funding mechanism to complement the Trust's efforts must be found preferably in cooperation with the Trust.
- The Secretariat committed to keep the Board informed and to pass on relevant documents.

### **3. Programme update**

- The Executive Director provided a briefing to the Board on the status of the Trust's newest initiatives since EB6: Global System project extension, Collecting Wild Relatives and Long-term Grantees' meeting.
- The Executive Director also notified the Board that the 2009 Annual Report is ready for their approval. It will be distributed to Members during the week of the 19th July and Board Members agreed on a 10-day no-objections approval basis.

### **4. Budgetary Issues Update**

- The Executive Director reported to the Board that the endowment now stood at approximately US\$100 million, with US\$15.5 million in additional pledges due to be received in Trust accounts this year (from Germany and the USA). He noted the Trust is on target regarding 2010 expenditures and that the Trust has received a clean Audit report.

### **5. Other Business**

- Dr. Frison invited the Board to visit Bioversity International when they next come to Rome for the November Board meeting.
- Next meeting (EB7) is November 22-23<sup>rd</sup> November in Rome. New members Orientation day is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- Donors' Council meeting is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Rome.

**Meeting closed 4.35pm**

## Agenda, Executive Board Teleconference Call

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**Date:** Monday, 5 July 2010 (for all Members)

**Duration:** 60-90 minutes

**Time:** 06:00 for Margaret Catley-Carlson (Lew Coleman sends apologies)  
09:00 for Peter Crane  
10:00 for Jorio Dauster  
15:00 for Cary Fowler, Emile Frison, Åslaug Haga, Walter Fust,  
(Modibo Traore sends apologies)  
16:00 for Adel El-Beltagy, Wangari Maathai  
23:00 for John Lovett

Trust staff – Cary Fowler, Mellissa Wood, Gerald Moore

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No	Agenda Item	Item for Information
1	Progress with Headquarters Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Update on progress from Gerald</i></li> <li>• <i>Current FAO-IPGRI-Trust MOU</i></li> <li>• <i>FAO operational issues</i></li> </ul> Attachments: Criteria for Evaluating Offers to Host the Secretariat, FAO-IPGRI-Trust MOU, Trust Organizational Chart, and Staff Contract List	Information

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| 2 | CGIAR Reform Process Update<br><a href="http://www.cgiar.org/changemanagement/">http://www.cgiar.org/changemanagement/</a>  | Information |
| 3 | Programme Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Gates extension</i></li><li>• <i>Collecting Wild Relatives</i></li><li>• <i>Long Term Grant meeting</i></li></ul> | Information |
| 4 | Budgetary Issues Update   | Information |

**Please note:** There will be no papers prepared for this conference call.