

FOR ACTION

Next Meeting

Purpose

To confirm the dates and venue for the fourth Executive Board meeting.

Issue

The Secretariat has canvassed Members as to a suitable date for EB4 and the current proposed date is November 19-20th 2008 in Rome. It is envisaged that the Donors' Council will also meet around this time on the 17th or 18th November in order for members of both groups to interact during the day in between, or at a social function on the evening of the 18th.

Since this consultation with Members, another offer has been made to the Trust that also deserves consideration. The Secretariat of the World Food Prize has issued an invitation for the Trust to consider holding its next Executive Board meeting in Iowa at the time of the granting of the prize in order to strengthen collaboration between the two organizations. This would be around the 15-17th October 2008. Also at this time, during their annual conference, a session on climate change and crop diversity is planned where the Executive Secretary will be presenting.

Action

That Members determine the preferred timing and venue for the fourth meeting of the Executive Board.