

FOR INFORMATION

Fundraising Report

Purpose

To inform members of the status of the fundraising efforts of the Trust.

Background

The Trust is raising funds for operational and project expenditure, as well as soliciting contributions for the endowment fund. Funds are sought from a range of sources worldwide.

Recent Activity

Since EB2 the following contributions have been received. For a full set of pledges to date, refer [Annex A](#)

Australia (AusAID)	AUD 1,500,000	USD 1,286,550
Gates/UN Foundation		USD 7,500,000
Germany	EUR 1,500,000	USD 2,196,600
Ireland	EUR 1,000,000	USD 1,510,600
Sweden*	SEK 30,000,000	USD 4,621,920
Switzerland (SDC)	CHF 2,000,000	USD 1,802,569
United Kingdom (DFID)	GBP 5,000,000	USD 9,746,179
		USD 28,664,418

* new pledge

Government fundraising - Europe

Discussions are being held with several European governments. An update will be given at the meeting.

Government fundraising - USA

The Trust is continuing to work with a government affairs company in trying to secure a major donation from the US government. It was reported at EB2 that both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees supported the program in the FY 2008 appropriations bill. In addition, the pending farm bill authorizes funding from USAID of \$60 million for this program for fiscal years 2008 through 2012. Since EB2 this authorization has also been approved by the Senate, and has also specifically been approved by all three committees of jurisdiction (the House Foreign Affairs; House Agriculture; and Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committees).

A number of meetings have been held on Capitol Hill, in relation to both the appropriations bill and the farm bill. In addition, a letter urging USAID support for the Trust in 2008 was sent to the Administrator by a consortium comprising: American Seed Trade Association,

DuPont/Pioneer Hi-bred, Bayer CropScience, National Corn Growers Association, National Sorghum Producers, National Association of Wheat Growers, USA Rice Federation, and the US Rice Producers Association. At the time of writing no response from USAID has been received.

Foundation/Trust

The Trust has drawn up a list of US foundation prospects, and the first steps have been taken in contacting these, with a more extensive set of approaches planned for later in the year. In tandem, the Trust has started to develop its thinking on potential projects for funding, acknowledging that many donors in this sector will not wish to give, at least in the first instance, to the endowment.

Other

The Trust is in the final stages of negotiating a significant individual gift, which will be the largest such donation received to date.

In addition, the high profile media coverage has ensured a small number of individual donations online. Although the Trust has not made major efforts to cultivate online giving, the website offers an online donation facility and during this period 15 individual donations were received totaling \$2,435.

Action

That Members discuss the issues raised in this paper and provide feedback.

GLOBAL CROP DIVERSITY TRUST
PLEDGES

DONOR	TOTAL PLEDGES AS AT FEBRUARY 29, 2008			TOTAL PAID 29-Feb-08 USD
	AMOUNT PLEGGED	USD EQUIVALENT*	PERIOD OF PLEDGE	
Countries				
Australia	AUD 16,500,000	12,483,057		10,720,891
Brazil	USD 30,000	30,000	2002	30,000
Canada	CAD 10,000,000	9,294,668	2003-2012	4,258,213
Colombia	USD 35,802	35,802	2002	35,802
Egypt	USD 166,657	166,657		25,000
Ethiopia	USD 50,000	50,000		25,000
Germany	EUR 7,500,000	10,790,106	2006-2010	4,158,600
India	USD 50,000	50,000	2006	50,000
Ireland	EUR 3,000,000	4,341,168	2007-2009	2,867,500
Italy	USD 300,000	300,000	2005	300,000
Italy	EUR 500,000	689,096	2007	689,096
New Zealand	USD 50,000	50,000	2005	50,000
Norway	NOK 50,000,000	7,676,617	2004-2006	7,676,617
Norway	USD 7,898,916	7,898,916	2006-2008	4,693,335
Sweden	SEK 80,000,000	11,886,620	2005 - 2007	11,886,620
Sweden	USD 261,248	261,248	2007-2009	0
Switzerland	USD 10,555,000	10,555,000	2001-2009	10,363,179
Switzerland	CHF 150,000	118,478	2004-2005	118,478
United Kingdom	GBP 10,000,000	19,468,582	2007-2008	19,468,582
United States	USD 6,500,000	6,500,000	2001-2007	6,500,000
Foundations				
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation/UN Foundation	USD 29,923,940	29,923,940	2007-2011	12,990,217
Gatsby Charitable Foundation	GBP 605,000	1,057,573	2003-2007	1,057,573
Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation	USD 200,000	200,000	2006-2007	200,000
Rockefeller Foundation	USD 305,000	305,000	2003-2007	305,000
Syngenta Foundation	USD 246,732	246,732	2003-2007	246,732
United Nations Foundation	USD 775,000	775,000	2003-2007	775,000
Corporations				
Dupont/Pioneer Hi-bred	USD 1,000,000	1,000,000	2004-2007	1,000,000
Grains Research & Development Corporation	USD 5,000,000	5,000,000	2004-2011	1,550,778
Syngenta AG	USD 1,000,000	1,000,000	2004	1,000,000
Other				
CGIAR Centres	USD 210,000	210,000	2001-2002	210,000
International Seed Federation	USD 30,000	30,000	2007	30,000
Systemwide Genetic Resources Programme	USD 255,000	255,000	2001-2002	255,000
World Bank - CGIAR	USD 200,000	200,000	2002	200,000
Sundry	USD 4,044	4,044		4,044
Total		\$142,853,304		\$103,741,258