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Participatory Retreat for the Formulation of 2007-2009 GFAR Business Plan

Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt, 29 March – 1 April 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(AS OF 13 MARCH 2007)

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2007

Arrival of Participants, Accommodation, Registration and Reading Time

Workshop Process Steering Group Meeting

20:00 Evening: Welcome Reception and Address by Dr I. Serageldin

FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 2007

8:30 – 9:00 **Opening Address**

- Dr Adel El-Beltagy

9:00 – 10:30 **Setting the Scene:** Facilitator Mr Jurgen Haggmann

- Introductions, objectives, bringing out key discussion issues etc.

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 13:00 **Presentation and Discussion of Inputs into Planning:** key issues and trends will be distilled in the discussions

- A. Slama: Second GFAR External Review and discussion
- A. Maru: GFAR 2006 Triennial Conference and discussion

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 16:00 **Presentation and Discussion of Inputs into Planning** cont'd:

- A. Schiavone, N. Abdi and O. Oliveros: Implementation of GFAR 2004-2006 Business Plan and lessons learnt and discussion
- A. Maru and A. Slama: options and opportunities for consideration in the GFAR 2007-2009 Business Plan and their implications on Secretariat staffing and funding.

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30 – 18:00 **Working Groups on the core programs of the 2007-2009 GFAR Business Plan**

Briefing and Initial discussion

Evening: Official Retreat Dinner

SATURDAY, 31 MARCH 2007

- 8:30 – 10:30** **Working Groups on the Buildings Blocks of 2007-2009 GFAR Business Plan (cont'd):**
- W.G 1: Strategic Thinking on and Advocacy for Emerging Global and Regional Agricultural Research Priorities:** adaptation to climate change, competition of bioenergy on food security, management of the increasing severity of water scarcity and quality.
- W.G 2: Partnerships for Collaborative Research and Innovation:** focal areas, modes of partnership, lead implementing partners and sponsors.
- W.G 3: Mobilization and Sharing of Promising Knowledge Packages:** priority areas, form of knowledge, suppliers, targeted users and dissemination mechanisms.
- W.G 4: Strengthening the Institutional Dimension of GFAR:** priority reforms to be introduced; size and staffing of the Secretariat and funding mechanism.
- 10:30- 11:00** *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 13:00** **Working Groups reporting on directions and focal areas for the core programs of the Business Plan**
- 13:00 – 14:00** *Lunch Break*
- 14:00 – 16:00** **Working Groups on the Core programs of 2007-2009 GFAR Business Plan (cont'd):** preparation of brief concept notes on the focal areas identified.
- 16:00 – 16:30** *Coffee Break*
- 16:30 – 18:00** **Working Groups Continue**
- Evening:** **Business Plan Drafting Group**

Open Space for Self-organized Discussions (optional)

SUNDAY, 1 APRIL 2007

- 8:30 – 12:00** **Presentation of a consolidated summary of the Business Plan and discussion**
- Next Steps
- Workshop Evaluation
- Coffee Break served*
- 12:00 – 12:30** **Closing Remarks:** A. El-Beltagy and A. Slama



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13:00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

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List of documents to be provided

- GFAR Business Plan for 2004-2006
- GPP External Review Report
- Second GFAR External Review Report
- GFAR 2006 Triennial Conference Report
- Donor Report on GFAR activities for 2004-2006