

**SUMMARY OF THE MAIN
RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS MADE BY THE BOT#55
Cali, 21 – 25 May 2007**

Recommendations/ decisions made by the full Board from the Audit and Risk Mgmt Committees Reports

- Any new petition for carryover should be very carefully reviewed at the DG level for reduction as the budget line for this allowance is overdrawn.
- Purchase of goods and services derived from new contracts/ agreements or renewal of existing contracts should be stipulated for use only by persons or entities employed by CIAT.
- The Board recommended the Management to evaluate and monitor the identified high risk areas for analysis and actions to improving controls of finances at HQs and outposted stations.

Recommendations/ decisions made by the full Board from the ExFin Co #85 Report

- The Board approved the 2007 Working Budget.
- The Board confirmed measures and procedures to be included in the report to the World Bank.
- Delegation was given to the ExFin Co to act on behalf of the Board during the next Skype virtual meetings that will take place during 2007 to continue monitoring financial milestones implementation and targets.
- A preliminary approval was given to the budget for the period 2008 – 2010 to be included in the MTP.
- The 2008 Budget will be approved at BOT 56 in November 2007.
- The Board recommended no capital expenditures should be authorized during year 2007.
- The Board did not approve the establishment of the Rural Innovation Foundation as presented. A series of documents will be provided by the MT to the Board to timely decide on this.
- The Board recommended to put back the monetization of benefits on the agenda of the November 2007 meeting.

Recommendations/ decisions made by the full Board from the Program Committee Report

- The Board approved the awards presented by the PC.
- The Board approved the resolution of mainstreaming PRGA principles throughout CIAT. In order to develop its action plan, PRGA will fund a six-month consultant to assist with this resolution.
- The Board approved the recommendations presented by the PC in regards to strategic plans to be put in place and resources to implement research activities – including gender perspective - in the next five years.

Recommendations/ decisions made by the full Board from the Nominating & Governance Committee Report

- The Board approved the changes to the Board Procedures and Policies Manual in regards to the Board members renewal plan for 2007 – 2012.
- The Board approved to recruit a woman preferably from Asia, Africa or Europe with financial and management expertise, holding a CPA degree, and from either the public or private business sectors, to be presented as a CG nominee (this proved to be extremely difficult and this decision had to be later changed to meet the CGIAR deadline).
- The Board approved the recommendation to amend the PRGA ToRs to include internal reporting through the RDC 2 leader (Research for Development Challenge 2: The People and the Agroecosystems), Roger Kirkby. The PRGA Advisory Board Chair will report annually to the CIAT BoT Program Committee Chair.
- The Board agreed that Management should make sure that the sexual harassment policy gets back in track.
- The Board officially confirmed the appointment of two Board designates– Emilia Boncodin and Ablasse Ouedraogo – as new members of the Board and thanked their valuable participation to this Board meetings.
- The Board officially welcomed the new Secretary to the Board, Laura Trejos.