

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Danida

The Technical Advisory Services (TAS) of Danida has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar:

Agricultural Research: The CGIAR Research and its Relevance for Danish Development Support

Friday 29 October 2010, 10:00-12:00

The University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Life Sciences, Bülowsvej 17, DK-1870 Frederiksberg
Auditorium A 1-01.12

Denmark has supported the **Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research** (CGIAR) since its beginning in 1971. From 2007, Denmark has committed DKK 35 million annually for international agricultural research with five of the CGIAR Centres among the recipients (CIMMYT, IITA, ILRI, IFPRI and ICRAF).

CGIAR is currently undergoing a reform. The new model for the CGIAR emphasizes clear lines of accountability and balances the partnership between those who conduct research, on the one hand, and those who fund it, on the other. It opens the system for stronger collaboration and partnership with other research and development actors. The core pillars of the new partnership are the joint CGIAR Fund and the Consortium of CGIAR Centers. The reform process has led to the formulation of a strategy and results framework which guides the development of a results-oriented research agenda and 15 consolidated research programmes within seven thematic areas, which are going through the process of approval by the CGIAR Consortium Board. Programme documents are available on:

<http://cgiarconsortium.cgxchange.org/home/strategy-and-results-framework/megaprogram-development>

In order to be able to take a balanced decision regarding the future Danish support of international agricultural research, a short desk study of the proposed consolidated research programmes was committed, analyzing the relevance of the proposed programmes in relation to Danish development strategies, including also the relation to other Danish supported research and development activities. The preliminary findings and conclusions of the study will be presented at the seminar before finalizing the report, in order to further a dialogue with Danish agricultural researchers, NGOs and other interested parties on the issue.

Programme:

- 10:00 **Introduction** by Lars Christian Oxe, Chief Technical Advisor, TAS
- 10:15 **Presentation of the Desk Study of the CGIAR Strategy and Results Framework** by the authors Carl Erik Schou Larsen, KU-Life, and Sanne Chipeta, the Danish Knowledge Centre for Agriculture, Skejby
- 10:45 **Question and answers** on presentation
- 11:00 **Open discussion on the relevance of the new CG-system for Denmark and the Danish resource base** facilitated by Jørgen G. Jensen, Senior Advisor, TAS
- 11:55 **Closing remarks** by Lars Christian Oxe, TAS