



# SCIENCE FORUM 2009

Wageningen, The Netherlands 16-17 June 2009



## Science for Development: Mobilizing Global Linkages

The CGIAR Science Council and Wageningen University and Research Center are pleased to invite interested participants to a forum on Science for Development, on 16-17 June 2009, in Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Science Forum 2009 will focus on mobilizing global linkages for development impact.

The improvement of agriculture is a key component for addressing the development challenges of the 21st century, and productive partnerships between the CGIAR and advanced research institutes (ARIs) and NARS are essential in bringing the best international science to address critical agricultural research goals. Partnerships that connect the research capacities of ARIs with the CGIAR and partners can leverage investment in science and focus collaborative efforts on development impacts. The Forum will therefore seek to highlight areas where innovative partnerships can be forged to capture new areas of science, particularly in disciplines beyond conventional agriculture, for the benefit of improving food security, enhancing nutrition, protecting natural resources and reducing poverty.

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for Development*

### Program

The program will feature leading practitioners introducing a forward looking perspective on research needs to increase the resilience and productivity of agricultural and natural resource systems. During the first day, discussion in parallel workshops will focus on research that is still at the advanced research stage, but has potential to deliver significant impact in 15 years and beyond; the second day will consider a 5-10 year timeframe, focusing on promising research that needs greater investment and essential partnerships to deliver impact.

### Organizing Task Force

The organising task force is chaired by Rudy Rabbinge (SC Chair), supported by the SC Secretariat (Chris Deane) and the CGIAR Secretariat (Manuel Lantin), with Gebisa Ejeta (SC Member), Mark Holderness (Executive Secretary, GFAR), Bram Huijsman (Wageningen University and Research Centre, and ECART and NATURA), Fred Cholick (NASULGC), Rodomiro Ortiz (Chair, Alliance Deputy Executive), Jeff Sayer (SC Member), and Ren Wang (CGIAR Director).



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## Workshop themes:

- Resilient natural resource systems
- The future of food: developing more nutritious diets and safer food
- ICTs transforming agricultural science, research and technology generation
- Beyond the yield curve: exerting the power of genetics, genomics and synthetic biology
- Eco-efficiencies in agro-ecosystems
- Agriculture beyond food: science for a bio-based economy



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