

**Annex 2 to Minutes of Nairobi Bureau Meeting  
IAASTD Regional Management Entities  
for Sub-global Assessments**

Below are some descriptive paragraphs on potential partnerships for IAASTD sub-global project implementation. All of these organizations were represented on the steering committee for the IAASTD consultative process. They have agreed to host the sub-global assessment Design Team meetings (4-5 days each) in their respective regions and organize author meetings.

**1. Central, West Asia and North Africa (CWANA)                      Management entity: INRA**

The National Agricultural Research Institute (INRA) of Morocco is an institution mandated to undertake appropriate scientific research to strengthen the capacity of Moroccan agriculture and respond to farmers' needs. Staffed with 280 scientists and 346 technicians, INRA operates through 10 regional centers and 21 experimental stations, covering the whole range of Moroccan natural ecosystems. Research programs implemented at INRA are defined jointly with regional and national partners. There are performed by over 30 research units, dealing with a variety of scientific fields, including plant protection, genetic resources management, stress physiology, water use efficiency, animal husbandry, food processing and quality, biotechnology, socioeconomics, environment and natural resources, and technology transfer. INRA collaborates with many national and international research organizations, development agencies, private sector, and NGOs.

**2. Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)                              Management entity: IICA**

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is the specialized agency for agriculture and the rural wellbeing of the Inter-American System. Founded 60 years ago, it has 34 Member States, with offices in each one and headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. With the support of public and private national and international institutions, IICA pursues the following objectives: sustainable development of agriculture, food security and the prosperity of rural communities in its 34 Member States in the Americas. The institute works in six strategic areas: Policy and Trade; Agribusiness Development; Technology and Innovation; Agricultural Health and Food Safety; Sustainable Rural Development and Education and Training. IICA plays a key roll supporting networking and convening capacities its Offices in the Member States. The Area of Technology and Innovation aim is to contribute to poverty reduction, the improvement of agricultural competitiveness and the sustainable use of the natural resources cooperating with the countries in the institutional transformation of their technological innovation systems and the modernization of their science and technology policies. An important role of the Area is the support of the consolidation of the Agricultural Research System of the Americas. The Institute is the Technical Secretariat of the Forum of the Americas for Agricultural R&D (FORAGRO) in which the public, private sector, NGOs, agricultural producers, universities, and private foundations actively participate. IICA supports the operation of the cooperative research programs among the NARS of countries in six Regions: PROCINORTE, (North America), SICTA (Central America), PROCIANDINO (the Andean Zone); PROCISUR (the Southern Region), PROCITROPICOS (the Amazon Basin) and PROCICARIBE, along with CARDI, (the Caribbean Region). IICA with IDB and country members co-sponsor FONTAGRO, The Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology.

**3. East and South Asia and the Pacific                                      Management entity: CAAS**

The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science (CAAS) is China's national agricultural research organization. Its mandates focus on strategic and applied research solving determinant and key scientific issues, which are of national or regional importance. CAAS has

about 10,000 staff members and 38 research institutes located across 17 different provinces, national municipalities and the autonomous regions. CAAS is a key open window representing China's agricultural science and technology for international collaboration, and has extensive international cooperation relationships with more than 40 countries and international organizations. CAAS has an overall strategic plan that positions fundamental research, applied research, biotechnology and industrial business development as its main thrusts, and looks upon international cooperation as a corner stone for advancing China's agricultural research, upgrading people's welfare and optimizing the management of natural resources. The Institute of Agricultural Economics (IAE) of CAAS is a very important institution in China engaged in research on agricultural research and development policy, science and technology assessment, poverty and rural development, environment and resources economics, etc.

#### **4. Sub-Saharan Africa**

**Management entity: ACTS**

The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) is an international intergovernmental science, technology and environment policy research and training institution based in Nairobi, Kenya, that generates and disseminates new knowledge through policy analysis and outreach. The Centre's mission is to strengthen the capacity of African countries and institutions to harness science and technology for sustainable development. ACTS strives to rationalize scientific and technological information to enable African countries make effective policy choices for improved living standards. ACTS works with academic and research institutions, national governments, UN bodies, regional and international processes and NGOs. Projects under way at ACTS include assessing linkages among research, extension, education and communication in the promotion of agricultural production, improving the state of knowledge on land degradation, agricultural water use, and associated best practices.

#### **5. North America and Europe (NAE)**

**Management entity: CABI**

CABI (The Centre for Applied Bioscience International) is a statutory intergovernmental technical agency, owned by 42 Member Countries around the world and mandated to address the generation, access and use of knowledge in support of sustainable development. With headquarters in Wallingford, UK and Centres around the world, CABI works with both developed and developing countries as an international extension of national capabilities and resources, to bring development value from the international sharing of knowledge from science and to address specific agricultural and environmental problems through concerted international action. Development programmes cover the areas of knowledge management in human health and social development, biodiversity and sustainability in agricultural and environmental systems and supporting the management of biologically-based production and trade constraints in agriculture. In the NAE region, CABI has Scientific Centres in the UK and Switzerland and offices in Denmark, the Netherlands and USA.