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Dear colleagues,

Apologies for this delayed delivery of ICUC-News #55 due to my participation at the APAARI Expert Consultation on networks in Hyderabad.

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With best wishes,
Hannah

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1. Funding & Job opportunities

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1.1 Director, AVRDC Regional Center for Africa

AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center is a nonprofit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and regional offices throughout Asia, Africa and Near East. AVRDC conducts research and development programs that contribute to improved incomes and diets in the developing world. The Center is seeking a visionary, highly motivated and result-oriented Director to lead and manage AVRDC's Regional Center for Africa (RCA) with the goal of significantly increasing the activities and impact of RCA during the period of appointment.

Key Responsibilities

1. Manage RCA and represent AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center in Sub-Saharan Africa in line with AVRDC's mission and vision.
2. Oversee, coordinate and monitor the daily administrative, research, development and training activities at RCA, Arusha and oversee the performance and operation of AVRDC staff posted elsewhere in Africa; submit quarterly progress and financial reports to the Director General and Deputy Director General for Research.

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3. Provide oversight for the Project Manager's coordination, management and implementation of the Center's pan-African project on Vegetable Breeding and Seed Systems for Poverty Reduction in Africa.
 4. Propose an annual work plan and budget to AVRDC's Management, and report on progress made.
 5. Manage the hosting of other initiatives and institutions at RCA, including the Global Horticulture Initiative (www.globalhort.org).
 6. Coordinate and facilitate the planned infrastructural improvements at RCA in close coordination with the Center's Management.
 7. Develop and implement, with the Center's Deputy Director General for Research and the research Theme Coordinators and scientists, strategies and new projects for the Center's research and development activities in Africa.
 8. Encourage and motivate staff to prepare high quality research and development proposals for funding.
 9. Support the Center's staff in Africa in publishing their research in a timely manner, and to respond to project or management reporting requirements efficiently and effectively.
 10. Interact with national, regional and international institutions to develop and expand AVRDC's research and development activities and impact.
 11. Develop effective linkages with the host government to facilitate RCA's operations and assure AVRDC's official status in Tanzania.

Qualifications

- Postgraduate degree, preferably at the Ph.D. level, in agriculture or horticulture, or in management / development studies, or in an appropriate and related discipline.
- At least 5-10 years experience in management of development / research units or institutions.
- Broad understanding of vegetable production and seed systems, particularly in Africa is desirable.
- Work experience in Africa, and an understanding of the cultural issues affecting research and development in Africa.
- Extensive experience in fund-raising, proposal preparation and program execution and familiarity with the donor community.
- Strong communication skills in spoken and written English essential and French, highly desirable.
- Demonstrated ability to publish in refereed international scientific journals.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to motivate, inspire, and promote teamwork in an interdisciplinary and multicultural context.
- Willing to travel extensively, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa.

Terms of Appointment:

The Director will be based at AVRDC's Regional Center for Africa in Arusha, Tanzania. The initial appointment is for two years with possibility of annual reappointments.

Salary and perquisites are commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application:

Submit a letter of application in English, Curriculum Vitae, with names, and contact addresses (phone number and e-mail) of three referees. Send to: Ms Lilia Tan- Habacon, Human Resources Manager, AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center, P.O. Box 42, Shanhua, Tainan 74199, Taiwan; e-mail: lilia.tanhacon@netra.avrdc.org.tw

Review of Applications:

The review of applications will begin 30 October 2007 and continue until the position is filled. Only short-listed applicants will be notified.

AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center is the principal international research center dedicated to vegetable research and development. Its mission is to alleviate poverty and malnutrition in the developing world through improved production, quality, processing, marketing and consumption of safe vegetables.

For more information on AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center, see <http://www.avrdc.org>.

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1.2 Global Crop Diversity Trust Award Scheme: Enhancing the Value of Crop Diversity Call for Proposals for the 2008 Awards

Farming throughout the world is underpinned by the vast genetic diversity of agricultural plants. This diversity provides the means for adapting the crops we grow to meet rapidly changing needs and demands. More than 6 million samples of different crops are currently maintained in collections in some 1,500 genebanks around the world, representing humanity's most important resource in the struggle to feed its ever expanding population under changing climates, shifting pests and diseases and increasing energy costs. Yet, in spite of its importance, much of this genetic storehouse remains untapped - a neglect that largely arises from the fact that much of it has yet to be adequately characterized and evaluated. We do not know enough about the collections we are conserving. A lack of readily available and accurate data on important traits can severely hamper plant breeders' efforts to identify material they can use in their genetic improvement programmes.

Recognizing this bottleneck to the use of collections, the Global Crop Diversity Trust is initiating a competitive grants scheme to support the evaluation of genetic resources. The Trust will provide approximately 20-25 grants annually over the next three years, to enable breeders and others to screen germplasm collections for important characteristics and to make the information generated publicly available.

All interested parties are hereby invited to submit proposals for consideration by the Trust for an Award in 2008. The following terms and conditions will apply:

Priorities for support under the Evaluation Awards Scheme:

Grants will be awarded based on the following criteria and priorities:

Crops:

The Award Scheme will fund the evaluation of crops that are included in Annex I, or that are covered by Article 15, of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. (For the text of the International Treaty see <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/itpgr.htm>)

Collections:

Priority will be given to supporting the evaluation of collections identified in the relevant crop and regional strategies or other expert consultations and opinion as being of greatest importance within the total global gene pool (For information on the strategies see <http://www.croptrust.org/main/role.php>). The material in the collections must be available under the terms and conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA) of the International Treaty. Proposals that involve the screening of more than one collection will have an advantage, as will proposals that involve the screening for more than one trait.

Traits:

Priority will be given to screening for characters of greatest importance to the poor, and especially those that are important in the context of climate change. Thus, priority will be given to proposals which aim to evaluate for such characters as productivity under low input levels, resistance to pests and diseases, and tolerance of abiotic stresses. Screening for nutritional or product quality characteristics will be considered when these attributes are important to the health, safety or income of the poorest people. The application of molecular methods will be supported, where appropriate. Where specific traits have been identified as important in the crop strategies, or other expert consultations and opinion, these will be given priority.

Data:

Provision must be made for all data generated by the project to be entered into an appropriate, publicly available, electronic database, within one year of its generation. Recipients are also encouraged to publish the results in appropriate scientific journals.

Eligibility of grantees:

Any individual or group of individuals working in recognized governmental, public non-governmental and/or private institution are eligible to apply for a grant provided the application receives official endorsement from the institution(s) concerned. In the event the applicant is not the legal owner of the collection or collections to be screened, permission of the collection owner must be obtained prior to application.

Size and duration of grant:

Grants will be awarded in the range of USD 5,000-30,000, to be spent over a period not to exceed three years. In exceptional circumstances, a supplementary grant may be awarded to extend the scope or

duration of an approved grant. Applicants will be required to show a budgetary or in-kind contribution to the project.

Allowable expenses:

Funds provided by the Scheme can be applied to a range of different budget items, including casual labour, consultancies, local travel, field or laboratory supplies, services and equipment. Except in rare circumstances, scientific and technical staff salaries and benefits, student tuition fees and/or living expenses, and international travel will not be supported. No unassigned overhead will be payable but supporting costs, where identified, can be charged. A contingency of up to 10% is allowable to cover unforeseen circumstances.

Reporting:

For projects of 12 months or less, a final technical and certified financial report must be submitted within three months of the termination of the project. For projects exceeding 12 months, annual technical and certified financial reports are required, as well as final reports within three months of completion of the project. An electronic copy, and if appropriate, a hard copy of each of any reports, other publications and software resulting from or relating to the project must also accompany the final report.

Intellectual Property Rights:

The grant recipient will be required to certify that all materials evaluated will be made available under the terms and conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, whether or not the material was acquired under the SMTA.

Where the Grant Recipient takes out intellectual property protection in respect of any new processes, traits, uses or like development resulting from the Project, the grant recipient shall grant an irrevocable and non-exclusive licence to the Trust in respect of such new processes, traits, uses or like development, under which the Trust may make them freely available without royalty in the developing world.

The Process:

Submission of applications:

All applications must be made on an official proposal form, a copy of which is attached, or can be downloaded from the Trust's website (<http://www.croptrust.org/main/trust.php?itemid=84>).

Applications can be sent electronically (either scanned or in PDF format with signature) to: evaluation.awards@croptrust.org or by hard copy or fax to:

Global System Project Manager
Evaluation Awards Scheme
Global Crop Diversity Trust
C/o FAO
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome
Italy
Fax: +39 0657055634

Deadline for submission of applications:

All applications for the 2008 Awards must be received by the Trust by 31 October 2007.

Review of applications:

All applications will be reviewed by the Trust Secretariat, who may enter into correspondence with the applicant in order to seek any necessary clarification. In addition, all applications will be reviewed by at least one independent external reviewer. A Selection Panel, comprising staff of the Trust as well as external members, will then select the successful applications. The decision of the Selection Panel shall be final.

Notification of grant award:

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application at the end of December 2007/early January 2008. Successful applicants will be sent a Grant Agreement.

Disbursement of the grant:

Disbursement of funds will normally be made annually, at the beginning of each project year, in accordance with an agreed budget and disbursement schedule. In general, 50% of the grant will be withheld, to be paid upon satisfactory completion of the project.

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2. Workshops & Training Courses

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2.1 Tropical Rainforests and Agroforests under Global Change

An International Conference to be held Sunday, October 5 – Thursday, October 9, 2008, Bali, Indonesia.

Tropical rainforests disappear at an alarming rate causing unprecedented losses in biodiversity and ecosystem services. Despite an increased recognition of the value of these goods at national and international levels, rainforests continue to be seriously threatened by human-induced global change such as agricultural intensification and climate change. Understanding these processes needs an integrated scientific approach linking ecological, economic and social approaches at different scales, from the household and village level to landscapes and regions.

This conference will be organized by the Collaborative Research Center STORMA (Stability of Tropical Rainforest Margins in Indonesia, www.storma.de). Managing Board for the symposium: Teja Tschardt, Christoph Leuschner, Edzo Veldkamp, Heiko Faust (Göttingen University, Germany), Edi Guhardja (IPB Bogor, Indonesia) and Arifuddin Bidin (UNTAD Palu, Indonesia).

For further information, please contact info@GlobalChange-2008.org or Wolfram Lorenz lorenz@gwdg.de.

Registration is open end of November 2007. To register and for more information see www.globalchange-2008.org

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2.2 Environmental Economics for Development Policy Course

Interact with globally known experts, Maureen Cropper, John Dixon, Kirk Hamilton and others on how economic analysis helps solve environmental problems.

This two-week course focuses on the principles and practical applications of environmental and natural resource economics for decision-making at the macro, sector and project levels.

Participants are expected to pay for the course fees, travel and accommodation expenses.

Course Fees:

\$ 500 developing country nationals who work for home-based institutions

\$ 1500 nationals from other countries who work for developing country institutions

\$ 3500 all others

Details and application requirements are in: <http://worldbank.org/wbi/environment/eedp10>.

Application deadline is on October 20, 2007.

In collaboration with:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Economy & Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA), IDRC
- South Asian Network for Development & Environmental Economics (SANDEE)

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2.3 5th International Biofuels Conference

Winrock International India (WII), a not for profit organization established in 1998, has been actively engaged in promoting diffusion of cleaner technologies in various end-use sectors. As part of its mandate, WII proactively supports mainstreaming of various renewable energy technologies as a means of addressing the issues of energy security, environmental concerns as well as empowerment of the deprived population. WII is a recognized Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

WII is deeply involved in the subject of biofuels that includes basic research and action research programmes and publishing of newsletters, compendiums and a dedicated website.

WII is organizing the 2-day 5th International Conference on Biofuels in New Delhi from 7 - 8 February 2008. The conference will cover policy, markets, technology and financing issues pertaining to the subject of biofuels. Several stakeholders and eminent speakers will be addressing this conference.

We invite you to register for the 2-day conference. We might mention here that as on date more than 50 participants have already registered for the conference. Kindly send the registration fee of Rs. 6,000 (Rupees Six Thousand Only) by demand draft / local cheque in the name of Winrock International India and payable at New Delhi. The conference fee does not cover boarding / lodging and travel.

For more information please contact: Dheeraj Kapoor, Outreach Division, Winrock International India 788, Udyog Vihar, Phase V, Gurgaon-122 001 (Haryana), India

Tel: +91-124-430 3873, Fax: +91-124-430 3862, Website: www.winrockindia.org.

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2.4 Workshop on Rethinking Impact. Capturing the complexity of poverty and change.

Cali-Colombia, March 26-28, 2008

Deadline for abstracts: November 9, 2007

Have you been working with some interesting and innovative teams that have been effective in achieving a better understanding of how agricultural innovations, coupled with linkages between research and policy communities and scientific understanding of human-environment systems, can have more impact on poverty reduction and social inclusion, while protecting the environment?

If so, we would like you to consider joining us (see organizing committee below) at a 3 day workshop: Rethinking Impact: Capturing the Complexity of Poverty and Change, March 26-28, 2008 at the Headquarters of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia.

Objective

The objective of the workshop is to draw from the experiences of professionals from multiple disciplines of natural and social sciences regarding evaluation of research aimed at poverty reduction, social inclusion and sustainable development. We are particularly interested in new methods and metrics that have been developed and tested in ongoing evaluations and impact assessment efforts supporting learning.

Workshop attendance

Invitation to the workshop will be based on accepted papers (in the first instance). Papers will be considered that arise from ongoing or published work and address any of the following three general themes.

Workshop themes

1. Practical case studies with lessons learned in relation to, or that provide empirical evidence of, reductions in poverty, and analysis of how that impact was achieved, with a focus on one or more of the following:

- System dynamics
- Roles of different players
- Innovation and markets
- Research-to-development processes
- Learning processes as they affect performance.

2. Impact assessment and evaluation approaches that address issues such as:

- Assessing contributions in complex partnerships
- Interdisciplinary research
- Combining quantitative and qualitative data
- Linking the contribution of processes to outcomes and impact
- Innovation systems analysis, and new metrics for understanding and measuring outcomes and impacts.

3. Institutionalization of new approaches for research management and impact assessment:

- Communication challenges
- Training and capacity development for poverty-oriented research and impact assessment

- Policy and operational environments (including institutional culture).

How to apply

Please send abstracts to Claudia Garcia at the PRGA Coordination Office (prga@cgiar.org) by November 9, 2007. Submissions should include: corresponding author(s)'s name(s), contact details and short biographical details (50-100 words); key partners, and a brief abstract (up to 700 words). Notification of papers selected will be made by end of December 2007. Travel and accommodation costs will be paid for one presenter for each selected paper.

Edited proceedings of all the papers presented at the workshop will be produced. Full versions of selected papers (20-25 double-spaced pages; maximum 9000 words) should be submitted by end of February 2008.

We intend to explore opportunities to publish some of the papers as a special issue of an international peer-reviewed journal. We would also welcome suggestions about additional topics to include in the agenda and leading speakers who could be invited to present keynote papers and serve as resource persons to the workshop.

If there is sufficient interest, a fourth day (March 29) might be added for capacity development or action planning purposes.

For more detailed information about the partners, drivers and assumptions behind this workshop, please visit the workshop website: www.prgaprogram.org/riw
We look forward to hearing from you!

Organizing committee:

Nancy Dickson, Co-Director, Sustainability Science Program, Centre for International Development at Harvard University, (<http://www.cid.harvard.edu/sustsci>)

Patti Kristjanson, Leader, Innovation Works: Linking Knowledge with Action, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), (p.kristjanson@cgiar.org)

Nina Lilja, Impact Assessment Economist, CGIAR Systemwide Program on Participatory Research and Gender Analysis Program for Technology Development and Institutional Innovation (PRGA Program), (n.lilja@cgiar.org)

Jamie Watts, Coordinator, Institutional Learning and Change Initiative (ILAC) of the CGIAR, Bioversity International, (j.watts@cgiar.org)

Workshop Facilitator:

Keith Jones, Innovation Expedition

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3. Publications & Information
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3.1 Sustainability, Education and the Management of Change in Africa (SEMCA)

A Community of Practice linking those involved in capacity development

SEMCA is dedicated to the transformation of Higher Education in Africa for a new generation of graduates working closely with rural communities to research and produce innovative, sustainable development options and implement changes. This Community of Practice is supported by UNDP.

SEMCA is a new community of practice that has been established to assist in linking higher education networks, universities, faculties, graduates, students as well as research, policy, development and other agencies all with an interest in capacity development - making research and education more relevant to both smallholders and to the modern, globalised, knowledge economy. SEMCA derives from a collaboration amongst EARTH University, the Salzburg Seminar, Noragric and UNDP which held a series of international seminars, SEMCIT (Sustainability, Education and the Management of Change in the Tropics held seminars and workshops in Austria, Costa Rica, Uganda, Senegal, Thailand, Indonesia and Norway and their findings are available on www.changetropics.org), to discuss the changes needed to make agricultural university graduates in the tropics relevant in the 21st Century.

The SEMCA Community of Practice provides an interactive platform that will include workshops, advocacy, sharing experiences and the opportunity to work together to develop and access materials

that inform transformation. SEMCA will use both the internet and e-communication to support these efforts, providing access to those with limited internet facilities. SEMCA will be launching a webpage on the UNDP Information and Learning Network that hosts a local-level integrated information system for Africa. The ILN-Africa/LIIS aims to link local communities with access to information and empower them to leverage technical and other assistance in their efforts to take advantage of globalisation. In the future SEMCA will help to link universities directly with relevant communities in a spiderweb of inter-related knowledge cross-points. The primary goal of this SEMCA Community of practice is to assist in developing a new generation of graduates able to work with farmers and rural communities to produce innovative, sustainable solutions and implement changes. There is a need to harness Africa's creativity to serve development and use her abundant resources to improve the conditions of the poor and tap into new technology to assist the process.

Why a Community of Practice on Transforming African Universities?

There has been a strong call for increased networking and exchange at Jinja Uganda and many other fora. At the FARA (Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa) General Assembly in June 2007 (www.fara-Africa.org) it was once again stressed how important dialogue and networking are to ensure that higher education, research institutes, regional and international networks involved in rural development and capacity development in Africa all contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Internet connectivity can be both time-consuming and expensive in some parts of Africa, so there is a need to provide direct links where the opportunity for surfing is limited. There is also a need to make new information more easily accessible, get better access to regional workshop and seminar discussions (recent and forthcoming meetings include CHEMRAWN XII, Dec 2007, www.chemrawn.co.za RUFORUM, May and August 2007 www.ruforum.org, and FANRPAN, September 2007 www.fanrpan.org). It is also critical to keep abreast of what is happening internationally e.g. the international trade in carbon credits – for instance, do graduates know how to help farmers and poor rural communities take advantage of the changes due in 2012? see CTA, FAO and World Bank as well as www.earthtrends.wri.org. What are the new ways of providing incentives for encouraging agro-biodiversity? What are the implications of bio-fuels to smallholder producers or to net-food importing countries? How would farmers tap into the organic and fair trade markets – learn from other regions www.clac-pequenosproductores.org. How to work with communities to set the research agenda? While none of these issues is the primary role of the SEMCA Community of Practice – they are all part of the changing world we need to keep in touch with. We also need to play an advocacy role and ensure that university authorities, policy makers in government and funding agencies are aware of the key role universities must play in capacity development. Universities need to adapt to the needs of the modern world and this requires reinventing themselves.

The SEMCA webpage on the ILN Africa site and SEMCA e-service communications will concentrate on news about transforming our universities to make them more relevant both in accessing and using modern technology and linking to the world as well as ensuring that they understand and can work with small, under-resourced farmers. A bi-monthly newsletter will be sent giving highlights of what is happening on transforming universities and provide links to information of particular interest in agriculture, environment, research, rural development and of course higher education. It will also inform members of the papers available on the web. Summaries of information and papers on the SEMCA site will be made available by email on request to those with slow or expensive internet access.

If you have information to be included in either our next newsletter or the web site, please hit reply! All inputs are welcome. To reduce unwanted email traffic, this is not an interactive list-serve so your reply will only come to the list manager. It will then either be placed on the web page or incorporated into the next newsletter as appropriate. There will be interactive spaces on the web and in workshops and exchanges that will encourage direct communication between members.

If you would like to receive the newsletter send an email to semcaweb@gmail.com.

To assist those with poor dial-up internet access our e-communication and Newsletter will have no colour or photographs and the format will be kept simple – the web pages will be more exciting!

With regards to you all

Ndey-Isatou Njie – UNDP Regional Capacity Development Adviser, Africa
Jacob-Gyamfi-Aidoo – UNDP ILN-/LIIS Adviser, Africa

Kay Muir-Leresche - SEMCA facilitator

3.2 Biofuel Consultation for the Asia Pacific Region

An expert consultation on biofuels was organized by the Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) together with the Philippine-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics in India (ICRISAT), the Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico (CIMMYT). The consultative meeting held at IRRI's headquarters in Los Baños, Philippines, focused on important biofuel issues such as (i) how bioenergy production may have an impact on global and regional food security; (ii) understanding bioenergy options for key crops and cropping systems in Asia; (iii) identifying research priorities for designing and evaluating integrated food-bioenergy production systems; and (iv) developing a framework for research on biofuels in key agricultural systems of Asia.

"There's no doubt biofuels will have an impact on agriculture in Asia and the Pacific and present some very interesting new opportunities," APAARI's executive secretary, R.S. Paroda, said. "But we need to be absolutely sure this will not affect the region's food security and its continuing efforts to alleviate poverty."

Some Asian countries have already started their own biofuel industries and are currently hoping for the promise of the biofuel industry in their respective countries; renewable source of energy that is cheap, clean, flexible, and can provide additional income to the poor people.

The article can be viewed at :<http://www.irri.org/media/press/press.asp?id=158> and the proceedings at: <http://www.fao.org/docs/eims/upload/232867/2007%20Expert%20Consultation%20on%20Biofuels%20Proceedings.pdf> or <http://www.apaari.org/documents/2007/2007-excomm-Biofuels.pdf>

3.3 Request for funding

Rudol Akatey is looking for funding for a project on the use of material from two traditional trees (*Parkia biglobosa* and *Faidherbia albida*) in Benin as an organic fertilizer. Rudolf has just submitted an application for the Rolex awards program, but he is looking for other funding opportunities in case it does not work to support his research, and to develop a market for this fertilizer.

If you have any suggestion on potential competitive grant programs or funding programs where Rudolf could submit his proposal, please contact him directly at rudolf.cool.mc@gmail.com.

3.4 Interesting poll on climate change

(from Vanessa Meadu)

On September 25, the BBC World Service released a global poll on attitudes towards climate change. GlobeScan and the Program on International Policy Attitudes in Maryland surveyed 22,000 people in 21 developed and developing countries. Most interestingly, the poll showed majority support across the globe for agreements where developing countries would reduce emissions in exchange for financial assistance and technology from developed countries. This indicates broad support for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) or Reduced Emissions from forest Degradation and Deforestation (REDD) projects. ASB is currently engaged in REDD projects and intends to present results at the next UNFCCC COP in Bali this December.

The BBC article is available online at http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/7010522.stm and the full report is available at http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/25_09_07climatepoll.pdf.

Summary of main points:

- An average of eight in ten (79%) say that "human activity, including industry and transportation, is a significant cause of climate change."
- The poll shows majority support (73% on average) in all but two countries polled for an agreement in which developing countries would limit their emissions in return for financial assistance and technology from developed countries.

- All of the developed countries polled endorse this idea by large margins including the United States (70%), Canada (84%), Great Britain (81%), France (78%), Germany (75%), and Australia (84%).
- There is a widespread consensus that developing countries should take action on climate along with developed countries. Just three countries opt instead for the position that less-wealthy countries should not be expected to limit emissions: Egypt, Nigeria and Italy.
 - Those favouring limits on the emissions of less wealthy countries include some of the key ones, most notably a 68 percent majority in China and a plurality of Indians (33% to 24%), though many Indians (43%) do not have an opinion. This is also the dominant view in Brazil (63%), Indonesia (54%), Kenya (64%), Mexico (75%), the Philippines (49%), and Turkey (41%).
- Asked how much they have heard about climate change or global warming, in only a few countries do large numbers say that they have heard little or nothing, including Indonesia (65%), Kenya (53%), Nigeria (48%), and Russia (64%).

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4. ICUC-related information

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4.1 Publications available

We have the following publications available upon request. Please contact Sushilla for more information and an order form (s.rajamanie@cgiar.org) or download it from our website: <http://www.icuc-iwmi.org/Publications/index.htm>.

- Tamarind monograph (Fruits for the Future 1)
- Ber monograph (Fruits for the Future 2)
- Safou monograph (in French) (Fruits for the Future 3)
- Baobab monograph (Fruits for the Future 4)
- Annona monograph (Fruits for the Future 5)
- Zapote monograph (in Spanish) (Fruits for the Future 6)
- Ndjanssang monograph (Fruits for the Future 7)
- Monkey Orange monograph (Fruits for the Future 8)
- Mangoosteen monograph (Fruits for the Future 9)
- Jackfruit monograph (Fruits for the Future 10)
- Tamarind extension manual
- Ber extension manual
- Safou extension manual (French)
- Baobab extension manual
- Annona extension manual
- Zapote extension manual (Spanish)
- Ndjanssang extension manual
- Monkey Orange extension manual
- Mangosteen extension manual
- Jackfruit extension manual

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- Domestication, production and utilisation of new crops
- Global research on underutilised crops
- Position Paper 1: Underutilised plant species: the role of biotechnology
- Position Paper 2: Underutilised plant species: impacts of promotion on biodiversity
- Research Report 1: Potential for small-scale processing and marketing of tropical fruits in Sri Lanka
- Research Report 2: A value-chain analysis for the Sri Lankan rambutan subsector
- Research Report 3: Analysis of economic characteristics of value chains of three underutilised fruits of India
- Strategic Framework for Underutilized Plants Research and Development

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5. ICUC network

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In this section we introduce new and old subscribers to ICUC-News to encourage greater interaction and benefit from the great diversity of readers. If you haven't done so, please send a brief introduction of yourself and your interest in underutilised crops to h.jaenicke@cgiar.org. We will not publish your email or phone contacts and if anyone is interested to establish direct contact, please write an email to me.

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