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| CGIAR EiB Platform First Virtual EIB Platform Steering Committee Meeting Agenda | | |
| Date: Thursday, September 28 th , 2017 | Time: 7:00am-9:00am (Mexico City Time) | Location: WebEx Teleconference/ Marianne's Office |

1. Introductions
2. Overview of the Excellence in Breeding Platform
3. Evolution as described in the Proposal to the Bill & Melina Gates Foundation
4. Review of PSC Terms of Reference
5. Selection of the NARS member
6. AOB





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MINUTES
28 September 2017
WebEx

In Attendance: Michael Friedmann, Dirk Jan De Koning, Monica Menz, Jacqueline Hughes, Marianne Bänziger, Michael Quinn, Brenda Bautista

| # | Action Item | Deadline | Responsible |
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| 1 | Prepare a membership agreement and share it with the Steering Committee for comments. | October 27, 2017 | Michael Quinn |
| 2 | On section 5.2. of the TORs change the notice for each meeting from 10 working days to 15 working days, 2. Add to the TORs a statement of expected participation (less than 5 days per year) for members. | September 28, 2017 | Brenda Bautista |
| 3 | Review CRPs survey feedback on remuneration of external participants. | Next Steering Committee Meeting | Brenda Bautista |

1. Introductions

- Those present introduced themselves giving a short background of their work experience.

2. Overview of the Excellence in Breeding Platform

- Michael Quinn, CGIAR EiB Platform Leader, gave an overview of the Platform. The following achievements were highlighted:
 - a. The EiB visit to the CGIAR centers clarified the breeding programs queries regarding the Platform.
 - b. The BMGF proposal is in the final review process.
 - c. Toolbox membership categories have been developed- Users, Members, and Contributors. It was emphasized that four pilot NARs will be selected as members.
 - d. The Platform will take on a more strategic approach to trainings, not only will training be set up, regular follow-ups and one-on-one interactions will be organized.
- Key Points of Discussion:
 - a. NARs will be selected based on 1. priority countries for donors and 2. having a major breeding program.
 - b. The challenges of including the livestock industry in the Platform were addressed, the Platform will focus on similarities across species (i.e. genotyping, phenotyping data capturing quantitative genomics) so that that livestock gets the most value. It was also mentioned that W1/W2 will support all species.
 - c. It was mentioned that overall there is enthusiasm by the centers to be involved with the Platform. It was also addressed that as funding is reduced for many breeding programs the Platform is the best option to optimize the efficiency of their programs.

Action (s): Michael Quinn will prepare a membership agreement and share it with the Steering Committee for comments.

3. Evolution as described in the Proposal to the Bill & Melina Gates Foundation

- a. The major evolution in the BMGF proposal was discussed, specifically related to the hiring full-time positions in each of the modules.
- b. Measuring success in the Platform was addressed(increased rate of genetic gains), it was mentioned that the best way to measure success is through the Toolbox. The Toolbox is set to create interaction among programs and to put forth peer pressure for all members to contribute to the mission of increasing genetic gains.

4. Review of PSC Terms of Reference

- Jacqueline Hughes by majority vote was selected as the Chair of the Steering Committee.
- Dirk Jan De Koning by majority vote was selected as the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee.
- Section 7.2 was clarified; the steering committee will be involved in a high-level involvement of the selection of contractors and consultancies.
- The possibility of having one in-person meeting was discussed; an in-person meeting may be possible at the 2018 Expert Advisory meeting.

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5. Selection of NARs Steering Committee Member

- It was mentioned that the pending NARS Steering Committee Member will be defined once the pilot NARs programs have been defined.