

## **Cycle 2 Challenge Programs : Criteria for Evaluation of Pre-Proposals**

The CGIAR Science Council will evaluate the pre-proposals based on the following criteria:

### **1. *Quality of Science:***

- Clear definition of research objectives
- Appropriateness and scientific rigor of research methodology/approach
- Clearly defined research outputs
- Qualifications, competence, comparative advantages of CGIAR Centers and their partners

### **2. *Stakeholder Involvement and CGIAR Partnerships:***

- Kinds and numbers of collaborative arrangements among Centers and with partner organizations (NARS, CSOs, ARIs, universities, private sector, and development institutions) are appropriate
- Partners involvement and participation in problem identification, research planning and implementation is clear
- Coordination mechanisms are appropriate and likely to capture greater synergies and cost effectiveness
- The program has potential to contribute to capacity building of NARS partners

### **3. *Alignment with CGIAR System Priority Research : (see:***

***<http://www.sciencecouncil.cgiar.org/activities/spps/pubs/Priorities%20Dec%2005.pdf>***

- Addresses clearly a CGIAR System Priority or advances System Priority research through a cross-cutting approach
- The research deliverables are relevant for the specific System Priority sub-goals

### **4. *Relevance to MDGs in general and specifically to CGIAR Goals and Impact:***

- Potential to contribute to CGIAR goals
- Clearly defined mechanisms for delivery and dissemination of research outputs
- Strongly international public goods-oriented

### **5. *Magnitude and Evidence of Financial and Resource Support:***

- Evidence of donor interest and commitment
- Potential for attracting new funding