



Introduction

The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) is organizing a biennial Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD) to discuss and set priorities for agricultural research for development. This will enable all partners in agricultural research for development to benefit resource poor farmers and agricultural producers. This conference will replace the GFAR Triennial Conference and the Annual Meeting of the CGIAR. The outcome of GCARD can be used by the world agricultural development community, while also framing the work of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

GFAR, through its Steering Committee, has assembled a task force, representing a cross-section of ARD stakeholders, to organize GCARD at Montpellier, France in February, 2010. This task force will report regularly on the progress of organizing the biennial conference to the Chair, GFAR and through him to the GFAR Steering Committee. Dr. Monty Jones has accepted the responsibility to Chair the Task Force for organizing the GCARD in 2010.

Task Force Composition:

Chair: Monty Jones

Ex-officio Secretary: Mark Holderness

Regional Stakeholders:

- Aggrey Agumya
- Ibrahim Hamdan
- Mario Allegri
- Paolo Sarfatti

CGIAR:

- Science Council (to be confirmed)
- Alliance Steve Hall (Carlos Sere as delegate)

Facilitating agencies:

- IFAD (Shantanu Mathur)
- FAO (Isabel Alvarez)
- Donors: Jonathan Wadsworth

Host country, France: Pierre Fabre, or delegate

Farmer representation: Jack Wilkinson