

## **Extracto da carta escrita pelo presidente do EIARD**

As you might be aware the over the past week in Maputo the CGIAR AGM and Annual Business Meeting deliberated on "The Integrated Reform Proposal - A Revitalized CGIAR - A New Way Forward" - the culmination of a process that many EIARD members have contributed to both directly and indirectly over the past year.

I couldn't be happier to inform you and your colleagues that the proposal document was endorsed and eleven specific key building blocks were fully approved. Both the endorsement and approvals were unanimous - with 65+ donor members from North and South around the table this was quite an historic outcome for the CGIAR.

In essence this means that within a year there will be set up a legally constituted global Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centres with a professional Board and CEO, Centre Boards will cede considerable authority to the Consortium Board, a Central CGIAR Trust Fund will be established probably at the WB, results-based mega-programmes designed to target major development challenges will be put in place through clear Performance Contracts between the Fund and the Consortium, with clear separation of responsibilities and mutual accountabilities between the doers and the funders of research.

Yesterday Kathy Sierra chaired the inaugural meeting of the Transition Management Team on which I will serve until the job is done.

I would like to thank you for your support over the past year which helped immensely. EIARD has shown itself to be an effective, disciplined and mature collective action group in this important endeavour. At the AGM EIARD members spoke with one clear and persuasive voice. Undoubtedly this had a big impact on the end result - this is a fantastic outcome of which EIARD, through its leadership and hard work can be justifiably proud.