

Help shape an emerging proposal for a livestock and fish Mega Program: An invitation from ILRI, WorldFish, CIAT and ICARDA

Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, the CGIAR is currently undergoing a major change process and is being operationalized through a number of Mega Programs. Four CGIAR Centers – ILRI, WorldFish Center, CIAT, and ICARDA – are working together to develop a Mega Program on improving the productivity of livestock and farmed fish by and for the poor. It has the twin objectives of improving food and nutrition security, and enhancing livelihoods in carefully selected meat, milk and fish value chains. A short concept note for this Mega Program has recently been approved by the CGIAR Consortium Board and is now being developed into a full proposal.

We would like to invite you to review and help us improve our Mega Program concept online in an E-consultation we are running between now and a stakeholder meeting planned for August 24-25 in Nairobi. We are structuring the discussion around a central topic each week over four weeks. Each week, we will highlight an aspect of the proposal on which we would especially like to have your feedback and suggestions. We will first explain the issue, and then ask 3-4 specific questions, as well as ask for general comments.

So please join us by going to <http://livestockfish.wordpress.com/>.

We would greatly appreciate your help to critique and help shape our emerging ideas and plan, and very much hope you will be able to find the time to take part in this consultation.

Signed Carlos Seré

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on behalf of ILRI and the Director Generals of the WorldFish Center, CIAT, and ICARDA