

CGIAR BRIEFING AT THE BELGIAN SENATE

May 2, 2006

0930 – 1230

**co-sponsored by the Directorate-General Development Cooperation (DGCD),
Belgium, and the CGIAR**

PROGRAMME

9.30 Opening

Mrs. Lizin, Speaker of the Belgian Senate

9.40 Introductory speeches

- Mr. Ian Johnson, Chairman, CGIAR: “Agricultural Research and Global Issues”
- Mr. Francisco Reifschneider, Director, CGIAR: “Work and Impact of the CGIAR in Developing Countries”
- Mr. Pierre Galand, Senator, Chairman of the Globalisation Committee of the Belgian Senate: “Quelle politique en matière de recherche et développement pour l’agriculture?”
- Mrs. Martine Van Dooren, Director General of the DGCD

10.30 Testimonials

- Mr. Emile Frison, Director General, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Rome: “Partnership between Belgium and the CGIAR”
- Prof. Dheda Djailo, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Kisangani, DR Congo

11.00 Panel Debate

with representatives of CGIAR (Mr. Ian Johnson, Mr. Francisco Reifschneider, Mr. Emile Frison and Prof. Dheda Djailo) and DGDC (Mrs. Martine Van Dooren and Mr. Kris Panneels)

12.00 Conclusions

- Mrs. Sabine Laruelle, minister of Agriculture and Middle Classes
- Mrs. Sabine de Bethune and Mrs. Margriet Hermans, vice-chairwomen of the Globalisation Committee of the Belgian Senate