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Dear Colleagues,

In February the Alliance and stakeholders met in Rome to clarify concepts and better delineate the scope of the Strategy and Results Framework. The results from this workshop helped design terms of reference for two teams to work on the Strategy and Results Framework and on Mega Program 'mock ups' respectively.

The team developing the high level Strategy and Strategic Results Framework have been working in preparing the first deliverable in their Terms of Reference – a draft of the high level research for development Strategy of the Consortium. The Alliance is pleased to be able to share with you the team's **first report outlining the process and progress to date**. A copy is attached and is also available at following link: [Strategy Committee Report 26 April 2009](#)

The Alliance will be reviewing the progress to date at the Alliance Meeting (11-13 May 2009). Based on the discussions and comments arising from the Alliance meeting, the Strategy will be further refined and the draft Strategy will be presented at the CGIAR June Executive Council meeting. Hopefully this meeting will endorse the draft and will give a green light to proceed with the Strategy and Results Framework and Mega Programs.

Over the coming months consultations with CGIAR members, GFAR and other partners will intensify to seek more input and feedback on the Strategy and the first portfolio of Mega Programs.

We look forward to seeking your input as we move forward.

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