

## Summary Statements

- It has been useful discussion – very recognizant of the different points of view from different sectors, disciplines and regions – it has very much helped to reflect, reinforce some ideas and open up others
- One thing we were all united on seems to be that crop diversity – both inter and intraspecific -- is going to be important for any kind of future scenario we might imagine and that genebanks both international and national have an important role in conserving, adding value to it, and supplying it to users.
- There is a lot of hope in what genebanks can do – I feel that from every corner there were calls for CGIAR genebanks to play a more proactive, strategic and catalytic role – in moving materials around in the face of CC and other demands, in enabling the development of more diverse farming systems, in promoting more nutritious agriculture, in conserving stuff that is going extinct. And this for the whole gamut of crop diversity, from staples to underutilized crop, from cereals to vegetables, from roots and tubers to fruits.
- That hope is an exciting thing for Aly Abousabaa and Michael Abberton to go back and tell our genebank colleagues in the CGIAR.
- However, there were careful reminders that the CGIAR cannot do everything, it doesn't have the capacity, nor is there a need. Partnerships, federated systems and division of roles are a must. And for that to work, the governance and policy framework must be right.
- Thinking and acting more strategically demands leadership, vision, funding, trust and a theory of change.
- Also, we need to find a way of better understanding, quantifying and communicating demand and the current and option values of genebank materials.
- The GCO Panel is a collaboration of the CGIAR, Crop Trust and Treaty Secretariat. With the reform towards One CGIAR, we hope to use this genuinely unique opportunity to be bold.
- We have focussed a lot on conservation in the past few years and a lot of progress has taken place, but as various people said – we need to make more progress (on cryo, CWR, data, genotyping).
- Crop Trust has built a USD 300 million endowment that could just about cover the most critical conservation activities of CGIAR seed banks but it's not enough for more than that. Genebanks need to be doing more than ticking along doing conservation and waiting for requests. Clearly to get more funding we need to make a convincing case and make some difficult choices.
- You have given us very helpful directions.