“Rust Surveillance and Warning” Component Launch Meeting
February 18-24  St. Paul, MN USA

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:
A launch and planning meeting for the “Rust Surveillance and Warning” component of the “Seed multiplication and delivery of high-yielding rust resistant bread and durum wheat varieties to Ethiopian farmers” project.

MEETING OBJECTIVES:
1. Discuss the roles of EIAR, CIMMYT, USDA, and UofM in implementing the USAID-funded “Rust Surveillance and Warning” (Rust) component of the grant.
2. Determine a technical work plan for each activity in the Rust component
3. Discuss and develop a strategy for integration of the Rust component and overall Seed project with EIAR wheat research, breeding, and variety deployment
4. Discuss the vision each institution has for long-term relationships between EIAR/CIMMYT/USDA/UofM
5. Assessment of Ethiopian and CIMMYT germplasm for rust resistance (host surveillance) and characterization of Ethiopian races of the stem rust pathogen (pathogen surveillance).

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AGENDA OVERVIEW:

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*Drs. Mengistu and Fikre meet with University administrators and personnel