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Note on Selection Process for Members and Alternates of CGIAR System Council

Introduction

1. The CGIAR System Framework, approved by the Centers and Funders in June 2016, provides for a System Council to serve as the strategic decision making body of the CGIAR System. The Council is to keep under review the strategy, mission, impact and continued relevancy of the CGIAR System.
2. The Council is to consist of, among others, twenty voting members as follows:
 - a. up to fifteen representatives of funders,
 - b. five developing country representatives that are either funders, or countries hosting a Center, or countries with significant national agricultural systems.
3. Every three years each of the two categories of voting members are to consult and agree upon their constituencies, which may be comprised of one or more governments or organizations. Each constituency is to agree upon its process to select its voting member and alternate and to decide upon the rules and procedures that will guide how the members of the constituency will relate to each other.

Consultations on Funder members and alternates

4. For purposes of the inaugural System Council, Funders agreed on the eligibility criteria for selecting their System Council members and alternates that is set forth in Annex A to this note. Eligible funders held two consultative meetings to determine the allocation of seats among them in February 2016 and May 2016.
5. At their second consultation, funders agreed, on a provisional basis, to the distribution of seats listed below for the three years from July 2016 to June 2019. It was further agreed that the provisional agreement would be confirmed after the developing countries have completed their consultations and reached agreement on their five seats. A summary of the consultation and decision can be found at www.cgiar.org/cgiar-transition/consultations/.
 - a. African Development Bank
 - b. Australia
 - c. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
 - d. Canada
 - e. European Commission

- f. Germany
- g. Japan
- h. Mexico
- i. Netherlands
- j. Norway
- k. Sweden
- l. Switzerland
- m. United Kingdom
- n. United States
- o. World Bank

6. On July 8, 2016, the eligible funders confirmed their provisional agreement on the distribution of seats.

Consultations on developing country members and alternates

7. At the thirteenth meeting of the Fund Council held in Bogor, Indonesia, it was agreed that balance among the following regions should be taken into account in allocating the developing country seats on the System Council:

- a. East Asia and Pacific,
- b. Latin America and Caribbean,
- c. South Asia,
- d. Sub-Saharan Africa, and
- e. West Asia and North Africa.

8. After an initial briefing of interested eligible countries in Washington, D.C., in April 2016, eligible countries were requested to confirm their interest in having a representative serve as a member or alternate on the System Council and/or participating in a regional constituency. The CGIAR transition team subsequently facilitated, on a regional basis, the following consultations among those countries that had confirmed their interest:

- a. East Asia & Pacific: May 19, 2016 and June 24, 2016
- b. South Asia: May 18, 2016
- c. Sub-Saharan Africa: May 23, 2016
- d. West Asia & North Africa: June 15, 2016

9. Three eligible countries from Latin America and the Caribbean expressed an interest in serving on the System Council (Brazil, Colombia and Peru), but to date they have been unable to identify a mutually convenient time for a consultation.

10. The purpose of the consultations was to provide an opportunity for the countries of the region to discuss and agree upon: a) whether they would collaborate in a constituency arrangement, b) the countries that would name the member and alternate to represent the constituency, and c) any agreements or understandings as to how the constituency could operate.

11. A summary of each of the consultations can be found at www.cgiar.org/cgiar-transition/consultations/.

East Asia and Pacific

12. Eligible countries in the East Asia and Pacific region include China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. All five countries have confirmed their interest in serving on the System Council.

13. China, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand participated in a regional consultation on May 19 and on June 24, and a series of emails was exchanged among all five eligible countries in the region to foster a consensus. Representatives expressed their keen interest in the work of the CGIAR System, their support for the work of the Centers, and the importance of agricultural research for their countries.

14. The representatives agreed that they would collaborate as a constituency to ensure representation from the region on the CGIAR System Council. The representatives also agreed that other countries in the East Asia and Pacific region should be kept informed of the work of the CGIAR System Council.

15. It was agreed that for purposes of promoting the active engagement of all countries in the constituency, a strong and robust consultative mechanism should be established, including the organization of consultations prior to each Council meeting to discuss issues and views of the constituency members. These meetings could be organized in-person or virtually.

16. The countries of the region agreed on three-year terms for the member and alternate and an alphabetical rotation schedule for representation of the region as follows:

<i>Term</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
July 2016 – June 2019	China	Indonesia
July 2019 – June 2022	Indonesia	Malaysia
July 2022 – June 2025	Malaysia	Philippines
July 2025 – June 2028	Philippines	Thailand
July 2028 – June 2031	Thailand	China

South Asia

16. Eligible countries in the South Asia region include Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. All three countries confirmed their interest in serving on the System Council and participated in the consultation. It was agreed that the three countries would collaborate as a constituency. India will name a representative to serve as the member on the System Council for three years, from July 2016 to June 2019. The alternate will rotate, with each of the other two countries serving as

the alternate for an 18-month term. Bangladesh will serve as the alternate from July 2016 to December 2017. Sri Lanka will serve as the alternate from January 2018 to June 2019.

17. It was agreed that the Council member would organize a virtual consultation with other members of the constituency prior to each Council meeting to discuss issues and views of the constituency. Further elaboration on the administrative rules of the South Asia constituency will be decided, if required, by members of the constituency.

18. The representatives also agreed that they would meet again in advance of the expiration of the current three year term in June 2019 to review the constituency arrangements and representation for the next term of three years.

19. All countries recognized the importance of strong representation of the South Asia region at CGIAR System Council meeting, and in this regard, thought it critical that both the member and alternate be able to attend the Council meetings. In this regard, the countries requested that the costs of attendance for both the member and alternate of the developing country constituencies be covered by the Council.

Sub-Saharan Africa

20. Eligible countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa region include Benin, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda. Of those countries, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda confirmed their interest in serving on the System Council, and Kenya, Nigeria and Sudan participated in a regional consultation.

21. During the consultation, it was proposed that:

- a. contributions to the CGIAR Trust Fund should be the main criterion for selecting the member.
- b. Nigeria would name the constituency's member on the CGIAR System Council to serve for three years, from July 2016 to June 2019, recognizing that Nigeria meets all three criteria for a developing country seat and has consistently made the largest financial contribution to CGIAR in the region
- c. the alternate would be decided after further consultation among members in the constituency. The member from Nigeria should undertake to carry out those consultations.
- d. consultations should be arranged in advance of the expiration of the first three-year term in June 2019 to review the constituency arrangements and representation for the next term of three years. Other countries would be encouraged to use the three years of the first term to increase their financial contributions to CGIAR and to build a case for their participation as a member or alternate for the Sub-Saharan Africa constituency on the System Council.

22. This proposal was sent to all eligible, interested countries and was approved on a "no-objection" basis.

West Asia and North Africa

23. Eligible countries in the West Asia and North Africa region include Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria and Turkey. Of those countries, Iran and Turkey confirmed their interest in naming a Council member or alternate.

24. During a consultation on June 15, 2016, the two countries agreed to collaborate in a constituency arrangement. It was agreed that Turkey would name a representative to serve as a member of the System Council for a two year term, from July 2016 to June 2018, and that Iran will serve as the alternate during that period. It was further agreed that the two countries would rotate being the member or alternate every two years.

25. The representatives stressed the importance of strong collaboration between them and with other countries in the region. It was agreed that they should collaborate both before and during the meeting and that the System Council should be requested to provide financing for the cost of attendance at the System Council meetings of both the member and the alternate, thereby strengthening developing country and regional representation. It was further agreed that it would be important for the rules of procedure for the System Council to make provision for the alternate to speak on behalf of the constituency, instead of the Member, on particular agenda items when the alternate may have particular technical input or experience to share with the System Council.

Ongoing work to finalize members of the inaugural CGIAR System Council

26. Countries that are to name a System Council member or alternate were contacted by the transition team with a request that they provide the member or alternate's name and contact information. The information received is set forth in Annex B. Countries are requested to provide information for those member and alternates that are currently missing from the attached list.

27. The System Management Office will consult with the eligible countries of the Latin America and Caribbean region to facilitate further discussion.

Annex A: Eligibility criteria for Funders' inaugural System Council members and alternates

1. For purposes of the inaugural System Council, Funders have agreed to the following eligibility criteria for selecting its System Council members and alternates.
2. To be eligible for to be a Funder representative on the System Council, a Funder must have contributed in the three year period 2013-2015 a weighted minimum of US \$10,000,000 to the CGIAR System, to be calculated as follows:
 - a) Contributions to Window 1 of the CGIAR Fund shall be weighted at three times their nominal amount;
 - b) Contributions to Window 2 of the CGIAR Fund shall be weighted at twice their nominal amount; and
 - c) Contributions to Window 3 of the CGIAR Fund and bilateral contributions to Centers shall be counted at their nominal amount.
3. Funders that provide the weighted minimum of US \$10,000,000 to the CGIAR System shall agree on the distribution of the System Council contributor seats amongst themselves and the formation of constituencies, if required.
4. Contributions that provide less than the weighted minimum may seek to join any of the constituencies once they are agreed.

Annex B: System Council Members and Alternates

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