

CHAIR'S SUMMARY
3rd System Council meeting, 23 November 2016

Dear System Council Members, Active Observers and Invited Guests

As the System Management Office begins to prepare a formal summary of our conversations and the important decisions we collectively took, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for what I feel was a powerful, to the point, and highly effective virtual 3rd System Council meeting. I also wish to extend my appreciation to our colleague Philip Chiverton for serving as a very capable Co-Chair.

To ensure that we maintain momentum as we near year-end, I feel it is also helpful that you have this Chair's Summary to record the decisions we took and the actions that we agreed. If colleagues find this approach useful, then my goal will be to have this out within 48 hours of the end of each meeting so that we maintain the very open communication model that has already characterized the System Council's discussions to date.

With that introduction, my note has the following constituent parts that I now draw to your attention:

- Part A – The decisions we took
- Part B – The Actions we agreed
- Part C – Colleagues present on our call

As a closing comment, and based on the successful conclusion of this first virtual System Council meeting, I have asked the System Management Office to reach out to the Council over the coming weeks to seek your input on whether one or two virtual meetings can be a feature in our calendar moving forward, being conscious of the shared agenda to be as cost effective as we can be in all that we also do. The CGIAR System Framework mandates that we shall meet at least twice per year, but it also provides us with flexibility to have those meetings in-person, by video or audio, or other satisfactory means.¹

Thank you all once again for the highly constructive meeting. I feel very confident that we certainly operating in the right manner and moving in the right direction.

Sincerely

Juergen Voegele
System Council Chair

¹ Refer to Article 7 of the [CGIAR System Framework](#)

Part A - The decisions that we took

SC/M3/DP1: Meeting Co-Chair

The System Council elected Philip Chiverton, representative of Sweden, as the non-voting Co Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework ("Framework").

SC/M3/DP2: 2017 Window 1-2 Allocation of Funding for the 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio

The System Council approved, pursuant to Article 6.1.(s) of the CGIAR System Framework, for the 2017 calendar year, the allocation of US\$ 191.1 million W1-2 funds ("2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount") for the approved 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio, comprised of 11 CGIAR Research Programs ('CRPs') and 3 Platforms, which sum is allocated between the CRPs and Platforms as set out in table 1 below.

Table 1: System Council 23 November 2016 allocation decision for 2017 W1-2 funding

	2017 W1-2 allocation based on FAWG proposal		Affected flagships
	All Funding Sources	W1&2 (Note A)	
Fish Excl FP3 ***	17.6	3.8	* FP2
FTA	71.1	8.8	* FP2
Livestock	37.3	14.0	* FP3 & FP5
Maize Excl FP5 ***	65.6	11.3	
Rice	78.3	16.1	** FP2 & FP3
RTB	113.9	22.2	** FP5
Wheat	42.8	14.8	** FP1 & FP4
A4NH	90.8	19.4	** FP1, FP4 & FP5
CCAFS	56.9	20.8	** FP4
PIM	92.3	18.3	** FP1, FP4 & FP5
WLE	47.9	7.9	* FP5
Genebanks	31.6	24.9	
Excellence in Breeding	10.0	2.0	
Big Data Coordination	6.7	6.7	
	Sub total	191.1	
		-2.6	Adjustment for OA/OD funds held
		-8.4	Balancing fund contribution
Total anticipated new W1-2	762.8	180.1	

Key

No W1-2 in 2017 for selected Flagships *

Reduced W1-2 for selected flagships **

Note A: The System Council's decision to not provide any W1-2 funding to the 5 affected flagships in 2017 (i.e. those identified with the symbol "*" above) and to exclude two other flagships from the approved 2017 - 2022 CGIAR Portfolio for the present (i.e. those identified with "****" above), was implemented with a proportional reduction also being made to the Management & Support Costs budget line for the 5 affected CRPs (Fish, FTA, Livestock, Maize, and WLE), thus giving rise to the individual CRP and Platform W1-2 totals for 2017 that are set out above. The 5 CRPs that were affected by the M&S reduction were not affected by the reductions recommended by the FAWG (as applied to those flagships identified with "***" above).

SC/M3/DP3: Contribution of funding towards the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount

1. The System Council approved the use of US\$ 8.4 million of Window 1 funds from the CGIAR Balancing Fund as a contribution toward the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount.
2. The System Council noted that as a further contribution towards the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount, part of the financing for the 'CGIAR Big Data Coordination Platform' will be satisfied by the existing US\$ 2.6 million Window 1 resources that are available, comprising funds that were originally identified for the Open Access/ Open Data special initiatives grant, the work of which will continue in 2017 as part of the Big Data Coordination Platform.

SC/M2/DP4: 2017 annual work programs and budgets for CGIAR System entities

The System Council approved the 2017 annual work plans and budgets of CGIAR System entities and actions in the amount of US\$ 16.24 million as set out in meeting document [SC3-04](#).

SC/M3/DP5: Mechanism for financing of System entity costs

The System Council approved the financing of the 2017 System entity costs through the continued application of the CGIAR System cost sharing percentage mechanism.

SC/M3/DP6: Managing residual CGIAR Fund Window 1 funding at end 2016

The System Council approved the disbursement to the System Organization and/or Centers of all unallocated Window 1 funds remaining in the CGIAR Fund as of 14 December 2016 as a pre-disbursement of funding to be used to support approved 2017 CGIAR Portfolio and System administrative costs.

Part B - The actions we agreed

SC/M3/AP1 – Genebanks and broader funding discussion

Recognizing the importance of the former Fund Council's decision at FC14 on funding the Genebanks, the System Management Office will put in motion a wider funding discussion amongst the System Council members (which includes the Genebanks decision, builds on the work done on the transition, and does not seek to reinvent the wheel). This work is to be overseen in due course by the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee.

SC/M3/AP2 – Establishing the Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee

The System Management Office will support establishment of the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (as contemplated by Article 8.2(a) of the CGIAR System Framework), building on the work that has been done to date by the Fund Effectiveness Working Group, and seeking System Council endorsement of the Terms of Reference as soon as possible, in order that the committee can take up its key role.

SC/M3/AP3 – Update on developing the CGIAR System performance management framework

The System Management Office will provide an action plan update on the progress of the development of a comprehensive performance management framework, to be provided virtually in the coming months.

SC/M3/AP4 – System Council meeting modalities

The System Management Office will review the modalities of System Council operations and present options for the System Council to consider, with the view to potentially meeting virtually on one or two occasions each year, in addition to one in-person meeting each year.

SC/M3/AP5 – Interim support to breeding and crop productivity elements for the drylands

The USA will lead a conversation with relevant players and actors amongst the Centers and Funders on what could be done as an interim process, notionally for a one-year transition period through to end-2017, and provide an update to the System Council by 31 January 2017.

Part C – Colleagues present on our call

Meeting leadership		
Juergen Voegele (System Council Chair)		
Philip Chiverton; Sweden (Co-Chair, 3rd System Council meeting)		
<i>*Indicates that the Member/Active Observer is being represented at the meeting by the alternate or a delegated representative.</i>		
System Council Voting Members	System Council Member Representative	System Council Member Alternates & Other Delegation Members
Australia	Andrew Campbell	Mellissa Wood
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Tony Cavalieri*	
Canada	Christophe Kadji*	Roxanne Robert
East Asia & Pacific	CHINA: Feng Dongxin	CHINA: Zhai Lin; CHINA: Huang Dandan
European Commission	Bernard Rey	Roberto Aparicio-Martin
Germany and Belgium	Stefan Schmitz	Michel Bernhardt
Japan	Masashi Takizawa*	Norihito Kanamori
Netherlands	Marcel Beukeboom	Melle Leenstra
Norway	Daniel van Gilst	
South Asia	INDIA: Chhabilendra Roul	
Sweden	<i>Served as meeting co-Chair</i>	Renée Ankarfjaerd
Switzerland	Michel Evéquoz	
United Kingdom	Alan Tollervey	
USA	Rob Bertram	Eric Witte; Tom Moritz
West Asia & North Africa	TURKEY: Turgut Orman*	
World Bank	Mark Cackler	Irina Klytchnikova
Non-voting Ex-officio members	Member	Alternate
Interim Chair, System Management Board	Martin Kropff	
Executive Director, System Management Organization	Elwyn Grainger-Jones	
Center Representative 1	Rodney Cooke **	
Center Representative 2 (and System Management Board Member)	Jimmy Smith **	
FAO	Samy Gaiji*	
<i>** Interim appointment for July - December 2016</i>		

Active Observers		
GFAR	Mark Holderness*	Harry Palmier
IEA	Rachel Sauvinet-Bedouin	Sirkka Immonen
ISPC	Maggie Gill	Leslie Lipper
Invited attendees		
France - Host Country	Marion Guillou	
Trustee	Darius Stangu	
Additional participants		
World Bank	Jonathan Wadsworth	
CGIAR System Organization	Karmen Bennett, Senior Advisor Governance	
	Olwen Cussen, Assistant to the Executive Office	
	Philippe Ellul, Senior Science Officer	
	Peter Gardiner, Director of Science	
	Albin Hubscher, Director of Finance and Corporate Services	
	Elise Perset, General Counsel	
Support, SMB Interim Chair	Kathy Sexsmith	
Apologies - System Council Voting Members		
AfDB		
Latin America & Caribbean		
Mexico		
Sub-Saharan Africa		
Apologies - Non-voting Ex-officio members		
IFAD		