

ISPC proposed amendment to the 2018 workplan and budget of the Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC)

Purpose

This document outlines a proposed amendment by ISPC to the ISPC 2018 workplan and budget to ensure the continuity of ongoing work and partnerships of SPIA as it is developing a multi-year program of work, that builds on the experience and lessons from SIAC 2013-2017 and will be presented to System Council for approval in November 2018, aligned to the CGIAR business plan and funding cycle.

Action requested

The System Council is asked to consider and if appropriate, **approve the requested additional \$1.24 million for 2018** for a set of time-sensitive activities outlined in this paper.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ISPC 2018 WORKPLAN AND BUDGET

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The Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC) of the CGIAR provides advice on science and partnership strategies to the System Council to enhance their capacity to support effective agricultural research programs for development.

In November 2017, System Council approved a budget ceiling of \$2.94 million for ISPC. Of that amount, \$880,000 supports activities of SPIA, the impact assessment work stream. Specifically *...SPIA will focus on consolidating and communicating the results of studies conducted under the Strengthening Impact Assessment in CGIAR (SIAC) program (2013-2017) and to continue to support institutionalizing impact assessment in the CGIAR.*

In addition to implementing the 2018 work plan (with several synthesis products from SIAC in the publications pipeline), SPIA is developing a [multi-year program of work](#) that builds on the experience and lessons from SIAC 2013-2017. Informed by consultation with stakeholders across the system, this program would include an expanded set of activities to strengthen the impact culture of CGIAR, as well as investments in new impact assessment studies and in piloting an approach to institutionalize collection of data on adoption of CGIAR innovations in national data systems. This multi-year program of work will be presented to System Council for approval in November 2018, aligned to the CGIAR business plan and funding cycle. However, to ensure the continuity of ongoing work and partnerships, we are requesting an additional **\$1.24 million for 2018¹** for the following time-sensitive activities:

- Conduct background analysis and consultation with CGIAR stakeholders to define priorities for a portfolio of impact assessment studies targeted to informing CGIAR decisions
- Commission a set of studies that will be able to deliver timely evidence to inform future CGIAR business plans and other key decisions
- Plan for and implement collection of data on diffusion of a prioritized set of CGIAR technologies and other innovations, in the context of nationally-representative household surveys, in key CGIAR geographies in 2018-19.

Table 1 shows the 2018 budget by activity and Table 2 by cost type.

Due to both the nature of SPIA's work and the uncertainties around the institutional arrangements of Advisory Services, we request that these funds be administrated by SMO while remaining under the sole managerial control of SPIA. This follows a successful precedent set for one of the donor grants received to support the SIAC program.

¹ This is lower than the \$1.7 million requested for 2018 in a proposal submitted to SIMEC in November 2017 because some of the work originally proposed for 2018 would be moved to 2019.

Table 1. SPIA 2018 PROGRAM BUDGET BY ACTIVITY

Obj. SPIA Program Activities	2018 Budget Supplement requested	2018 Budget ISPC Approved	2018 Budget Total	2019 Forecast Total	2020 Forecast Total	2021 Forecast Total
1 Supporting the impact culture in CGIAR						
1.1 Expanded communities of practice	40,000	115,000	155,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
1.2 Building IA capacity in centers/CRPs	0	10,000	10,000	210,000	205,000	205,000
1.3 Support use of data by stakeholders inside and outside CGIAR	50,000	42,213	92,213	122,213	137,213	137,213
Subtotals	90,000	167,213	257,213	462,213	472,213	472,213
2 Expanding and deepening evidence of impacts of CGIAR research on SLOs						
2.1 Studies documenting long-term, large scale impacts of research on SRF outcomes	330,000	78,016	408,016	718,016	533,016	333,016
2.2 Coordinated sets of impact assessments on recent innovations	80,000	25,752	105,752	530,752	830,752	640,752
2.3 Support methods development for under-evaluated areas	40,000	26,413	66,413	449,413	459,413	439,413
2.4 Synthesis and communication of results at system-level	10,000	88,207	98,207	98,207	113,207	83,207
Subtotals	460,000	218,388	678,388	1,796,388	1,936,388	1,496,388
3 Improving and institutionalizing collection of data						
3.1 Integrate data collection on a prioritized set of CGIAR innovations in priority countries	650,000	240,650	890,650	1,279,650	1,253,650	1,093,650
3.2 Identify priority innovations and define methods/standards/protocols to improve accuracy and reduce cost	40,000	126,749	166,749	378,749	192,749	152,749
3.3 Develop a proposed strategy for sustaining and expanding data collection efforts	0	0	0	0	20,000	100,000
Subtotals	690,000	367,399	1,057,399	1,658,399	1,466,399	1,346,399
4 Oversight, Management and M&E						
4.1 Managing the SPIA program	0	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000	127,000
4.2 External evaluation of SPIA	0	0	0	0	35,000	0
Subtotals	0	127,000	127,000	127,000	162,000	127,000
TOTALS	1,240,000	880,000	2,120,000	4,044,000	4,037,000	3,442,000

Table 2. SPIA 2018 PROGRAM BUDGET BY COST TYPE

Cost Type	2018 Budget - Supplement requested	2018 Budget - ISPC	2018 Budget - Total
Consulting	155,000	57,000	212,000
Other costs	55,000	65,000	120,000
Personnel *	60,000	650,000	710,000
Sub-grants	915,000	80,000	995,000
Travel	55,000	28,000	83,000
Grand Total	1,240,000	880,000	2,120,000

* The 2018 Budget supplement does not include full personnel costs for the SPIA researcher based in Ethiopia because part of his salary cost (\$70k) was paid in 2018 with funds remaining from SIAC.