

**Agenda**  
8<sup>th</sup> CGIAR System Council meeting,  
15-16 May 2019, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Day 1, Wednesday 15 May 2019, 08:45-15:15\*, Lalibela Room, ILRI Campus

TIMING	ITEM	SESSION TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
08:45-9:00 15 mins	1	<b>Opening of 8<sup>th</sup> System Council Meeting</b>	a. Welcome b. Appointment of Co-Chair c. Provisional Agenda (Doc: SC8-01) d. Conflict of interest declarations	For Decision For Adoption Action as needed
9:00-9:15 15 mins	2	<b>Implementing CGIAR Business Plan 2019-2021 with a view to 2030</b>	a. Reflections from the SMB Chair b. Update against progress markers of the 10 Actions in the CGIAR System 2019-2021 Business Plan – A possible tracking approach Doc: SC8-02_BusinessPlan-Status	Understand progress & identify areas for priority focus
	3	<b>Roadmap for the CGIAR 2030 Plan: Opportunities for strategic input</b>		
9:15-10:30 1hr 15 mins	3a	<b>Introduction to the CGIAR 2030 Roadmap and System Reference Group processes</b>	a. Setting the scene – remarks from the System Council Chair b. Outlining the Roadmap to the 2030 Plan Doc: SC8-03_Roadmap-2030Plan c. Sharing key process and content elements from the CGIAR System Reference Group (SRG) to date by the SRG Co-Chairs Presentation: SRG Introduction and Update	For Endorsement For Information
10:30-11:00		<i>Break</i>		
11:00-11:40 40 mins	3b	<b>Gathering inputs on research objectives and focus (Theme 1)</b>	Theme 1: Research objectives and focus-defining a portfolio coverage (Theme lead: Mellissa Wood)	
11:40-12:15 35 mins	3b	<b>Gathering inputs on research delivery models (Theme 2)</b>	Theme 2: Research delivery model(s) – defining the pathway from innovation to impact (Theme lead: Yvonne Pinto)	For Strategic Input

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<b>12:15-12:45</b> <i>30 mins</i>	3b	<b>Gathering inputs on Institutional arrangements (Theme 3)</b>	a. Update on Theme 3: Institutional arrangements – ensuring efficiency, impact and value for money (Theme lead: Claudia Sadoff) b. Video: Martin Kropff sharing experiences from Wageningen	For Strategic Input
<i>12:45-13:45</i>		<i>Lunch</i>		
<b>13:45-14:00</b>		<i>Lightning Talks demonstrating innovation from the field</i>		
<b>14:00-14:30</b> <i>30 mins</i>	3b	<b>Gathering inputs on Institutional arrangements (Theme 3 continued)</b>	c. Discussion on Theme 3: Institutional arrangements – ensuring efficiency, impact and value for money (Theme lead: Claudia Sadoff)	
<b>14:30-14:45</b>		<i>Lightning Talks demonstrating innovation from the field</i>		
<b>14:45-15:15</b> <i>30 mins</i>	3c	<b>Understanding regional perspectives to feed in to process</b>	Posing questions to a panel of System Council developing country constituencies	For Strategic Input
<i>15:15</i>		<i>Close of Day 1</i>		
<b>15:30-19:00</b>		<b><i>Ethiopia and CGIAR: partnering together to transform food systems</i></b> <i>An Agriculture Knowledge Share Fair and reception bringing together CGIAR centers, key national partners in Ethiopia, Funders, NGOs and other stakeholders</i>		

Day 2, Thursday 16 May 2019, 09:00-17:00, Lalibela Room, ILRI Campus

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<b>9:00-09:30</b> <i>30 mins</i>		<b>Reflections on Day 1 events and on CGIAR in Ethiopia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair's reflections on Day 1 events</li> <li>Hearing from Jimmy Smith on evolution of work ongoing in Ethiopia</li> </ul>	
<b>9:30-10:30</b> <i>60 mins</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>Reflections from ISDC Interim Chair and SPIA Chair</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inputs on 'the landscape ahead' in the context of identifying 2022-2030 CGIAR key areas of research focus by ISDC Interim Chair</li> <li>Awareness raising of the strategic role of impact assessment &amp; future plans of SPIA by SPIA Chair</li> <li>Reflections from the floor</li> </ol>	For Strategic Input
<i>10:30-11:00</i>		<b>Break</b>		
<b>11:00-11:30</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>Strengthening gender equality in CGIAR's workplaces</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update on progress towards strengthening gender equality, diversity and inclusion. Presentation: SC8-04_Update-Workplace-Gender</li> </ol>	For Information
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<b>11:30-12:30</b> <i>60 mins</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>CGIAR's Independent Advisory services</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic priorities to support alignment of advisory services around key SC decision moments to end-2021 Presentation: SC8-05_AdvServices-TransitionUpdate</li> <li>Gathering inputs for an interim 2019 Evaluations workstream workplan and budget for the Shared Secretariat Doc: SC8-06_Interim-Evaluation-Workplan</li> </ol>	For Endorsement  For Strategic Input
<i>12:30-13:30</i>		<b>Lunch</b>		

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<b>13:30-15:00</b> <i>90 mins</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>Introducing operational elements to advance past SC decisions and discussions</b>	<p>a. Creation of an additional module in the 'Big Data in Agriculture Platform' for impact assessment to provide the financing mechanism for SPIA to take Window 2 funding                      Doc: SC8-07_SPIA-module</p> <p>b. Creation of an additional module in the 'Excellence in Breeding Platform' to facilitate funding of the Crops to end Hunger Initiative                      Doc: SC8-08_CteH-module</p> <p>c. Creation of a Special Alliance Fund (by partially drawing on the CGIAR Liquidity &amp; Stabilization Fund).                      Doc: SC8-09_Alliance-Funding</p> <p>d. Implementation Guidance for 2019-2021 CGIAR Research Financing Plan                      Doc: SC8-10_FinPlan-Guidance</p>	For Approval
15:00-15:30		Break		
<b>15:30-16:00</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>SC engagement flexibilities for new funder opportunities</b>	<p>a. Proposing flexibilities to provide the right incentives for new Funders to come into the System                      Doc: SC8-11_SC-FunderOpps</p>	For Approval
<b>16:00-16:30</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>System Council decision session</b>	<b>Confirming System Council decisions</b> <i>(including proposed administrative decisions)</i>	For Decision
<b>16:30-17:00</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	<p>i. Fall Army Worm</p> <p>ii. 2020 System Council meeting locations</p>	For Input
<b>17:00</b>		<b><u>Meeting end</u></b>	Closing of the meeting by the Chair	