



For Approval

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Forming the Nominations Panel for CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) members

Purpose: This document identifies the proposed five members of the 2019 ISDC Nominations Panel, to take forward the nominations process for the ISDC member vacancies arising in 2019.

As additional background resources, this document also provides in respectively numbered Annexes: (I) a recap of the appointment process for ISDC members as set out in the ISDC TOR; (II) the decisions already taken by the System Council with regard to the 2019 ISDC appointment process; and (III) background information on the 2019 ISDC membership transition.

Action Requested: Pursuant to paragraph 4.4 of the ISDC Terms of Reference, the System Council is requested to consider, and if thought appropriate, **approve** the five persons set out in this presentation to serve as members of the 2019 ISDC Member Nominations Panel, such persons to serve in their individual capacities, and pursuant to Article 3.5 of the CGIAR System Framework, in good faith in the interests of the CGIAR System.

Prepared by: System Management Office with guidance from the System Council Chair

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ISDC Nominations Panel: Proposed membership



Categories from ISDC TOR	Named individual	Affiliation relevant to panel category
<p><u>System Council members</u> nominated by the System Council Chair, one of whom shall be the SIMEC Chair or her/his delegate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michel Bernhardt • Pedro Machado 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, System Council’s Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC) • System Council member as current Voting Member of the System Council’s Latin America and Caribbean Constituency (LAC) [Brazil, Embrapa]
<p><u>Science leaders</u> nominated by the System Council Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ylva Hillbur • Derek Byerlee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro Vice-Chancellor, International Relations-Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU); previously DDG-Research at IITA • Independent Researcher; Independent member of the Board of Trustees of IFPRI
<p><u>Persons fully external to CGIAR</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindiwe Sibanda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent consultant; recently retired as Vice President for Country Support, Policy, and Delivery of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) <i>[more than two years since direct involvement with CGIAR]</i>

A look at diversity of the recommended members of the Nominations Panel

- Gender representation: 2 women and 3 men
- Geographical representation: Africa, Australasia, Europe, Latin America, North America
- Thematic representation: agricultural innovation, economics, ecology, animal science, policy, technology adoption, development

Annexes – Background materials

Annex I. Recap from ISDC terms of reference (approved 4 October 2018)

Appointment process:

- ISDC members, including the ISDC Chair, are appointed by the System Council based upon a merit-based, open and competitive selection process that includes the following elements:
 - A broad call for applications and nominations, including a visible public element as part of that call;
 - Review and consideration of applications and nominations by a nominations panel comprised of up to six (6) persons from the following groups as chaired by the SIMEC Chair:

At least two System Council members nominated by the System Council Chair, one of whom shall be the SIMEC Chair or her/his delegate



Up to two science leaders nominated by the System Council Chair, one involved in the delivery of research outputs in a development context and one other individual associated with major science bodies working across a range of disciplines



Up to two persons fully external to CGIAR, with a preference for at least one of those persons to be a highly experienced individual involved in innovation from a sector beyond agriculture.

- The terms of reference for the nominations panel, including membership, **will be approved by the System Council** through electronic means. The membership of the nominations panel will be diverse and demonstrate CGIAR's strong commitment to ensuring gender equality in all facets of its work. The nominations panel will be permitted to seek the views of the Chair of the ISDC during the screening process for new ISDC members, but the ISDC Chair will not personally serve on the nominations panel.
- The search and nominations process will be undertaken according to the administrative policies of the CGIAR System Organization and be managed by the System Management Office under the overall oversight of the nominations panel. For the avoidance of doubt, the CGIAR System Organization has no decision-making role in regard to the selection of ISDC members.

Annex II. Recap of System Council decisions already taken related to ISDC appointments



With effect from Tuesday 9 April 2019, the following decision was approved

SC/M7/EDP6: The System Council approved:

- a. Terms of Reference for the Chair of the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019
- b. Competency Framework for the Members of the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019
- c. Advertisement for 2019 appointment of Chair and Members of the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019
- d. Terms of Reference for the Nominations Panel for the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019

Annex III: Background information on ISDC membership transitions



Forthcoming rotations from 2018 SC decisions

i.e. 6 of 8 member roles to be replenished in 2019, with the ISDC TOR recommending that new appointments be staggered to achieve optimal rotations based on typical 3 + 3 year terms

Maggie Gill (F), Interim Chair	<u>30 June 2019</u>
Patrick Webb (M)	30 September 2019
Rodomiro Ortiz (M)	30 September 2019
Jennifer Thomson (F)	20 March 2019
Vacant position	
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To note: Continuing members into 2020

Holger Meinke (M)	8 May 2020
Nighisty Ghezae (F)	7 August 2020

ISDC member replenishment status

Proceeding according to System Council no-objection electronic decision effective on 9 April 2019

- 3 June 2019: Deadline for applications/nominations for ISDC Chair and 5 member roles
- Early-mid June 2019: Screening against agreed criteria of applications/nominations to form shortlist
- Late-June through July: Nominations Panel to interview and undertake reference checks
- By 12 August 2019: Recommended ISDC Chair and member vacancies submitted to SC for no-objection electronic approval
- Anticipated 1 September 2019: Member start dates

ISDC member search materials are here:

<https://www.cgiar.org/news-events/vacancy/applications-and-nominations-for-membership-of-cgiars-independent-science-for-development-council-isdc/>