# CGIAR System Council Composition

**July 2016 – June 2021**

## Leadership, Ex-officio non-voting members

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<td>Chair of the System Council</td>
<td>Juergen Voegele</td>
<td>Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank</td>
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<td>(Serves for a 4-year term effective from 12 July 2016)</td>
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<td>Appointed by the System Council for each meeting from amongst its voting members</td>
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<td>Co-Chair</td>
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## 20 Voting members, July 2016 – June 2021*

* Based on decision [SC/M7/DP4](http://www.cgiar.org/about-us/our-governance/system-council) to extend reconciliation of Funder seating

** Denotes one of the five developing country constituencies of the System Council

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| 1   | African Development Bank | Martin Fregene  
Director of Agriculture | Ken Johm  
Lead Agricultural Economist |
| 2   | Australia             | Andrew Campbell  
Chief Executive Officer, Australian Centre for  
International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) | Julianne Biddle  
Director Multilateral  
Engagement, Australian Centre for  
International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) |
| 3   | Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | Tony Cavalieri  
Senior Program Officer, Agriculture Development | Enock Chikava  
Deputy Director, Agriculture Development |
| 4   | Canada                 | Stephen Potter  
Director, Agriculture and Food Systems Division, Global Issues and Development Branch, Global Affairs Canada | Alexandra Johnson  
Senior Policy Advisor, Agriculture and Food Systems Division, Global Issues and Development Branch, Global Affairs Canada |
| 5   | East Asia and Pacific**  
(China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand) | CHINA (July 2016-End 2019)  
Gong Xifeng  
Director of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) | INDONESIA (July 2016-End 2019)  
Syaiful Anwar  
Director of Social Economic Forest Policy and Climate Change Centre, Forestry and Environment Research Development and Innovation Agency |
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| 6  | European Commission  | Christophe Larose  
Head of Sustainable agriculture sector, DEVCO C1, European Commission |  |
| 7  | Germany and Belgium  | Sebastian Lesch  
Head of Division "International Agricultural Policy, Agriculture, Innovation", Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development | Carol Durieux  
Attaché, expert agriculture, food security and water, FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation |
| 8  | Japan                | Motoaki Komiya  
Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation, Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan |  |
| 9  | Latin America and Caribbean**  
(Brazil, Colombia and Peru) | **COLOMBIA (2020)  
Jorge Mario Diaz Luengas  
Executive Director, Agrosavia, The Colombian Corporation for Agricultural Research | **BRAZIL (2020)  
Pedro Luiz Oliveira de Almeida Machado  
Coordinator, Embrapa Labex Europe, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply |
| 10 | Mexico               | Jorge Rueda Sousa  
Minister Counselor of Mexico’s Agricultural Office for Europe / SAGARPA Mission of Mexico to the EU | Miguel Narvaez  
Agricultural Counselor for Mexico’s Agricultural Office for Europe / SAGARPA Mission of Mexico to the EU |
| 11 | The Netherlands      | Wijnand van IJssel  
Knowledge Policy Coordinator Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs |  |
| 12 | Norway               | Daniel van Gilst  
Senior Adviser, Norad |  |
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| 13 | South Asia** *(Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka)* | **INDIA**  
T. Mohapatra  
Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) | **BANGLADESH (2020-2021)**  
**SRI LANKA (Jan. 2018-End 2019)** |
| 14 | Sub-Saharan Africa** *(Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda)* | **NIGERIA (July 2016-End 2019)**  
Yarama D. Ndirpaya  
**Adil Omer Salih Abdelrahim**  
Acting Director General, Agricultural Research Corporation  
**KENYA (July 2016-Dec. 2017)** |
| 15 | Sweden | **Eva Ohlsson**  
Senior Research Advisor, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) | **Philip Chiverton**  
Senior Consultant to SIDA on CGIAR matters, C/O Unit of Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency |
| 16 | Switzerland | **Michel Evéquoz**  
Senior Advisor, Global Program Food Security  
Swiss Development Cooperation | |
| 17 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | **Alan Tollervey**  
Team Leader, Agriculture Research, Research and Evidence Division, DFID | **Howard Standen**  
Climate Change (Resilience and Inclusion) Adviser, DFID |
| 18 | United States | **Robert Bertram**  
Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID | **Eric Witte**  
Senior International Affairs Specialist, USAID |
### No | Constituency/Country | Member | Alternate (optional)
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19 | West Asia & North Africa** *(Turkey and Iran; Member and Alternate rotates each 2 years)* | **IRAN** *(From 1 July 2018)* Rasoul Zare  
Vice President, Agricultural Research, Education & Extension Organization *(AREEO)*  
**TURKEY** *(From 1 July 2018)* İlhan Aydin  
Deputy Director General, Agricultural Research and Policies, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
(Note: previously member from July 2016-June 2018) |
20 | World Bank | Mark Cackler  
Practice Manager  
Global Practice for Agriculture | |

### Ex-officio non-voting members

The following 6 System Council seats are additional to the 2 ex-officio non-voting members held by the System Council Chair and the Co-Chair, the latter of whom is appointed by the System Council each meeting from amongst the voting members.

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<td>Chair of the System Management Board</td>
<td>Marco Ferroni</td>
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| 22 | Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization | Elwyn Grainger-Jones  
Executive Director | |
| 23 | Representative appointed by the Centers - 1 | Nicole Birrell  
Convener of the Center Board Chairs | |
| 24 | Representative appointed by the Centers - 2 | Gareth Johnstone  
Convener of the Center Directors General | |
| 25 | Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations | Bukar Tijani  
Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG) | Selvaraju Ramasamy  
Head, Research and Extension Unit (AGDR) |
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**No** | **Organization** | **Member** | **Alternate (optional)**
---|---|---|---
26 | International Fund for Agricultural Development | Paul Winters  
Associate Vice-President,  
Strategy and Knowledge Department | Malu Ndavi  
Lead Technical Specialist  
Programme Management Department |

### Active Observers

*Active Observers have the right to participate in deliberations of the System Council and to propose agenda items and make presentations for such deliberations. Active Observers do not have the right to vote.*

**No** | **Organization** | **Member** | **Alternate (optional)**
---|---|---|---
27 | Global Forum on Agricultural Research | GFAR Chair (or designate) | |
28 | CGIAR Independent Science for Development Council | Holger Meinke  
ISDC Chair  
Strategic Research Professor for  
Global Food Sustainability,  
University of Tasmania | |

### Invited Guests

*Representatives of each of the following are invited to System Council meetings:*

- **France**, in its capacity as the Host Country of the CGIAR System Organization
- The Chair of the System Council’s Assurance Oversight Committee
- The Chair of the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment
- The Trustee of the CGIAR Trust Fund *(the World Bank)*