

## Appointment of Chair of CGIAR System Council

### Purpose

The document presents the procedure and timing for appointment of the Chair of the CGIAR System Council and, following those procedures, requests an appointment decision for the period July 2020 – July 2024.

### Action Requested

The System Council is requested as part of the Consent Agenda to approve the appointment of Dr. Juergen Voegele for a second four-year term with effect from 12 July 2020, as nominated by the World Bank.

#### **Special notice on ‘Consent Agenda’ status of this document**

This item is presented to the System Council according to Article 7.1(a) of the System Council’s Rules of Procedure, permitting a ‘consent agenda’ consisting of items that require formal System Council decision but are submitted as a group for adoption by the System Council without discussion.

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## Background

1. The CGIAR System Framework<sup>1</sup>, in Article 5.1 sets out that:

*The System Council shall appoint a Chair who will serve four-year terms. The World Bank has a standing invitation to nominate a senior manager in a substantive area related to the work of the CGIAR System to serve as Chair and has accepted to nominate the inaugural Chair. If the World Bank declines this invitation for a future term, the Chair shall be elected by the System Council.*

2. Pursuant to decision SC/M1/DP4 taken at the first System Council meeting, as set out below, the term-end of the current System Council Chair is 11 July 2020:

*SC/M1/DP4: System Council Chair (effective date, 12 July 2016)*

*The System Council accepted the World Bank nomination and approved the appointment of Juergen Voegele, Senior Director Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank Group, to serve as the inaugural System Council Chair for a four-year term with immediate effect.*

## Formal nomination

3. The World Bank<sup>2</sup> has taken up the standing invitation and formally nominates Dr. Juergen Voegele, Vice President for Sustainable Development, for a second term.

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<sup>1</sup> The CGIAR System Framework is available at:  
<https://cgspace.cgiar.org/bitstream/handle/10947/4371/CGIAR%20System%20Framework%20-%20WEB.pdf?sequence=7>

<sup>2</sup> The nomination was confirmed on 21 May 2020 by Mark Cackler, Practice Manager, Global Practice for Agriculture and Food Security, as the World Bank's official representative on the CGIAR System Council.