



Membership terms of the System Council's Standing Committees

Purpose: This document sets out the background and rationale for a proposed extension of the one member of the System Council's Assurance Oversight Committee and eight members of the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee, to provide for continuity of membership during implementation of One CGIAR.

Action requested: The System Council is requested review, and if thought appropriate, approve the following decision point on a no objection basis:

The System Council approves the extension of the terms of the following membership on the System Council's standing committees:

- *Stephen Potter (Canada), on the Assurance Oversight Committee to 30 June 2021, unless earlier determined by the System Council*
- *The eight current members of the Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee to 31 December 2021, unless earlier determined by the System Council*

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Assurance Oversight Committee

1. Background: Current Membership

The Terms of Reference for the System Council's Assurance Oversight Committee ('AOC') provide for a maximum five persons, with a majority of independent members and others selected from the System Council's voting member constituencies

Member

Saad Bounjoua (**Independent**), Chair

Maurice Goddard (**Independent**)

Muriel Uzàn (**Independent**)

Daniel van Gilst (Norway)

Stephen Potter (Canada)

Term

Until 30 June 2021

Until 30 June 2021

Until 31 July 2021

Until 30 June 2021

Until 31 December 2020

1st term of one of the two funder members due to shortly expire

2. Basis of recommendation to extend member term until 30 June 2021

Background

- The AOC was formed in 2018 and has had its current complement of members since January 2019.
- The terms of two of the independent members (including the Chair) were extended in June 2020 out to end-June 2021 to provide for continuity in membership at a time of significant change for CGIAR.

Assurance needs under One CGIAR

- The following are key areas of upcoming work, both of which will be informed by the work of Transition Advisory Group 3 ('TAG-3') of which **Stephen Potter (Canada)** was a key member and contributor:
 - Establishing what an optimal approach to audit and assurance oversight might be under One CGIAR;
 - How the Committee structure within CGIAR should take shape as part of the overall assurance picture
- Continuity of stewardship in that work will be important over the coming months. It is therefore proposed to extend Stephen Potter's term until 30 June 2021, when it is anticipated that developed proposals on a future Committee structure will be available to inform future membership decisions.

Extension permissible under Article 9 - [AOC Terms of Reference](#)

- All members can serve terms of up to three years. This extension proposal is in line with that Article.



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Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC)

1. Background: Current Membership

- The System Council’s Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (‘SIMEC’) was formed in 2017, at SC4, with Terms of Reference which provide for a maximum nine persons.
- The initial terms of members, appointed in 2017, was for a period until 30 June 2019.
- At its 7th meeting, the System Council extended the membership terms of all **SIMEC members until 31 December 2020**, as a consequential decision of adjusting the Funder seat reconciliation period (*SC/M7/DP4: such that the reconciliation calculations will be undertaken in Q1 2021 to cover the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2020*)

No	System Council voting constituency	Nominated member
1	African Development Bank	Dougou Keita
2	Australia	Bethany Davies
3	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Tony Cavalieri
4	Germany and Belgium	Michel Bernhardt (Chair)
5	South Asia	Rajendra Singh Paroda
6	Sweden	Philip Chiverton
7	United Kingdom	Alan Tollervey
8	United States	Eric Witte

All SIMEC members’
term-end date is
31 December 2020

2. Basis of recommendation to extend terms until 31 December 2021

Rationale for extension and timing

- The current members continue to be active participants in SIMEC; are well linked into the voting member constituencies of the System Council they represent; and bring relevant experiences and skills for the tasks.
- **On timing out to 31 December 2021:**
 - The functions carried out by SIMEC are needed into 2021 until any further changes are agreed, and will usefully include a review of its role.
 - As part of the transformation to One CGIAR, the opportunity exists to take stock of the broader needs for assurance in the One CGIAR landscape and on what optimal mechanisms could look like for the future.
 - The proposed reconciliation of the System Council Funder seating is anticipated to take place in 2021 which would provide an opportunity for those members to make appropriate appointments.

Extension permissible under Article 13 - [SIMEC Terms of Reference](#)

- All members (including the Chair) can have their terms renewed as determined by the System Council. This extension proposal is in line with that Article.