

Agenda Item 5

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Update on Process to develop 2022-2024 Investment Plan & CGIAR Initiatives

<u>Purpose</u>: This document provides an update on the process to develop the 2022-2024 Investment Plan and CGIAR Initiatives.

<u>Action Requested</u>: The System Council is asked to <u>take note</u> of the information provided in this update.

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Composition and List of Investment Advisory Groups (IAG) members*



Systems Transformation	Resilient Agri-food Systems	Genetic Innovation
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EC (Christophe Larose)	Switzerland (Michel Evequoz)	Germany (Michel Bernardt/ Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess)
France (Bernard Hubert)	UK (Alan Tollervey)	Japan (Masa Iwanaga)
World Bank (Mark Cackler)	US (Rob Bertram/Jerry Glover)	Netherlands (Wijnand van Ijssel)
Brazil (Pedro Machado)	India (SK Choudhari)	China (Liu Luxiang)
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ISDC Member

Terms of Reference for the IAGs



Purpose of IAGs: Provide advice to the CGIAR Executive Management Team (EMT) on the prospectus of investments in the 3-year Investment Plans

Key areas of high-level advice:

- Identification & sequencing of CGIAR Initiatives
- Guidance to Initiative Design Teams, to help Initiatives be attractive to investors
- Guidance to Technical Teams and EMT on preparation of the Investment Plan
- Recommendations on the process to elicit next round of research ideas

Key features of CGIAR Initiatives



- Main vehicle for CGIAR research & innovation delivery
- 3-year **SMART objective**s to which the Initiative is accountable
- Address all 5 CGIAR Impact Areas
- Housed in one Action Area / Science Group for mgmt. purposes; often bring in skills from other Action Areas – including Impact Platforms
- Evaluable results frameworks and clear reporting of results against investment
- Co-designed with Investment Advisory Groups
- Fully funded from pooled funding with 3-year funding commitment of minimum USD 30 million
- Stage-gated performance review to inform stop-go decisions on Initiatives and their major components

Process and timeline for Investment Plan



2020 2021 2022 onward 2022-24 Investment Plan in May 2021, for June 2021 System Council Meeting ...which IAGs advise EMT on identification and IAGs continue to provide an advisory role to the three Action informs sequencing of Initiatives Areas once the Science Group Directors are in post Investment Plan Identification of ...who prepare Fast-track Initiative Design Fast-track Proposals Initiatives launch Initiative Design Initiative pre-Teams prepare Concepts & enter ISDC review and on rolling basis Team leads concepts for IP full Proposals SC approval process ...non-Fast Track Initiative Design Teams prepare Concepts, Proposals and move to implementation on a rolling basis

- The Investment Plan will identify and sequence a prospectus of concepts for up to 36 CGIAR Initiatives eligible for rolling development, approval and 3-year funding
- A sub-set of fast-track Initiatives among the 36 will be sequenced for full proposal development in time for possible approval by System Council in 2021 to launch in early 2022