

# CGIAR System Council Composition

## July 2016 – June 2021



### Leadership, Ex-officio non-voting members

<p><b>Chair of the System Council</b> <i>(Serving a second 4-year term effective from 12 July 2020)</i></p> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Juergen Voegele</b> Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank</p> <p>Appointed by the System Council for each meeting from amongst its voting members</p>
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### 20 Voting members, July 2016 – June 2021\*

\* Based on decision [SC/M7/DP4](#) to extend reconciliation of Funder seating

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

No	Constituency/ Country	Member	Alternate (optional)
1	<b>African Development Bank</b>	<b>Martin Fregene</b> Director of Agriculture	<b>Ken Johm</b> Lead Agricultural Economist
2	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Andrew Campbell</b> Chief Executive Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)	<b>Julianne Biddle</b> Director Multilateral Engagement, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
3	<b>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</b>	<b>Tony Cavalieri</b> Senior Program Officer, Agriculture Development	<b>Renee Lafitte</b> Deputy Director, Crops R&D
4	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Stephen Potter</b> Director, Agriculture and Food Systems Division, Global Issues and Development Branch, Global Affairs Canada	<b>Alexandra Johnson</b> Senior Policy Advisor, Agriculture and Food Systems Division, Global Issues and Development Branch, Global Affairs Canada
5	<b>East Asia and Pacific**</b> <i>(China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand)</i>	<b>CHINA</b> <b>Hao Weiping</b> Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation (CAAS)	<b>INDONESIA</b> <b>Djati Wicaksono</b> Director of Research Center for Social Economy Policy and Climate Change

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6	<b>European Commission</b>	<b>Christophe Larose</b> Head of Sustainable agriculture sector, DEVCO C1, European Commission	
7	<b>Germany and Belgium</b>	<b>Sebastian Lesch</b> Head of Division "International Agricultural Policy, Agriculture, Innovation", Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	<b>Carol Durieux</b> Attaché, expert agriculture, food security and water, FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
8	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Naoko Takasugi</b> Senior Deputy Director Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<b>Fumiaki Sato</b> Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation, Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9	<b>Latin America and Caribbean**</b> <i>(Brazil, Colombia and Peru)</i>	<b>PERU (2021)</b> <b>Maria Isabel Remy Simatovic</b> Vice Minister of Policies and Supervision of Agrarian Development, Ministry of Agrarian Development and Irrigation	<b>BRAZIL (2021)</b> <b>Pedro Luiz Oliveira de Almeida Machado</b> Coordinator, Embrapa Labex Europe, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
10	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Adriana Ivette Herrera Moreno</b> Agricultural Attaché of the Mexican Mission to the European Union	
11	<b>The Netherlands</b>	<b>Wijnand van IJssel</b> Knowledge Policy Coordinator Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	

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12	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Even Stormoen</b> Senior Adviser, Section of Energy, Climate and Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<b>Daniel van Gilst</b> Senior Adviser, Norad
13	<b>South Asia**</b> <i>(Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka)</i>	<b>INDIA</b> <b>T. Mohapatra</b> Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)	<b>BANGLADESH (2020-2021)</b> <b>S.M. Bokhtiar</b> Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)  <b>SRI LANKA (Jan. 2018-End 2019)</b>
14	<b>Sub-Saharan Africa**</b> <i>(Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda)</i>	<b>NIGERIA</b> <b>Garba Hamidu Sharubutu</b> Executive Secretary of the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN)	<b>KENYA (Jan. 2020 – June 2021)</b> <b>Eliud Kireger</b> Director General, Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization  <b>SUDAN (Jan. 2018-End 2019)</b> <b>Adil Omer Salih Abdelrahim</b> Acting Director General, Agricultural Research Corporation
15	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>AnnaMaria Oltorp</b> Head, Unit for Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	<b>AnnaKarin Norling</b> Senior Research Advisor, Unit for Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
16	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Michel Evéquo</b> Senior Advisor, Global Program Food Security Swiss Development Cooperation	

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17	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	<b>Alan Tollervey</b> FCDO, UK	
18	United States	<b>Robert Bertram</b> Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID	<b>Eric Witte</b> Senior International Affairs Specialist, USAID
19	<b>West Asia &amp; North Africa**</b> <i>(Turkey and Iran; Member and Alternate rotates each 2 years)</i>	<b>TURKEY (From 1 July 2020)</b> <b>Nevzat Birişik</b> Director General, TAGEM Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	<b>IRAN (From 1 July 2020)</b> <b>Rasoul Zare</b> Vice President, Agricultural Research, Education & Extension Organization (AREEO)  <i>(Note: previously member from July 2018-June 2020)</i>
20	World Bank	<b>Mark Cackler</b> Practice Manager Global Practice for Agriculture	<b>Michael Morris</b> Lead Agriculture Economist

### 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.

No	Organization	Member	Alternate (optional)
21	Chair of the System Board	<b>Marco Ferroni</b>	
22	Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization	<b>Elwyn Grainger-Jones</b> Executive Director	
23	Representative appointed by the Centers - 1	<b>Nicole Birrell</b> Convener of the Center Board Chairs	

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No	Organization	Member	Alternate (optional)
24	<b>Representative appointed by the Centers - 2</b>	<b>Gareth Johnstone</b> Convener of the Center Directors General	
25	<b>Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations</b>	<b>Bukar Tijani</b> Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG)	<b>Selvaraju Ramasamy</b> Head, Research and Extension Unit (AGDR)
26	<b>International Fund for Agricultural Development</b>		<b>Malu Ndavi</b> 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	<b>Global Forum on Agricultural Research</b>	<b>Raffaele Maiorano</b> GFAR Chair	
28	<b>CGIAR Independent Science for Development Council</b>	<b>Holger Meinke</b> 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)