



CGIAR System Council  
Register of in-session and electronic decisions

**Purpose:**

This document sets out the decisions taken by the CGIAR System Council, both in formal meeting sessions and when conducting business electronically, pursuant to Articles 7.4 through 7.8 of the CGIAR System Framework.

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Decision Reference	Meeting	Type	Thematic Area	Agenda Item	Decision	Date(s)	Meeting Location
SC/M1/DP1	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Bernard Rey, representative of the European Commission as meeting Co-Chair.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP2	SC1	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the meeting agenda for the 1st System Council meeting (document SC1-01).	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP3	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	2	The System Council approved the Terms of Reference for the System Council Chair as set out in appendix 1 of meeting document SC1-02.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP4	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	2	The System Council accepted the World Bank nomination and approved the appointment of Juergen Voegelé, Senior Director Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank Group, to serve as the inaugural System Council Chair for a four-year term with immediate effect.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP5	SC1	In-session	Transition	6	The System Council agreed to:  a. assume the functions of the Fund Council as transferred to it under the Joint Agreement, Consortium Performance Agreements (CPAs) and Fund Use Agreements; provided that the Joint Agreement, CPAs and Fund Use Agreements will be terminated as indicated in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 of Appendix 1 to meeting document SC1-05; and  b. assume the functions of the Fund Council as transferred to it under the Contribution Agreements as indicated in paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 meeting document SC1-05.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP6	SC1	In-session	Funding Matters	6	The System Council endorsed the earlier Fund Council decisions to approve the 2016 budgets and related work plans of the following CGIAR System entities:  a. CGIAR System Organization: US\$ 7.25 million; b. ISPC: US\$ 3.88 million c. IEA: US\$ 2.48 million	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP7	SC1	In-session	Policies & Procedures	6	The System Council endorsed until such time as amended or revoked as relevant to the subject matter, all of the current policies, procedures, guidelines and other requirements previously approved by the Fund Council as part of the Common Operational Framework with the following modifications:  a. all relevant appearances of the CGIAR Consortium and its derivatives are changed to CGIAR System Organization; b. all relevant appearances of Consortium Office are changed to System Management Office; c. all relevant appearances of Fund Council are changed to System Council; d. all relevant appearances of Fund Office are changed to System Management Office; e. all relevant appearances of Consortium Chief Executive Officer or Consortium CEO are changed to Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization; and f. all relevant appearances of CGIAR Consortium Board are changed to System Management Board.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP8	SC1	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council:  1. Agreed that Centers be allowed to carry any funding that was provided for the phase 1 CGIAR Research Programs ('CRPs'), but that is unspent and uncommitted at 31 December 2016 ('Unused Funding') forward into 2017.  2. Agreed that that Unused Funding be transferred to, and utilized by, the most appropriate phase 2 CRP and agrees that in the situation where a phase 1 CRP is ending, integrating or divided and re-integrated into different phase 2 CRPs, authority is delegated by the System Council to the CGIAR System Organization ('System Organization') to manage the reallocation of the Unused Funding to the phase 2 CRP portfolio.  3. Agreed that in order to ensure that Unused Funding is managed effectively and efficiently towards the end of the phase 1 CRP, authority is delegated by the System Council to the System Organization to develop guidelines that specify the parameters under which Centers will be able to commit W1-2 funding until 31 December 2016.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP9	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	9	The System Council accepted the nomination of, and appointed, the following persons to serve in the capacity as Active Observers to the System Management Board as representatives of the System Council until such time as their successor is appointed:  1. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: represented by Tony Cavalieri (alternate member) 2. United States of America: represented by Robert Bertram (member) or Eric Witte (alternate member).	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/EDP1	SC1	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1(f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council selects Dr. Nighisty Ghezze and Dr. Prabhu Pingali as members of the ISPC for a term of one year commencing on the effective date of the decision, with the potential for the System Council to extend the service of the two members for one additional three year term each.	8 August 2016	N/A
SC/M1/EDP2	SC1	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.g of the System Council Chair Terms of Reference approved with effect from 12 July 2016, the System Council approves for the period October to December 2016, the budget of US\$ 150,000 to provide for operational support for the System Council Chair.	6 September 2016	N/A
SC/M1/EDP3	SC1	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 7.7 of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 1st System Council meeting' dated 22 August 2016	29 September 2016	N/A

Decision Reference	Meeting	Type	Thematic Area	Agenda Item	Decision	Date(s)	Meeting Location
SC/M2/DP1	SC2	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Dr Raúl Obando Rodríguez, representative of Mexico, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework ("Framework").	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP2	SC2	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda as proposed in meeting document SC2-01.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP3	SC2	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	4	The System Council, pursuant to its functions as described in Article 6.1 (q) of the CGIAR System Framework: a. Approved, upon the 26 September 2016 recommendation of the System Management Board, the CGIAR research program and platform proposals set forth in Appendix A, which proposals, together, comprise the 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio. b. Noted, subject to paragraph c. below, that indicative funding amounts to be provided from funds from the CGIAR Trust Fund for the approved proposals will be decided at a later date. c. Decided, as a preliminary decision on indicative funding amounts for 2017, that the System Council will not approve the allocation of Window 1 and/or Window 2 CGIAR Trust Fund amounts for the 2017 implementation year to the following flagship projects ("Flagship") within the CRP elements of the 2017 – 2022 CGIAR Portfolio, with the System Council reserving its right to approve or decline Window 1 and/or Window 2 funds in future years: i. Fish – Flagship 2; ii. Forests, Trees and Agroforestry – Flagship 2; iii. Livestock – Flagship 3 and Flagship 5 iv. Water, Land and Ecosystems – Flagship 5	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP4	SC2	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	4	The System Council: a. Agreed to the establishment of a joint working group of the System Council and System Management Board to make a recommendation to the System Council at its 3rd meeting on funding allocations for the 2017 – 2022 CGIAR Portfolio with the mandate to: i. Make progress towards checking of the research body that is proposed is in line with the budget numbers as a "rough check"; ii. Look more closely at the W1/2 budget to see what it is that this highly valuable money is buying; and iii. Recommend in November 2016, what would be needed to place the System Council in the position of applying Article 6.1(p) of the Framework in the longer term: "Approving guidelines to follow to make funding allocations". b. Adopted the proposals from Australia, Germany, United Kingdom, and United States, respectively, that a representative of their constituency serve as the System Council's nominated members for the joint working group, thus ensuring representation of the full spectrum of CGIAR funding through Windows 1, 2, 3 and bilateral sources.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP5	SC2	In-session	Policies & Procedures	10	The System Council approved with immediate effect the rules of procedure for the System Council as set out in Appendix 1 to meeting document SC2-07.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP6	SC2	In-session	Advisory Bodies	11	The System Council approved with effect from 1 October 2016 a preliminary one-year renewal of the term of appointment of the Head of CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement ("IEA") as an interim decision pursuant to paragraph 44 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised Terms of Reference for the IEA pursuant to Article 6.1(e) of the CGIAR System Framework.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M3/DP1	SC3	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Philip Chiverton, representative of Sweden, as the non-voting Co Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework ("Framework").	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP2	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	2	The System Council approved, pursuant to Article 6.1.(s) of the CGIAR System Framework, for the 2017 calendar year, the allocation of US\$ 191.1 million W1-2 funds ("2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount") for the approved 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio, comprised of 11 CGIAR Research Programs ('CRPs') and 3 Platforms, which sum is allocated between the CRPs and Platforms as set out in table 1 below. <i>[see Meeting Summary for full chart details]</i>	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP3	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	2	1. The System Council approved the use of US\$ 8.4 million of Window 1 funds from the CGIAR Balancing Fund as a contribution toward the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount. 2. The System Council noted that as a further contribution towards the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount, part of the financing for the 'CGIAR Big Data Coordination Platform' will be satisfied by the existing US\$ 2.6 million Window 1 resources that are available, comprising funds that were originally identified for the Open Access/ Open Data special initiatives grant, the work of which will continue in 2017 as part of the Big Data Coordination Platform.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP4	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	4	The System Council approved the 2017 annual work plans and budgets of CGIAR System entities and actions in the amount of US\$ 16.24 million as set out in meeting document SC3-04.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP5	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	4	The System Council approved the financing of the 2017 System entity costs through the continued application of the CGIAR System cost sharing percentage mechanism.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP6	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	4	The System Council approved the disbursement to the System Organization and/or Centers of all unallocated Window 1 funds remaining in the CGIAR Fund as of 14 December 2016 as a pre-disbursement of funding to be used to support approved 2017 CGIAR Portfolio and System administrative costs.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/EDP0	SC3	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 2nd System Council meeting' dated 23 December 2016.	5 December 2016	N/A
SC/M3/EDP1	SC3	Electronic	Expedited decision making timeline	N/A	The System Council approves, on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with Article 6.3(e) of the System Council Rules of Procedure, a review period for System Council members for proposed decision SC-M3-DP2 of seven calendar days, in place of the usual fourteen calendar days.	30 December 2016	N/A
SC/M3/EDP2	SC3	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves, on a no-objection basis, a reallocation of the budget ceilings for the Livestock & Fish CRP between Windows 1 & 2, and then Window 3 & Bilateral, by: a. increasing the budget ceiling for Windows 1 & 2 by \$0.57 million, from \$29.74 to \$30.31 million; and b. decreasing the total amount of funding to be provided from Window 3 & Bilateral by \$0.57 million, hence, keeping the same maximum funding ceiling for the Livestock & Fish CRP of \$ 66.85 million.	30 December 2016	N/A
SC/M3/EDP3	SC3	Electronic	Meeting Summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 3rd System Council meeting' dated 1 February 2017.	14 February 2017	N/A

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SC/M3/EDP4	SC3	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves the following documents as set forth in Appendix 1: (1) the Template Funding Agreement or Arrangement Cover Pages (Appendix 1.1); (2) the CGIAR Glossary (Appendix 1.2) as the amendment and full restatement of the former CGIAR Glossary approved as part of the Common Operational Framework; (3) the Template Standard Provisions (Appendix 1.3); (4) the Form of the Window 3 Side Agreement or Arrangement (Appendix 1.4); (5) the Template Contribution Agreement or Arrangement (Appendix 1.5); and (6) the Trustee Agreement (Appendix 1.6).  The System Council notes the following documents as set forth in Appendix 2: (1) the example versions of the Template Standard Provisions adjusted respectively for the Funding Agreement (Appendix 2.1) and for the Financial Framework Agreement (Appendix 2.2); (2) the Template Financial Framework Agreement Cover Pages (Appendix 2.3); and (3) the Form of the Decision Letter (Appendix 2.4).	17 February 2017	N/A
SC/M3/EDP5	SC3	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council ratifies as an interim measure with effect until 31 December 2017, the continuing membership of the System Council IP Group as follows, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: a. Paul Figueroa, Chair (Resident Legal Officer, USAID/Guatemala); b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University); and c. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation).	17 February 2017	N/A
SC/M3/EDP6	SC3	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	a. The System Council approves a preliminary one-year renewal of the term of the Chair of the ISPC until 31 July 2018 pursuant to Article CGIAR System Framework 6.1 (f) as an interim decision pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised Terms of Reference for the ISPC pursuant to Articles 6.1(e) of the CGIAR System Framework.  b. The System Council delegates to the Chair of the ISPC the authority to extend the appointments of those current serving ISPC members whose terms fall due for renewal in 2017 for a period of no longer than one year from the end of each member's current term, at the discretion of the Chair, and requiring such extensions to be reported to the System Council, as an interim decision pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised Terms of Reference for the ISPC pursuant to Articles 6.1(e) of the CGIAR System Framework.	21 March 2017	N/A
SC/M3/EDP7	SC3	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1(f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council selects Dr. Jennifer Thomson as a member of the ISPC for a term of one year commencing on 21 March 2017, with the potential for the System Council to extend the service of Dr. Jennifer Thomson for one additional three-year term.	21 March 2017	N/A
SC/M4/DP1	SC4	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Melle Leenstra, representative of The Netherlands, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/DP2	SC4	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda, with the addition of three other business items: (i) forming the Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee; (ii) discussion on ways to work in West Asia and North Africa (WANA); and (iii) a briefing on the forthcoming FAO regional biotech consultation meetings.	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/DP3	SC4	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	7	The System Council approved the Terms of Reference for its Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee ("SIMEC"), as set out in Appendix 1 to meeting document SC4-AOB Revised TOR-System Council-SIMEC 10 May 2017.	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/DP4	SC4	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	7	The System Council appointed the following 8 persons to serve as the inaugural SIMEC members for the period until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed: 1 - African Development Bank - Dougou Keita 2 - Australia - Mellissa Wood 3 - European Commission - Bernard Rey 4 - Germany and Belgium - Michel Bernhardt 5 - South Asia - Rajendra Singh Paroda 6 - Sweden - Philip Chiverton 7 - United Kingdom - Alan Tollervey 8 - United States - Eric Witte	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/EDP1	SC4	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 4th System Council meeting' dated 24 July 2017.	3 August 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP2	SC4	Electronic	Expedited decision making timeline	N/A	The System Council approves, on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with Article 6.3(e) of the System Council Rules of Procedure, a review period for System Council members for proposed decision SC/M4/EDP3 and SC/M4/EDP4 of seven calendar days, in place of the usual fourteen calendar days.	19 July 2017	N/A

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SC/M4/EDP3	SC4	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	<p>1. The System Council amends its 23 November 2016 decision on the approval of the 2017 System work plans and budgets (Decision reference SC/M3/DP4) in respect of the IEA's 2017 work plan by placing on hold until further decision of the System Council, the following planned evaluations and/or activities:</p> <p>a. The external independent evaluation of IEA</p> <p>b. Preparation for a CGIAR System-wide evaluation</p> <p>2. In addition, the scope of the IEA's evaluation of CGIAR's ISPC is reduced to facilitate the presentation of recommendations by the end of September 2017 to be considered for the re-design of the terms of ISPC; the reduced scope of the evaluation thus resulting in a reduction in the overall cost of the evaluation by US\$ 120,000 (down from originally US\$ 250,000 to 130,000).</p> <p>3. The System Council delegates special authority to the SIMEC to discuss and agree with the Head of IEA and thereafter report to the System Council on the appropriate timing to launch work on the multi-year evaluation planning.</p>	19 July 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP4	SC4	Electronic	Committees & Working Groups	N/A	The System Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Chair of SIMEC, as issued on 11 July 2017.	19 July 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP5	SC4	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council approves a one-year renewal of the Head of CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement ("IEA") to 30 September 2018, as an interim decision pursuant to paragraph 44 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised terms of reference for its science and evaluation advisory functions.	3 October 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP6	SC4	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves the transfer by the Trustee of the remaining balance in the old CGIAR Fund in the amount of USD 727,472.16, as follows:	18 October 2017	N/A
SC/M5/DP1	SC5	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Juan Lucas Restrepo Ibiza, representative of the Latin America and Caribbean constituency, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP2	SC5	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda, as issued on 18 October 2017.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP3	SC5	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	3	Pursuant to its functions as described in Article 6.1(q) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council:	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP4	SC5	In-session	Business Cycle	4	The System Council endorsed a business planning cycle concept for the CGIAR System, with a proposed multi-year business plan for the CGIAR System being brought for final approval to the System Council's November 2018 meeting (and launched from 1 January 2019), with an update on progress being provided to the System Council's May 2018 meeting.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP5	SC5	In-session	Reporting	5	The System Council:	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP6	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	6	The System Council:	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP7	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council:	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP8	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	9	The System Council approved US\$13.87 million as the combined ceiling for 2018 System entity budgets taking note of the System Council calls for an ongoing focus on identifying potential efficiencies.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP9	SC5	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	9	The System Council agreed that the 5 flagships re-submitted in July 2017 are considered as being eligible for W1&2 funding based upon scientific review of their technical merit.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia

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SC/M5/DP10	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	9	The System Council approved the following as the basis for building a funding scenario for the 2018 indicative W1/2 allocations for the CGIAR Portfolio of CRPs and Platforms: i. Indicative W1/2 funding of approximately \$180m; ii. GLDC would receive an indicative allocation of \$8.1m (prior to any general CRP/Platform funding reduction set out at item v. below), with FP2 receiving no W1/2 funding in 2018; iii. The returning 5 flagships receive an indicative allocation of \$6.5m, plus management and support costs of \$1.7m (prior to any general CRP/Platform funding reduction at item v. below); iv. A stretch funding target of 10% or \$18m ; and v. CRP and Platforms (with the exception of Genebanks) reduction of approximately 2% on a pro rata basis.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP11	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	9	The System Council endorsed the guiding principles set out in Part 4 of meeting paper SC5 09A ('Funding Allocations for 2018') as forming the basis of the development of the 2018 CGIAR Portfolio Financing Plan for CRPs and Platforms ('2018 FinPlan'), taking note that the 2018 FinPlan will be submitted for System Council approval on a no-objection basis on the recommendation of the System Management Board.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP12	SC5	In-session	Risk and Assurance	10	The System Council approved the following materials to provide for a risk management and assurance framework at the CGIAR System level: 1. Risk Management Framework of the CGIAR System 2. Risk Appetite Statement of the CGIAR System 3. Terms of Reference for the Assurance Oversight Committee of the System Council	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP13	SC5	In-session	Risk and Assurance	10	Subject to subsequent approval of the System Management Board and the General Assembly, the System Council amends the CGIAR System Framework as follows:  8.2(a) an Assurance Oversight Committee [DELETE Audit and Risk Committee ], with a majority of independent members, the purpose of which shall be to provide: The System Council with assurance of the completeness and effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function and the independence of external audit functions; a structured reporting line between internal and external auditors and the System Council; and oversight of system-wide governance, risk management and internal controls  [DELETE 6.1(j) Review findings and follow-up emanating from the Internal Audit Function]	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/EDP1	SC5	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 5th System Council meeting' dated 10 January 2018	23 January 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP2	SC5	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves the 2018 CGIAR Portfolio Financing Plan ('2018 FinPlan') as recommended by the System Management Board.	26 January 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP3	SC5	Electronic	Committees & Working Groups	N/A	The System Council appoints Tony Cavalieri (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) to serve as a member of the Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee for the period until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	13 February 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP4	SC5	Electronic	Committees & Working Groups	N/A	The System Council appoints Daniel Van Gilst (SC Voting Member, Norway) and Michel Gagnon (SC Voting Member, Canada) to serve as members of the System Council Assurance Oversight Committee for the period until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	7 March 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP5	SC5	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1(f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council extends the service of the following members of the Independent Science & Partnership Council on a no-cost extension basis for the period until 31 December 2018: 1. Nighisty Ghezae 2. Holger Meinke 3. Rodomiro Ortiz 4. Prabhu Pingali 5. Patrick Webb 6. Jennifer Thompson 7. Maggie Gill, Chair	7 March 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP6	SC5	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appoints Mellissa Wood (SC Alternate Member, Australia) and Eric Witte (SC Alternate Member, USA) to serve in the role of System Council Active Observers on the System Management Board pursuant to Article 7.6 of the Charter of the System Organization effective from the date of this decision until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	26 March 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP7	SC5	Electronic	Rules of Procedure	N/A	Pursuant to the amendment provisions of Article 15.2 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, and based on the prior approval of the General Assembly of Centers on 24 January 2018 and the System Management Board on 8 March 2018, the System Council approves an amendment to Article 7.1 of the Charter as set out below in "strike-out" and bold underlined text: Composition of the System Management Board  7.1 The System Management Board shall comprise the following nine (9) voting members, as follows:  a) <del>seven (7)</del> <b>six (6)</b> Center Board members or Directors General, as appointed by the Centers (' <b>Center affiliated members</b> '); and  b) <del>two (2)</del> <b>three (3)</b> independent members, one of which should, whenever possible, be the Chair.	12 April 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP8	SC5	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council extends the membership of the following persons to the System Council Intellectual Property Group as an interim measure with effect until 31 July 2018, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: a. Paul Figueroa, Chair (Resident Legal Officer, USAID/Guatemala) nominated by USAID; b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) nominated by EIARD; and c. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) nominated by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.	30 April 2018	N/A
SC/M6/DP1	SC6	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Stefan Schmitz, representative of the Germany and Belgium constituency, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	16 May 2018	Berlin, Germany
SC/M6/DP2	SC6	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 2 May 2018 (meeting document SC6-01).	16 May 2018	Berlin, Germany

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SC/M6/DP3	SC6	In-session	Advisory Bodies	8	The System Council approved the option as set out in the SIMEC think-piece (meeting document SC6-05) for the future functional areas and operational arrangements for the System Council's scientific advisory, impact assessment and evaluation services.	17 May 2018	Berlin, Germany
SC/M6/EDP1	SC6	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appoints the following persons as independent members of its Assurance Oversight Committee, to serve in their personal capacity, for the following terms or until their successor is appointed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Muriel Uzan, for an initial term from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2021</li> <li>• Mr. Maurice Goddard, for an initial term from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020</li> <li>• Mr. Saad Bounjoua, for an initial term from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020</li> </ul>	23 July 2018	N/A
SC/M6/EDP2	SC6	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council approves the following Terms of Reference on a no-objection basis, each with operational effect from 1 January 2019: a. Terms of Reference for the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 4 October 2018 b. Terms of Reference for the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment ('SPIA'), dated 4 October 2018 c. Terms of Reference for the Shared Secretariat for CGIAR Advisory Services, dated 4 October 2018	4 October 2018	N/A
SC/M6/EDP3	SC6	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council extends the membership of the following persons to the System Council Intellectual Property Group as an interim measure with effect until 31 December 2018, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: a. Paul Figueroa, Chair (Resident Legal Officer, USAID/Guatemala) b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) c. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)	24 September 2018	N/A
SC/M6/EDP4	SC6	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	The System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 6th System Council meeting' dated 1 October 2018	30 October 2018	N/A
SC/M7/DP1	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Tony Cavaliere, representative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP2	SC7	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 11 November 2018 (meeting document SC7-01).	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP3	SC7	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	4	The System Council approved the proposal for a flagship on common bean, "Strategic and applied research to meet the demand for beans in Africa and Latin America" for inclusion in the CGIAR Portfolio from 1 January 2019 on the proviso that the 2019-2021 Financing Plan has a 'US\$ 0' indicative allocation for Window 1 and Window 2.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP4	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	6	The System Council agreed to align the reconciliation of the 15 Funder seats of the System Council with the business plan concept, such that the reconciliation should take place at the start of the third year of each business cycle based on contributions made during the three prior calendar years; and accordingly agreed to extend the reconciliation period to end 2020 for this first cycle, such that the reconciliation calculations will be undertaken in Q1 2021 (to cover the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2020), and the revised System Council 15 Funder seats will operate with effect from 1 July 2021.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP5	SC7	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	6	As a consequence of the approach set out in the approved CGIAR 3-Year Business Plan 2019-2021 to extend reconciliation of System Council Funder seating to end-2020, the membership terms of SIMEC members are extended until 31 December 2020 to align with this period as follows: 1 - African Development Bank - Dougou Keita 2 - Australia - Mellissa Wood 3 - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – Tony Cavaliere 4 - Germany and Belgium - Michel Bernhardt 5 - South Asia - Rajendra Singh Paroda 6 - Sweden - Philip Chiverton 7 - United Kingdom - Alan Tollervey 8 - United States - Eric Witte 9 - Vacant (interested voting member constituencies are invited to submit nominations)	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP6	SC7	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	7	The System Council: i. Approved the proposed 2019-2021 CGIAR Program Performance Standards as set out in document SC7-H, taking note that the System Management Board is expected to approve the assessment levels for each of the Standards at the System Management Board 12th meeting on 13 December 2018; and ii. Agreed, based on the recommendation of SIMEC, that the evaluation senior specialist in the new CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat is the responsible officer for undertaking the periodic independent assessment of whether programs met the standards, working across other advisory bodies as required to obtain expert data.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP7	SC7	In-session	Advisory Bodies	10	The System Council, pursuant to article 6.1(u) of the CGIAR System Framework: i. Agreed that for 2019 a certain degree of flexibility is needed for the operations of the Advisory Services and the Shared Secretariat and that workplans and budgets for 2020 and 2021 will be re-assessed in 2019 by the System Council supported by SIMEC. ii. Endorsed the workplan of the ISDC for 2019, and asks the ISDC to largely focus on foresight activities and developing a protocol on horizon scanning; iii. Endorsed the workplan and high budget scenario of SPIA, with the understanding that SIMEC will work with the Assurance Oversight Committee for a value-for-money review of the budget; and SIMEC will work with the System Management Office on the means of funding of the budget, with that proposal to be presented by not later than 3 December 2018 for approval by the System Council by electronic means; iv. Requested further refinement of the workplan and budget of the evaluations work stream of the Shared Secretariat, with an updated workplan to be developed that takes into account the feedback provided during the System Council meeting session; and v. Endorsed the budget envelope for staffing of the Advisory Services Shared Secretariat based on 3-year employment contracts for staff.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP8	SC7	In-session	Rules of Procedure	10	The System Council approved the amendments to the following documents as set out in the Annexes of meeting document SC7-06: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CGIAR System Framework</li> <li>• Charter of the CGIAR System Organization</li> <li>• Policy on CGIAR System Cost Financing</li> </ul>	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States

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SC/M7/DP9	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	10	As a transitional arrangement to move from CGIAR's Independent Science and Partnership Council ('ISPC') to CGIAR's new Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), and pursuant to paragraph 4.3 of the IDSC terms of reference approved by the System Council on 4 October 2018, the System Council appointed, for the respective terms and roles set out below, the following persons as members of the CGIAR System's ISDC: <b>Person</b> <b>Role</b> <b>Appointment end date</b> Maggie Gill (F)                      Interim Chair                      30 June 2019 Jennifer Thomson (F)                      Transition Member                      20 March 2019 Patrick Webb (M)                      Transition Member                      30 September 2019 Rodomiro Ortiz (M)                      Transition Member                      30 September 2019 Holger Meinz (M)                      Member                      8 May 2020 Nighisty Ghezae (F)                      Member                      7 August 2020 Prabhu Pingali (M)                      Member                      7 August 2020	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP10	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	10	As a transitional arrangement to move from CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement to CGIAR's new Advisory Services Shared Secretariat arrangements for external independent evaluations commissioned by the System Council, and pursuant to paragraph 44 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation, the System Council renewed with retroactive effect from 1 October 2018 the appointment of the Head of CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement ("IEA") to 31 March 2019 on the same contractual terms and conditions as current, provided that: a. For the period to 31 December 2018, the mandate, work planning and other arrangements for evaluations apply as set out in Chapters 5 and 6 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation; and b. For the period 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019, the mandate, work planning, and other arrangements for evaluations apply as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the Terms of Reference of the CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP11	SC7	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	10	Subject to the Terms of Reference of the relevant committee or group expressly providing for the possibility of payment of an honorarium, the System Council approved: i. The payment of a gross annual honorarium of \$USD 8,000 (pro-rated for the period served in any calendar year) to external specialist-skilled independent members of a System Council Standing Committee/Group. Such honorarium covers all duties in respect of membership of the Committee/Group, which may be above time estimates communicated, including any requested attendance at in-person meetings; or ii) The payment of a gross annual honorarium of \$USD 12,000 (pro-rated for the period served in any calendar year) where an external independent member of a System Council Standing Committee/Group serves in the role of Chair. Such honorarium covers all duties in respect of membership and chairing of the Committee, which may be above time estimates communicated, including attendance at in-person meetings of the Committee and the System Council.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/DP12	SC7	In-session	Business Cycle	3	The System Council approved the CGIAR System 3-Year Business Plan (2019-2021), as set forth in meeting document SC7-02.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, United States
SC/M7/EDP1	SC7	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council endorsed the 2019-2021 CGIAR Research Financing Plan	10 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP2	SC7	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approved the budget ceilings for the CGIAR System Entities for 2019-2021 as set out in Table 3 of the 2019-2021 CGIAR Research Financing Plan	10 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP3	SC7	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appoints Stephen Potter (Canada) to serve as a member of the System Council Assurance Oversight Committee for the period until 31 December 2020 or such time as a successor is appointed.	23 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP4	SC7	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 7th System Council meeting' dated 21 December 2018	18 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP5	SC7	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council extends the membership of the following persons to the System Council Intellectual Property Group with effect until 31 December 2019, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: •Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) nominated by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and •Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) nominated by EIARD.	13 March 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP6	SC7	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council approves: a. Terms of Reference for the Chair of the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019 b. Competency Framework for the Members of the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019 c. Advertisement for 2019 appointment of Chair and Members of the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019 d. Terms of Reference for the Nominations Panel for the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 25 March 2019	9 April 2019	N/A
SC/M8/DP1	SC8	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Andrew Campbell, voting member from Australia as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting, and gave its support to the Co-Chair's alternate Mellissa Wood fulfilling the functions as a System Council member during the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP2	SC8	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 23 April 2019 (meeting document SC8-01)	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP3	SC8	In-session	Business Cycle	2	The System Council endorsed the 'Roadmap for the 2030 Plan' as the agreed overarching framework for the development of the 'CGIAR 2030 Plan', noting the continuing stewardship role of the System Reference Group until the 9th System Council meeting in November 2019.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP4	SC8	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council approved the creation of an additional module in the 'Big Data in Agriculture Platform', to provide a financing mechanism for impact assessment work to be undertaken as part of the SPIA work program.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP5	SC8	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council approved the creation of an additional module in the 'Excellence in Breeding Platform' to facilitate targeted funding of the Crops to end Hunger Initiative.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP6	SC8	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council approved the creation of the Window 1 Special Alliance Fund together with an allocation of US\$ 1 million from the Window 1 Liquidity and Stabilization Fund as the first contribution into the Window 1 Special Alliance Fund.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP7	SC8	In-session	Business Cycle	7	The System Council approved the implementation guidance as a further enhancement of the 2019-2021 CGIAR Financing Plan.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP8	SC8	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	8	The System Council approved, as amendments to Article 3 and Annex B of the CGIAR System Framework, up to five temporary additional Funder voting seats on the System Council subject to meeting agreed criteria.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP9	SC8	In-session	Advisory Bodies	6	The System Council: i. Extended the term of Maggie Gill as the Interim Chair of the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) with effect until 20 September 2019; and ii. Book note that should a new ISDC Chair not have been appointed by that date, another current serving ISDC member will be appointed by the System Council, through electronic decision, as Interim Chair for an interim term up to and including the System Council's 9th meeting to allow for continuity in this role.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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SC/M8/DP10	SC8	In-session	Advisory Bodies	6	Pursuant to the terms of reference of the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC), the System Council approved the membership of the 2019 ISDC Nominations Panel as follows: Member category: System Council members nominated by the System Council Chair, one of whom shall be the Chair of the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring Evaluation Committee ('SIMEC') or her/his delegate Appointed person(s): Michel Bernhardt (Chair) and Pedro Machado Member category: Science leaders nominated by the System Council Chair Appointed person(s): Ylva Hillbur and Derek Byerlee Member category: Persons fully external to CGIAR Appointed person: Lindiwe Sibanda	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP11	SC8	In-session	Advisory Bodies	6	The System Council approved a 2019 budget ceiling of \$605,000 for the Shared Secretariat Evaluation Workstream for implementation of the agreed strategic priorities, with oversight by the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring Evaluation Committee ('SIMEC') until the Director, Shared Secretariat is in place.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/DP12	SC8	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	6	The System Council extended the membership term of Daniel van Gilst, System Council voting member, Norway, for the System Council's Assurance Oversight Committee ('AOC') until 30 June 2021.	15-16 May 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SC/M8/EDP1	SC8	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appointed the following persons as SPIA Special Initiative members for a three-year term commencing on 1 July 2019: •Professor Travis Lybbert, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis •Professor Kelsey Jack, University of California, Santa Barbara	13 June 2019	N/A
SC/M8/EDP2	SC8	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approves the extension of the appointment of Melissa Wood (SC Alternate Member, Australia) and Eric Witte (SC Alternate Member, USA) to serve in the role of System Council Active Observers on the System Management Board pursuant to Article 7.6 of the Charter of the System Organization effective until 15 November 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	16 July 2019	N/A
SC/M8/EDP3	SC8	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 8th System Council meeting' dated 23 July 2019	2 August 2019	N/A
SC/M8/EDP4	SC8	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council: 1. Appointed the following persons as members of the CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) for a three-year term: i. Andrew Ash - with effect 1 October 2019 ii. Chris Barrett - with effect 1 October 2019 iii. Suneetha Kadiyala - with effect 1 October 2019 iv. Mandefro Nigussie - with effect 1 October 2019 v. Lesley Torrance - with effect 1 October 2019  2. Extended the term of Holger Meinke, current ISDC member from 8 May 2020 to 20 September 2022, and with effect 21 September 2019 appointed him as ISDC Chair for the three year period to 20 September 2022. 3. Took note that pursuant to the ISDC Member Competencies <sup>2</sup> that ISDC members are appointed for an initial three year term with a one year assessment period for confirmation of continuation of the term. There will be the possibility to be renewed by decision of the System Council for one additional three-year term. 4. Supported the recommended approach from the Panel to leave one ISDC member seat (8th) vacant which can be filled when the ISDC Chair and new members are in place; when potential gaps in expertise or representation are identified as important to contribute to an optimal overall profile of the ISDC; and when the new directions of the CGIAR System have been more fully articulated through ongoing processes. 5. Expressed its thanks and appreciation to each of Maggie Gill (ISDC member and Interim Chair until 20 September 2019); Patrick Webb and Rodomiro Ortiz (ISDC transition members serving until 30 September 2019) and Jennifer Thomson (ISDC interim member whose term ended on 20 March 2019).	27 August 2019	N/A
SC/M9/DP1	SC9	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Pedro Luiz Oliveira de Almeida Machado, voting member from the Latin America and Caribbean constituency as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework	13-14 November 2019	Chengdu, China
SC/M9/DP2	SC9	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 8 November 2019 (document SC9-01).	13-14 November 2019	Chengdu, China
SC/M9/DP3	SC9	In-session	One CGIAR	2	The System Council: • Endorsed the package of recommendations set out in the document entitled 'One CGIAR' System Reference Group Recommendations to the System Council (SC9-02); • With respect to the implementation of those recommendations, endorsed the proposed roles of the System Management Board, the One CGIAR Common Board, the Executive Management Team (including each of its Managing Directors), the General Assembly and the System Organization with respect to the change process as set out in the document, with advice and inputs from a Transition Reference Group; • Called upon the System Management Board <sup>1</sup> and Centers to move purposefully to intensify collaboration to implement the recommendations, consistent with the target dates set out therein, based on clear milestones and adaptive management, ensuring that any key institutional decisions they take moving forward are consistent with the direction and destination of One CGIAR as set out in the package of recommendations; and • Requested that the System Management Board update the System Council each quarter during the initial year of implementation, and thereafter at a frequency to be agreed.	13-14 November 2019	Chengdu, China
SC/M9/DP4	SC9	In-session	2017-2022 Portfolio	3	Pursuant to Article 4(s) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approved the recommended arrangements for a CGIAR Gender Equality in Food Systems Research Platform under the GENDER proposal and transition plan.	13-14 November 2019	Chengdu, China
SC/M9/EDP1	SC9	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council Appointed the following persons as members of the CGIAR's Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) for a three-year term with effect from 1 January 2020, with the possibility of renewal up to three additional years without further extension: i. Rachid Laajaj – SPIA special initiative member ii. Kyle Emerick – SPIA standing member	9 December 2019	N/A
SC/M9/EDP2	SC9	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approved the 2020-2021 Revised CGIAR Research Financing Plan	4 March 2020	N/A

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SC/M9/EDP3	SC9	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appointed Wijnand van-Ijssel (System Council member, The Netherlands) and Stephen Potter (System Council member, Canada) to serve in the role of System Council Active Observers on the System Management Board pursuant to Article 7.6 of the Charter of the System Organization effective from the date of this decision for a period of one year or until such time as a successor is appointed.	24 March 2020	N/A
SC/M9/EDP4	SC9	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council extended the membership of the following persons to the System Council Intellectual Property Group with effect until 31 December 2021, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: •Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) nominated by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and •Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) nominated by EIARD.	24 March 2020	N/A
SC/M9/EDP5	SC9	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 9th System Council meeting' dated 9 March 2020.	20 March 2020	N/A
SC/M9/EDP6	SC9	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The CGIAR Advisory Services 2020 workplan and budget was approved by the System Council on a no objection basis	30 March 2020	N/A
SC/M9/EDP7	SC9	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appointed JV Meenakshi as a standing member of CGIAR's Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) for an additional one-year term with effect from 1 May 2020	1 May 2020	N/A
SC/M9/EDP8	SC9	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	Pursuant to paragraph 4.4 of the ISDC Terms of Reference, the System Council approved the following membership of the 2020 ISDC Member Nominations Panel as follows, such persons to serve in their individual capacities, and pursuant to Article 3.5 of the CGIAR System Framework, in good faith in the interests of the CGIAR System: System Council members nominated by the System Council Chair, one of whom shall be the SIMEC Chair or her/his delegate: Michel Bernhardt and Pedro Machado Science leaders nominated by the System Council Chair: Ylva Hillbur and Derek Byerlee Persons fully external to CGIAR: Lindiwe Sibanda Invited Guest: Suneetha Kadiyala	1 May 2020	N/A
SC/M9/EDP9	SC9	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council approved the advertisement for filling vacancies in CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council in 2020, dated 17 April 2020.	1 May 2020	N/A
SC/M10/DP1	SC10	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Stephen Potter, voting member from Canada as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/DP2	SC10	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 20 May 2020 (document SC10-01) with minor revisions re-issued on 5 June 2020.	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/DP3	SC10	In-session	Covid-19	2	The System Council: •Endorsed the CGIAR Research Response to COVID-19 as set out in meeting document SC10-02); •Requested that the System Management Board provide an update to the System Council on the CGIAR Research Response to COVID-19 at the end of 2020; and •Invited Funders to reflect on their capacity to, where possible, provide funding to contribute to the research response	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/DP4	SC10	In-session	Funding Matters	3	The System Council approved the following mechanisms as part of a One CGIAR transitional funding approach, as set out in meeting document SC10-04: a. Repurpose the narrowly defined W1 Alliance Opportunity Fund to a One CGIAR Transitional Funding Facility to support more expansive objectives of One CGIAR implementation; b. Transfer \$1.1M provision account balance to the One CGIAR Transitional Funding Facility; c. Allocate a \$6.5M draw down facility approved as part of the 2020 Financing Plan to the One CGIAR Transitional Funding Facility; and d. Establish an indicative target of \$40M-\$70M to fund investments into One CGIAR through the One CGIAR Transitional Funding Facility between 2020 and 2024.	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/DP5	SC10	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	7	The System Council approved the appointment of Dr. Juergen Voegelé for a second four-year term with effect 12 July 2020, as nominated by the World Bank.	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/DP6	SC10	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	7	The System Council approved the extension of the membership terms of Saad Bounjoua and Maurice Goddard on the System Council's Assurance Oversight Committee to 30 June 2021, unless earlier determined by the System Council.	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/DP7	SC10	In-session	Rules of Procedure	5	Pursuant to the amendment provisions of Article 15.2 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, and subject also to approval by the System Management Board, the System Council approved the following amendments to the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization as set out below in "strike-out" and underlined text: <b>Ref 7.2:</b> The System Management Board shall comprise <del>the following up to ten (10) nine (9)</del> voting members who, when taken as a collective whole, will have the skills, experience and gravitas required to enable the System Management Board to discharge its responsibilities under this Charter. <del>Members of the management and employees of CGIAR System entities, including Centers, are not eligible to sit on the System Management Board as voting members, as follows:</del> a) <del>six (6) Center Board members or Directors General, as appointed by the Centers; and</del> b) <del>three (3) independent members, one of which should, whenever possible, be the Chair.</del>  <b>Ref 7.3:</b> The System Management Board shall appoint a Chair from amongst its voting members.  Ref 7.8: All System Management Board members, Active Observers and the Chair of the System Management Board's Audit and Risk Committee shall act in good faith in the interests of the CGIAR System and shall act according to the System Management Board's policy on ethics and conflicts of interest and shall respect the conflict of interest obligations of the entities they may be affiliated with represent.  Ref 7.9: The term of office of the initial System Management Board shall be three (3) years. Thereafter, new voting members of the System Management Board shall be elected by the Centers every two (2) years at a General Assembly of Centers. In the transition phase terms may be shorter or elections staggered to ensure a gradual replacement of the members of the System Management Board. Members from the Centers' Boards which are members of the System Management Board, when acting at the System Management Board, shall represent the CGIAR System <del>and will not be re-appointed when their term as Center Board members is expired.</del>	10-11 June 2020	Virtual
SC/M10/EDP1	SC10	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved the appointment of Bethany Davies, representative of Australia, on the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC) for a period until 31 December 2020 or until such time as a successor is appointed.	7 August 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP2	SC10	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved a special extension of the term of Nighisty Ghezze, current ISDC member, from 8 August 2020 for an additional six months, or until a successor is appointed, to provide continuity in ISDC as its builds up new membership.	8 August 2020	N/A

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SC/M10/EDP3	SC10	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council endorsed the continuation of term for the ISDC Chair and four members who are completing the first year of their term as listed below, pursuant to the ISDC Member Competencies that ISDC members are appointed for an initial three year term with a one year assessment period for confirmation of continuation of the term. o Holger Meinke, ISDC Chair- until 30 September 2022 o Suneetha Kadiyala, ISDC Member- until 30 September 2022 o Andrew Ash, ISDC Member - until 30 September 2022 o Lesley Torrance, ISDC Member - until 30 September 2022 o Chris Barrett, ISDC Member - until 30 September 2022	8 August 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP6	SC10	Electronic	Rules of Procedure	N/A	Pursuant to the amendment provisions of Article 15.2 set out therein, amendments to the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization were approved by the System Council, the System Management Board and the General Assembly of Centers. The Charter as amended is available on the CGIAR website.	1 September 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP7	SC10	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 10th System Council meeting' dated 17 August 2020. The document is available on the CGIAR System Council meetings webpage at the following link: <a href="https://www.cgiar.org/how-we-work/governance/system-council/sc-meetings/">https://www.cgiar.org/how-we-work/governance/system-council/sc-meetings/</a>	27 August 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP8	SC10	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the SPIA Terms of Reference which provides for the SPIA Chair to 'serve an initial three years, with the possibility of renewal up to three additional years without further extension', the System Council renewed the current Chair of SPIA for a fourth year of a possible total six years with effect from 1 October 2020.	1 October 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP9	SC10	Electronic	Strategy	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1 s) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approved the 2021 Revised CGIAR Research Financing Plan	17 December 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP10	SC10	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1 u) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approved the CGIAR Advisory Services 2021 Workplan & Budget	17 December 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP11	SC10	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved 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	17 December 2020	N/A
SC/M10/EDP12	SC10	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved the appointment process for filling vacancies arising on CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC).	17 December 2020	N/A
SC/M11/DP1	SC11	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 4 December 2020 (document SC11-01).	17 December 2020	Virtual
SC/M11/DP2	SC11	In-session	Strategy	2	The System Council: • Approved the CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy as set out in meeting document SC11-03a); • Approved the CGIAR Performance and Results Management Framework as set out in meeting document SC11-03b); and • Took note that the operationalization of the Performance and Results Management Framework will involve consultation with System Council Funders, including elicitation of feedback from individual Funders considering their reporting and accountability needs.	17 December 2020	Virtual
SC/M11/EDP1	SC11	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1 y) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council endorsed the membership of Investment Advisory Groups to provide advice to the CGIAR Executive Management Team on the prospectus of investments in the CGIAR 2022-2024 Investment Plan.	6 February 2021	N/A
SC/M12/DP1	SC12	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appointed Adriana Ivette Herrera Moreno, voting member from Mexico as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	3 March 2021	Virtual
SC/M12/DP2	SC12	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 18 February 2021.	3 March 2021	Virtual
SC/M12/DP3	SC12	In-session	Strategy	3	The System Council endorsed the operational structure, thus providing confirmation to CGIAR's board members, staff and partners that the System Council membership is fully supportive of the intended institutional arrangements, as CGIAR moves to organize itself in a more powerful and interconnected manner, to deliver on the new 2030 CGIAR Research and Innovation Strategy (SRG Recommendations 1 and 4), supported by increased financial investments in CGIAR (SRG Recommendation 5).	3 March 2021	Virtual
SC/M12/DP4	SC12	In-session	Strategy	4	The System Council endorsed the timetable and approach to updating key frameworks and governing documents to delivery alignment with One CGIAR concepts, as set out in meeting document SC12-03.	3 March 2021	Virtual
SC/M12/DP5	SC12	In-session	Strategy	N/A	The System Council agreed to revisit the reconciliation of the System Council in 2022, when the elements of One CGIAR can be used as an important basis for defining appropriate methods and processes for the reconciliation of Funder and other seats of the System Council.	3 March 2021	Virtual
SC/M12/EDP1	SC12	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 11th System Council meeting' dated 17 March 2021.	29 March 2021	N/A
SC/M12/EDP2	SC12	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	Pursuant to Article 4.1 of the ISDC terms of reference, the System Council approved an extraordinary extension to the term of current ISDC member- Nighisty Ghezae- until 31 December 2021 based on the need and required expertise coverage for the ISDC during 2021.	20 May 2021	N/A
SC/M12/EDP3	SC12	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 12th System Council meeting' dated 27 May 2021.	8 June 2021	N/A
SC/M13/DP1	SC13	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appointed Jim Barnhart, representative from USAID as the non-voting honorary Co-Chair for the meeting, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	9 June 2021	Virtual
SC/M13/DP2	SC13	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 26 May 2021 (document SC13-01)	9 June 2021	Virtual
SC/M13/DP3	SC13	In-session	Strategy	3	The System Council: a. Approved the 2022-2024 Investment Prospectus for the 3-year business period, pursuant to Article 6.1 a) iii. of the CGIAR System Framework; and b. Took note of the process going forward, in which the Investment Prospectus and its set of Initiatives will be adaptively managed by the Executive Management Team, advised by the Investment Advisory Groups that are chaired by the Global Science Group Directors.	9 June 2021	Virtual

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SC/M13/DP4	SC13	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	6	The System Council approved the extension of the terms of the following members of the System Council's Assurance Oversight Committee until 30 June 2022, unless earlier determined by the System Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saad Bounjoua</li> <li>• Maurice Goddard</li> <li>• Muriel Uzan</li> <li>• Daniel van Gilst</li> </ul>	10 June 2021	Virtual
SC/M13/DP5	SC13	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	6	The System Council: a. Appointed Dr. Sujata Visaria as SPIA Standing Panel Member for a three-year term with effect 1 July 2021 unless otherwise decided by the System Council. b. Appointed Dr. Monica Biradavolu as an additional Special Initiative Member for a three-year term with effect 1 July 2021 unless otherwise decided by the System Council. c. Extended Dr. Karen Macours as current SPIA Chair for the remaining two years of the allowable six years until 30 September 2023	10 June 2021	Virtual
SC/M13/DP6	SC13	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	6	The System Council: a. Appointed Dr. Fetien Abay Abera as a member of the CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) for a three-year term with effect from 1 July 2021. b. Appointed Dr. Nompumelelo H. Obokoh as a member of the CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) for a three-year term with effect from 1 July 2021. c. Appointed Dr. Magali Garcia as a member of the CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) for a three-year term with effect from 1 July 2021. d. Took note that, pursuant to the SC-approved ISDC Member Competencies framework, ISDC members are appointed for an initial three-year term with a one-year assessment period for confirmation of continuation of the term.	10 June 2021	Virtual
SC/M13/EDP1	SC13	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved the appointment of Dr. Raphael Nawrotzki, representative of Germany, on the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC) for a period until 31 December 2021 or until such time as a successor is appointed.	06 July 2021	N/A
SC/M13/EDP2	SC13	Electronic	Meeting Summary	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 13th System Council meeting' dated 11 August 2021.	23 August 2021	N/A
SC/M13/EDP3	SC13	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved the appointment of Renee Lafitte (System Council member, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) and Wijnand van-Ijssel (System Council member, The Netherlands) to serve in the role of System Council Active Observers on the CGIAR System Board pursuant to Article 7.8 of the Charter of the System Organization effective from the date of the decision for a period of one year or until such time as a successor is appointed.	30 August 2021	N/A
SC/M13/EDP4	SC13	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved the appointment of Michelle Quibell, representative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, on the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC) for a period until 31 December 2021 or until such time as a successor is appointed.	30 August 2021	N/A
SC/M13/EDP5	SC13	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council approved a waiver of the linking mechanism of Windows 1&2 in the 2021 Financing Plan to permit specific additional contributions in 2021 from Germany for the Genebank Platform and from Belgium for the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change and Agriculture for Food Security (CCAFS) without corresponding reduction in Window 1 allocation.	16 September 2021	N/A
SC/M14/DP1	SC14	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed AnnaKarin Norling, representative from Sweden as the non-voting honorary Co-Chair for the meeting, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	15 December 2021	Virtual
SC/M14/DP2	SC14	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda as issued on 1 December 2021 (document SC14-01).	15 December 2021	Virtual
SC/M14/DP3	SC14	In-session	Strategy	3	The System Council: a. Took note of the important observations and learnings arising from the Independent Science for Development ('ISDC') review of the CGIAR 2022-2024 CGIAR Prospectus Companion document ('Companion Document'), and the ISDC moderated external independent review of the first group of 19 Initiative proposals submitted under the framework of that Companion Document, recognizing that a further 13 Initiative proposals are scheduled for ISDC moderated external independent review during the first half of 2022; b. Approved, pursuant to Article 6.1.q) of the CGIAR System Framework and with effect from 1 January 2022: i. the 19 Initiative proposals as key elements of the CGIAR Portfolio for 2022-2024; ii. the indicative funding amounts for those 19 Initiative proposals and the 5 Impact Area Platforms as set out in the 2022-2024 CGIAR Portfolio and Designated Financing Plan, with the understanding that approaches to the ongoing adaptive management of the 19 Initiatives will be further developed during Initiative implementation under the leadership and stewardship of the CGIAR Science Group Directors in collaboration with CGIAR's Executive Management Team. c. Requested that at the System Council's 15th meeting (indicatively scheduled for the week of 7 March 2022), the Executive Management Team: i. provide an overall response to the ISDC's review of the Companion Document; and ii. document how the observations and learnings from the ISDC moderated external review of the 19 Initiatives have been or shall be take up over which timetable, as relevant, whilst continuing to ensure an overall coherent and cohesive CGIAR Portfolio for 2021-2024.	15 December 2021	Virtual
SC/M14/DP4	SC14	In-session	Advisory Bodies	4	The System Council pursuant to Article 6.1 u) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approved the 2022-2024 Workplan & Budget for CGIAR's Advisory Services.	15 December 2021	Virtual

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SC/M14/DP5	SC14	In-session	Funding Matters	6	<p>The System Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Took note of the materials presented for deliberation at SC14 regarding the move to ensuring financial support for the new CGIAR Portfolio of Initiatives and Platforms under agenda item 6, and the discussion during the meeting on potential interlinkages with those materials and the agreements giving rise to the international organization status that Mexico grants to CIMMYT.</li> <li>2. Recorded the time-sensitive nature of ensuring that the Initiatives and Platforms approved for pooled funding at SC14 can have access to that pooled funding.</li> <li>3. Decided to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approve the proposed amendments to the CGIAR Glossary as set forth in Appendix 1 of document SC14-06 effective 1 January 2022, taking note that the amended CGIAR Glossary will not apply to the agreements entered into between the System Organization and those Centers and organizations that have not adopted One CGIAR unified governance; and</li> <li>b. Approve the proposed amendments to the CGIAR System Framework as set forth in Appendix 2 (revised) of document SC14-06 effective 1 January 2022, with that decision being to retain the definition of 'Center' as agreed from 1 July 2016 until the System Council otherwise may agree</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Recognized in respect of item 3.a that further amendments to the funding agreements between the System Organization and the Centers may be needed to better reflect the evolving operational modalities of One CGIAR, and that any such amendments will be carried out under the purview of the System Board.</li> <li>5. Requested that the Secretary of the System Council bring back to the System Council by not later than 1 February 2022, a proposal for approval by the System Council to update the definition of a CGIAR Center after further consultation with Mexico.</li> <li>6. Further noted that the System Organization has been requested by the System Board to make conforming changes to the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization to reflect the agreed amendments to the CGIAR System Framework, for presentation of the amended Charter for System Council electronic approval as soon as possible.</li> </ol>	16 December 2021	Virtual
SC/M14/DP6	SC14	In-session	Funding Matters	4	<p>Pursuant to Articles 6.1 s) and u) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approved the 2022-2024 CGIAR Portfolio and Designated Financing Plan ('2022-2024 FINPLAN'); and</li> <li>b. Noted that an updated 2022-2024 FinPlan will be developed and presented in Q1 2022 based on a revised budgeting exercise and to reflect additional data points gained.</li> </ol>	16 December 2021	Virtual
SC/M14/DP7	SC14	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	4	<p>The System Council approved the appointment of the following membership of the Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee to 30 June 2022, unless earlier determined by the System Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dougou Keita (African Development Bank)</li> <li>b. Bethany Davies (Australia)</li> <li>c. Ruben Echeverría (Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation)</li> <li>d. Raphael Nawrotzki (Germany &amp; Belgium)</li> <li>e. Philip Chiverton (Sweden)</li> <li>f. Alan Tollervey (United Kingdom of Great Britain &amp; Northern Ireland)</li> </ol>	16 December 2021	Virtual
SC/M14/DP8	SC14	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	4	<p>The System Council approved the extension of the following persons as members of the System Council Intellectual Property Group with effect until 31 October 2022, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) originally nominated by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and</li> <li>b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) originally nominated by EIARD.</li> </ol>	16 December 2021	Virtual