



Recommendation of the CGIAR System Board  
for CGIAR Initiatives to commence from 1 January 2022

Purpose

The document sets out the recommendation of the CGIAR System Board pursuant to its role in the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization to “recommend to the System Council proposals and indicative funding requirements for the CGIAR Portfolio” (Article 8.1 aa)).

Action Requested

The System Council is requested to review the advance materials provided for this agenda item, and if thought appropriate, approve the decision point presented below:

**Decision:** Pursuant to Article 6.1 q) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approves the proposals for 19 CGIAR Initiatives to commence from 1 January 2022, and the indicative funding amounts for those proposals and the 5 impact area platforms as set out in the 2022-2024 CGIAR Portfolio and Designated Financing Plan.

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## Background

1. The System Board met on 29-30 November 2021 to consider its formal recommendation to the System Council on the initial set of Initiatives as part of the [2022-2024 Investment Prospectus](#) (as approved by the System Council during its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2021).
2. The initial set of 19 Initiative Proposals (as listed in the Annex) as well as a Companion Document on the 2022-2024 Investment Prospectus were submitted to the CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat on 30 September 2021 for, respectively, external review moderated by the ISDC (for the Proposals), and ISDC review (for the Companion Document). In advance of its 29-30 November meeting, the System Board benefitted from early view of the ISDC's reports of the respective reviews of the Companion Document to the 2022-2024 Investment Prospectus and the external review of the 19 Initiative proposals.
3. The System Board's deliberations also benefitted from insights shared during discussions from the ISDC Chair as well as the Executive Management Team and senior science leadership.
4. The System Board expressed its deep appreciation for the rigor and quality of work and collaboration to develop the Initiative proposals as well as the depth of thinking evidenced by the Companion Document – noting that these represent an unprecedented institutional response by CGIAR to the challenges of our era.
5. The System Board expressed its sincere gratitude to the ISDC for the robust and thoughtful review undertaken and the guidance included therein on how to continually strengthen the Initiatives and thus the Prospectus as a whole as it is taken forward.

## Recommendation of the System Board

6. Thus, at the conclusion of its deliberations, the Board:
  - i. **Approved** the proposals for an initial set of 19 CGIAR Initiatives and the indicative funding amounts set out therein **for recommendation to the CGIAR System Council** pursuant to Article 8.1 aa) of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization; and
  - ii. **Recognized** its responsibility for governance oversight of research delivery, including oversight of how management will address identified structural weaknesses.

Annex – Initial Set of CGIAR Initiatives, Impact Area Platforms and Companion Document

- [Companion Document to the 2022-2024 CGIAR Investment Prospectus](#)
- [CGIAR's 5 Impact Area Platforms](#)
- [Accelerated Breeding \(ABI\): Meeting farmers' needs with nutritious, climate-resilient crops](#)
- [ClimBeR: Building Systemic Resilience against Climate Variability and Extremes](#)
- [Conservation and Use of Genetic Resources \(Genebanks\)](#)
- [Ukama Ustawi: Diversification for resilient agribusiness ecosystems in East and Southern Africa \(ESA\)](#)
- [Excellence in Agronomy for Sustainable Intensification and Climate Change Adaptation \(EiA\)](#)
- [Livestock, Climate and System Resilience](#)
- [Market Intelligence and Product Profiling](#)
- [Mitigation and Transformation Initiative for GHG reductions of Agrifood systems Related Emissions \(MITIGATE+\)](#)
- [National Policies and Strategies for Food, Land and Water Systems Transformation \(NPS\)](#)
- [Network 4 Enabling Tools, Technologies, and Shared Services \(N4ETTSS\)](#)
- [NEXUS Gains: Realizing Multiple Benefits Across Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems \(Forests, Biodiversity\)](#)
- [Plant Health and Rapid Response to Protect Food Security and Livelihoods](#)
- [Protecting Human Health through a One Health Approach](#)
- [Rethinking Food Markets and Value Chains for Inclusion and Sustainability](#)
- [SAPLING – Sustainable Animal Productivity for Livelihoods, Nutrition and Gender inclusion](#)
- [SeEdQUAL: Delivering Genetic Gains in Farmers' Fields](#)
- [Sustainable Healthy Diets through Food Systems Transformation \(SHiFT\)](#)
- [Transforming Agrifood Systems in South Asia \(TAFSSA\)](#)
- [Transformational Agroecology across Food, Land and Water systems](#)