



Membership of the System Council's Standing Committees and Groups

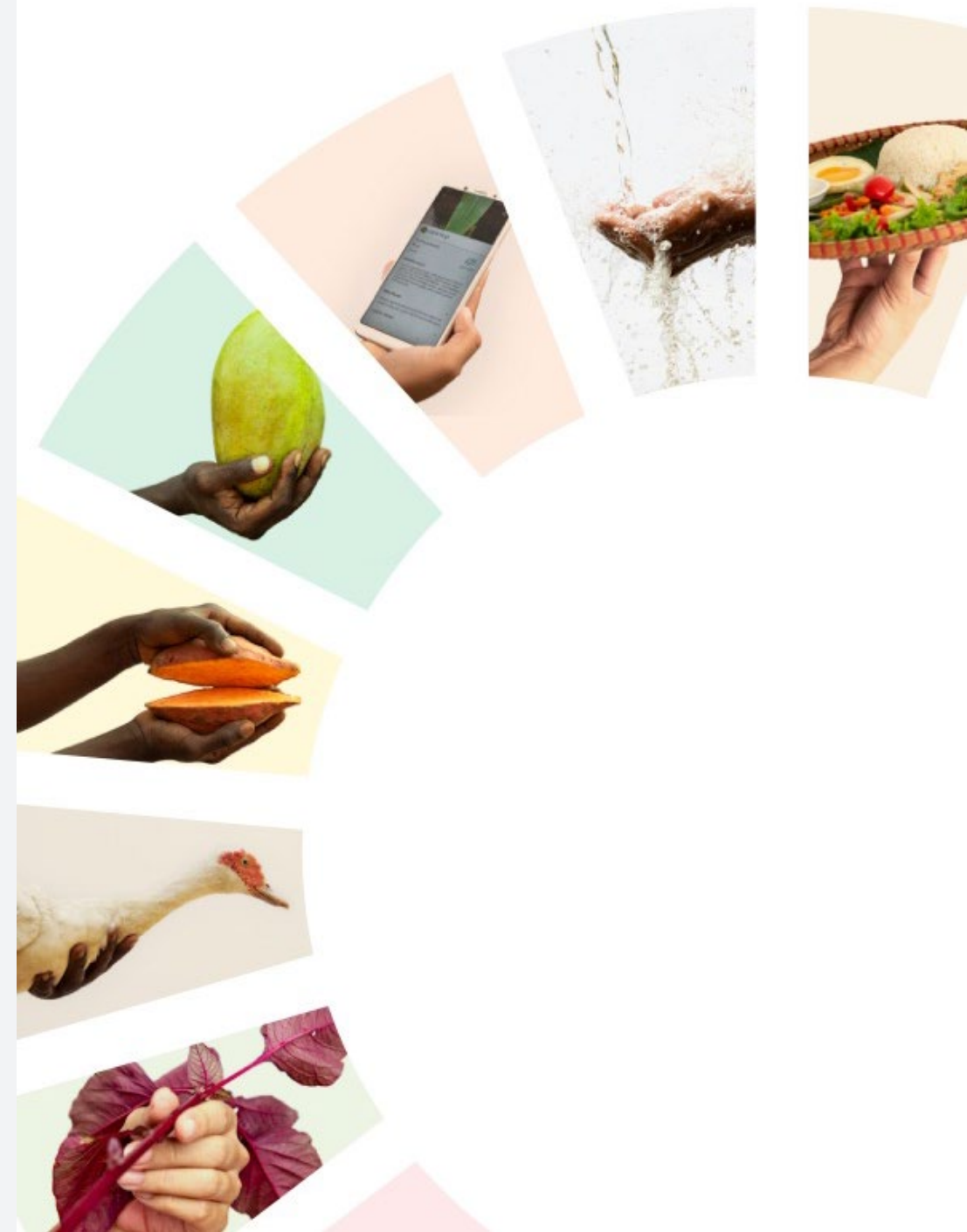
Purpose: This document sets out the background and rationale for a proposed extension for the terms of:

- Membership of the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee; and
- Membership of the System Council Intellectual Property Group

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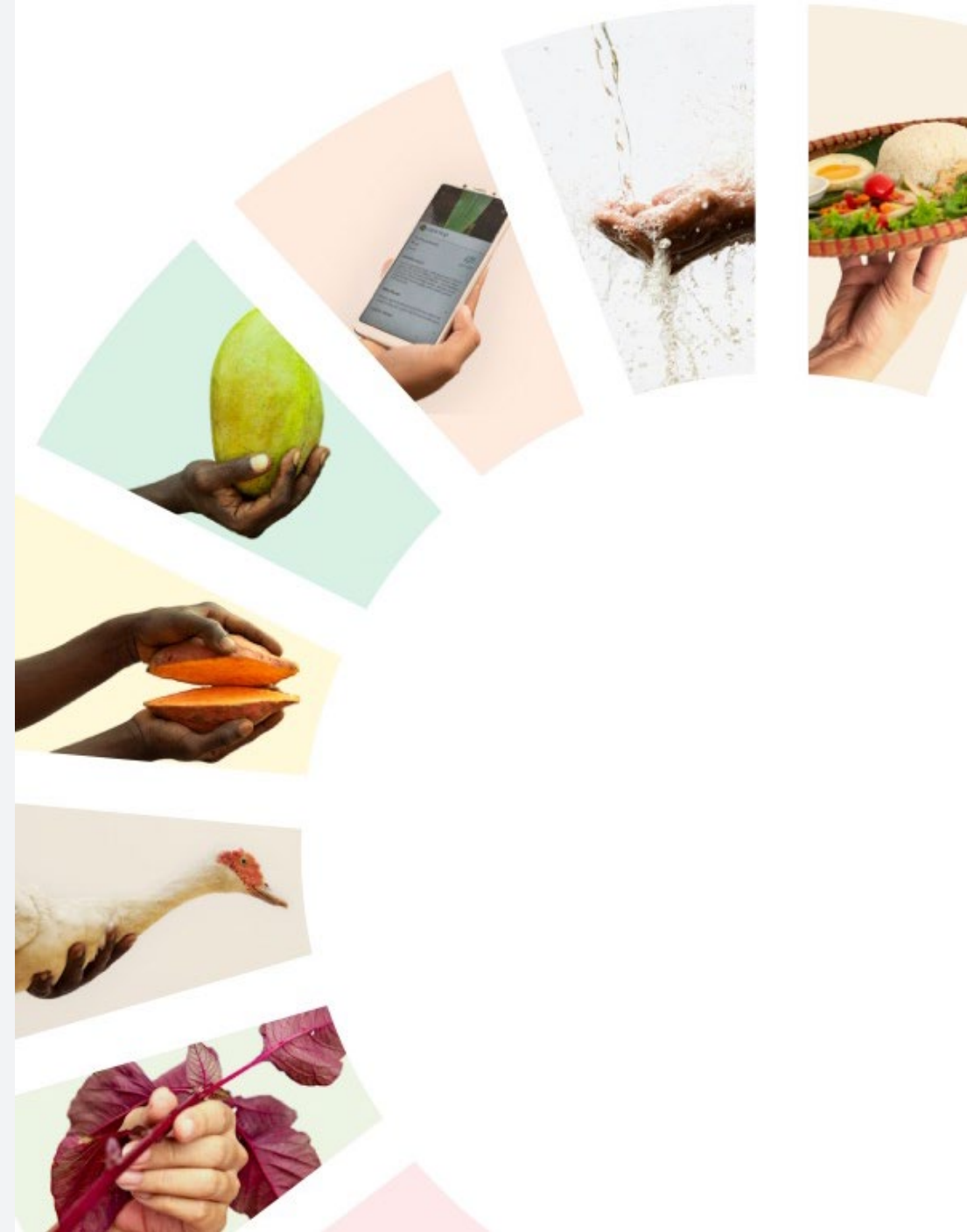




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Membership matters - Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC)



1. Background: SIMEC Membership at 30 November 2021

- The System Council’s Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (‘SIMEC’) was formed in 2017, at SC4, with Terms of Reference which provide for a maximum nine persons.
- The initial terms of members, appointed in 2017, was for a period until 30 June 2019, and extended at SC7 to 31 December 2020.
- **At end-2020, membership terms were extended to 31 December 2021**, with terms of new members joining in 2021 aligned to that date.
- Alan Tollervey took up the role of interim Chair at end-May 2021.

No	SC voting constituency	Nominated member
1	African Development Bank	Dougou Keita
2	Australia	Bethany Davies
3	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Michelle Quibell <i>(Decision proposed that <u>Ruben Echeverria</u> take up the SIMEC member role from 1 January 2022)</i>
4	Germany and Belgium	Raphael Nawrotzki
5	South Asia	<i>Vacant (Raj Paroda served until October 2021)</i>
6	Sweden	Philip Chiverton
7	United Kingdom	Alan Tollervey (Interim Chair)
8	United States	<i>Vacant (Eric Witte served until 23 November 2021)</i>

2. Basis of recommendation to extend terms until 30 June 2022

Rationale for extension and timing

- The current members continue to be active participants in SIMEC; are well linked into the voting member constituencies of the System Council they represent; and bring relevant experiences and skills for the tasks.

On timing out to 30 June 2022:

- The previous extension decision anticipated work during 2021 to take stock of the broader needs for assurance and oversight in the One CGIAR landscape and on what optimal mechanisms could look like for the future – early discussions have commenced but are anticipated to be explored more fully in the first half of 2022.
- The functions carried out by SIMEC are needed into 2022 until any further changes are agreed.

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

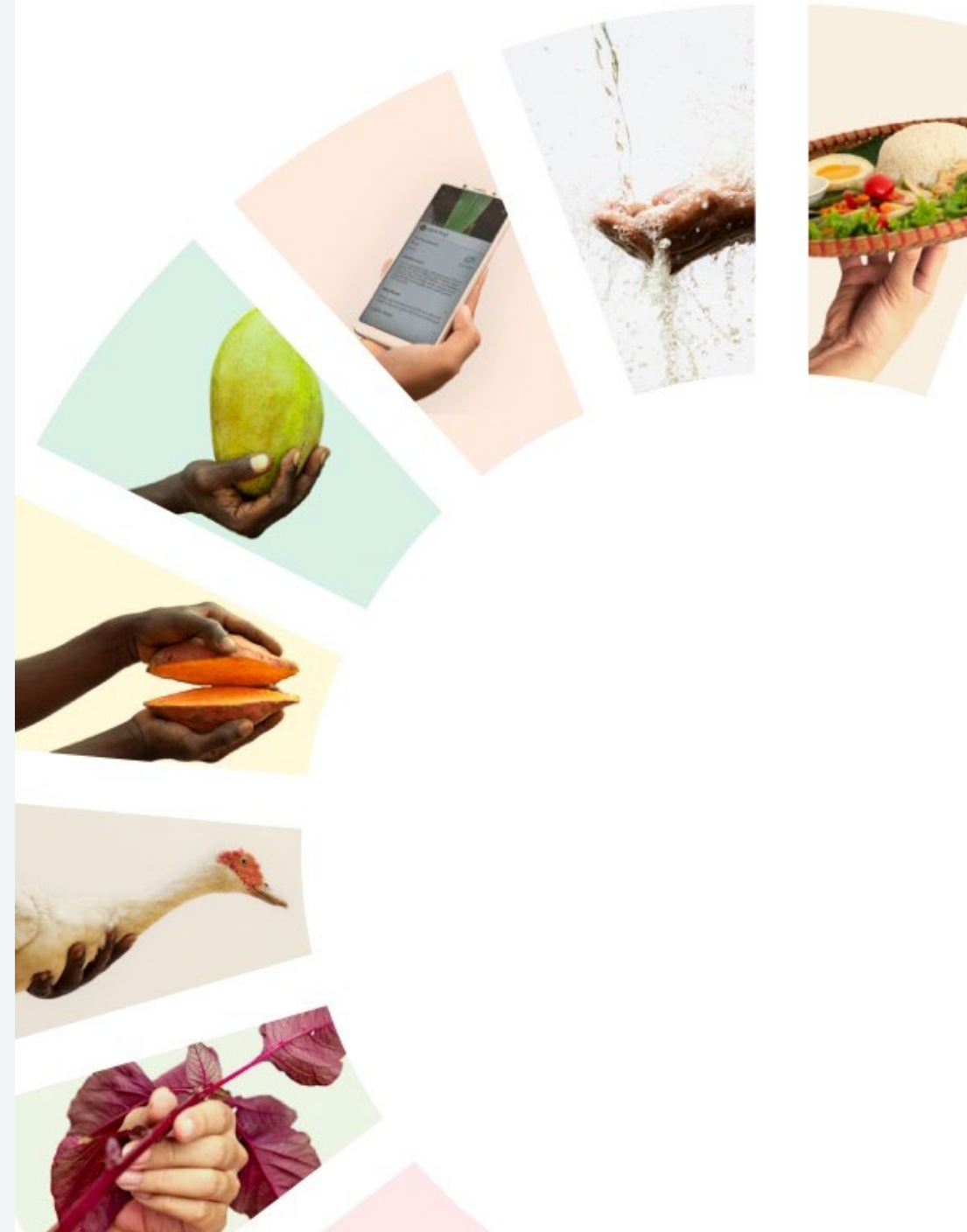
- All members (including the interim Chair) can have their terms renewed as determined by the System Council. This extension proposal is in line with that Article.



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Membership matters - System Council Intellectual Assets Group (SC IP Group)



SC IP Group: Background to recommendation

- The [CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets](#) ('CGIAR IA Principles'), which established and sets out terms of reference for the System Council's Intellectual Property Group (SC IP Group), is an important continuing policy of the CGIAR System.
- The SC IP Group has been discharging its duties in accordance with the TOR, including by:
 - annually reviewing all Center reports on the implementation of the CGIAR IA Principles during the preceding year, requesting further information as required, and providing any comments, concerns or recommendations as relevant to the System Organization; and
 - reviewing, and drafting an independent section of the annual CGIAR Intellectual Asset Management Report developed by the System Organization in consultation with the Centers
- The two persons whose membership terms are proposed to be extended have demonstrated expertise and practical experience in the management of intellectual assets and intellectual property rights and have effectively delivered during the reporting cycle for the 2019 and 2020 CGIAR Intellectual Asset Management Reports.
- Continuity in membership for a term to cover the 2021 reporting cycle is proposed, which will also provide opportunity for further informed discussion and consultation to explore the optimal role and arrangements for the SC IP Group in the One CGIAR context.

Proposed decisions:

The System Council approves 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:

- **Dougou Keita** (African Development Bank)
- **Bethany Davies** (Australia)
- **Ruben Echeverría** (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
- **Raphael Nawrotzki** (Germany & Belgium)
- **Philip Chiverton** (Sweden)
- **Alan Tollervey** (United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland)

The System Council approves 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:

- **Aline Flower**, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) originally nominated by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and
- **Bram De Jonge**, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) originally nominated by EIARD.