

Decisions taken out of session by the Board of the CGIAR System Organization¹
since its 17th meeting (5-7 May 2020) until its 18th meeting (23 November 2020)

Decision Reference	Decision	Thematic Area	Link to document	Date of decision
SMB/M17/EDP1	The System Management Board approved the Chair's Summary of the 17th System Management Board meeting	Board matters	Chair's Summary	15 May 2020
SMB/M17/EDP2	The Terms of Reference for the System Management Board Ad-Hoc Search Committee for the inaugural One CGIAR Executive Management Team ('EMT Search Committee') are approved	Governance	Terms of Reference for the EMT Search Committee	18 May 2020
SMB/M17/EDP3	The System Management Board endorsed the proposed collective research response by CGIAR to Covid-19 as outlined in the research paper to be shared with the System Council (as meeting document SC10-02).	Financial and programmatic performance	CGIAR's research response to COVID-19	22 May 2020
SMB/M17/EDP4	Membership of the SMB Ad-Hoc Search Committee for the inaugural One CGIAR Executive Management Team: <u>SMB affiliated members</u> •Namanga Ngongi (Chair), appointed at SMB17 •Isatou Jallow <u>SC voting members</u> •Tony Cavalieri and AnnaMaria Oltorp	Governance		29 May 2020

¹ Titled the System Management Board ('SMB') until 31 August 2020, and the CGIAR System Board from 1 September 2020

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	<p><u>Three other system voices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Suneetha Kadiyala, Karen Brooks, Michel Bernhardt 			
SMB/M17/EDP5	<p>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 approves the following amendments to the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization as follows:</p> <p>Ref Proposed Charter text amendment -</p> <p>7.2 The System Management Board shall comprise up to ten (10) 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. 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.</p> <p>7.3 The System Management Board shall appoint a Chair from amongst its voting members.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7.9 The term of office of the initial System Management Board shall be three (3) years. Thereafter, new voting members of the System</p>	Governance	Charter of the CGIAR System Organization	9 July 2020

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	<p>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.</p>			
SMB/M17/EDP6	<p>The Checklist' to guide revision of Center governing instruments to implement Unified Governance is endorsed by the System Management Board. This final version will be shared with Center Board Secretaries and Legal Focal points to further guide decision to be taken by Center/Alliance boards by 18 September 2020 to put in place a CGIAR common board.</p>	Governance	Special Adhoc July 2020 meeting and electronic decisions before SB18	13 August 2020
SMB/M17/EDP7	<p>The Framework and draft Terms of Reference for a One CGIAR Common Secretariat function is endorsed by the System Management Board. This final version will form the basis of ongoing work by CGIAR's Board Secretaries Community of practice to develop key elements of the 'Transition' Phase 1 set out therein to support the implementation of unified governance in One CGIAR.</p>	Governance		13 August 2020
SMB/M17/EDP8	<p>The CGIAR response to MOPAN 2019 Assessment of CGIAR is endorsed by the System Management Board. The final version of the CGIAR response to the MOPAN assessment will be submitted to the MOPAN secretariat by 18 August 2020. It will likely only to be published Friday or Monday next week, due to MOPAN staffing issues.</p>	Evaluation	MOPAN 2019 Assessment of CGIAR	13 August 2020

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SMB/M17/EDP9	Pursuant to the amendment provisions of Article 15.2 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, and with the concurrent approval by the System Council and the General Assembly of the Centers having been received, the System Management Board amended the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization with effect from 1 September 2020 in the form attached.	Governance	Charter of the CGIAR System Organization	1 September 2020
SB/M17/EDP10	The CGIAR System Board approved the 2019 CGIAR Intellectual Assets Management Report.	Governance	2019 CGIAR Intellectual Assets Management Report	3 November 2020
SB/M17/EDP11	The CGIAR System Board approved the CGIAR Code of Conduct for Governance Officials as a CGIAR Policy.	Governance	CGIAR Code of Conduct for Governance Officials	3 November 2020
SB/M17/EDP12	The CGIAR System Board approved the CGIAR Research Ethics Code as a CGIAR Policy.	Governance	CGIAR Research Ethics Code	3 November 2020
SB/M17/EDP13	The CGIAR System Board approved terms of reference for CGIAR common board members.	Board Matters	Terms of reference for CGIAR common	3 November 2020

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SB/M17/EDP14	The CGIAR System Board approved revised terms of reference for the Audit and Risk Committee of the CGIAR System Board.	Governance	N/A <i>Superseded by the CGIAR AFRC.</i>	3 November 2020
SB/M17/EDP15	The CGIAR System Board approved updated Rules of Procedure for its operations.	Board matters	Rules of Procedure	3 November 2020
SB/M17/EDP16	Pursuant to Article 8.2 (b) of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the CGIAR System Board approved the appointment of PwC France to undertake the external audit of the 2020 annual financial statements of the CGIAR System Organization	Financial and programmatic performance		3 November 2020

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