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Progress against actions agreed:
Initiative Briefs and the Technical Reporting Arrangement

Purpose: This presentation sets out:

i.   Confirmation of the planned approach and timetable for delivery of revised 'CGIAR Initiative Briefs' to replace the original proposal documents, further to a decision of the System Council taken at SC15 in March 2022; and

ii. Confirmation of the CGIAR Technical Reporting Arrangement agreed as one of 7 action areas responding to deliberations during SC14 in December 2021.
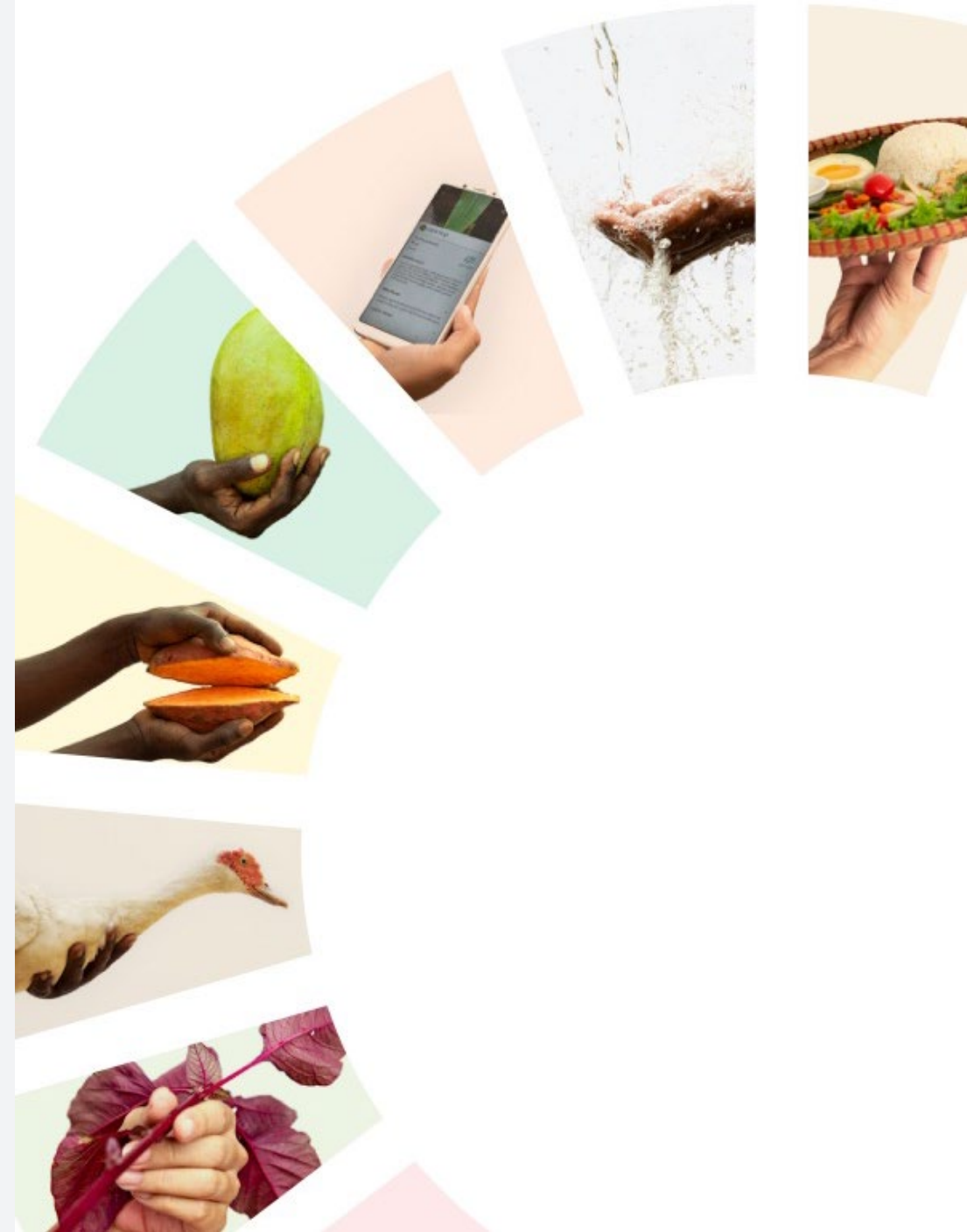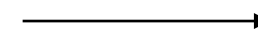
Revised CGIAR Initiative Briefs – Planned Content

Background: During SC15 it was requested that 'Initiative Briefs' would be prepared following the 6-month 'inception phase' of all CGIAR Initiatives, building on strengthening undertaken in response to the advice of the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC)
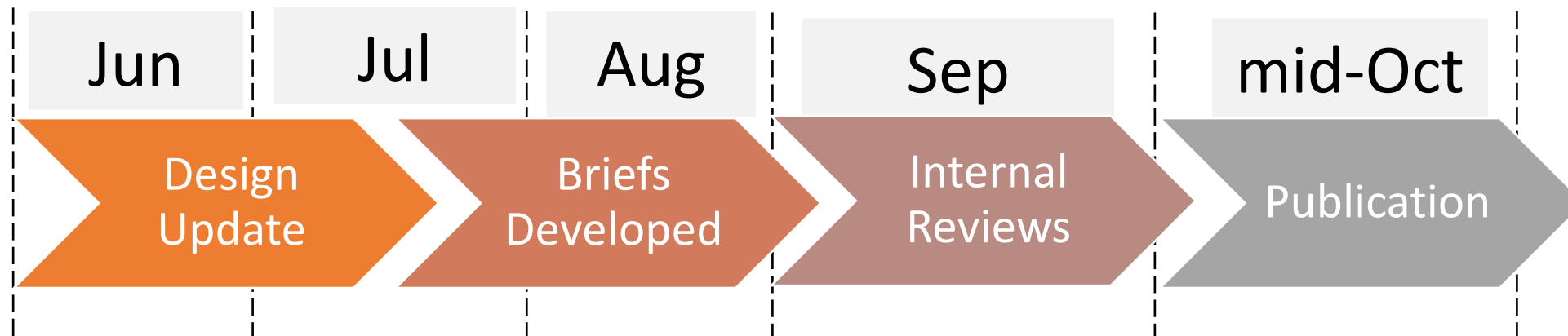
Content:

- Inception Briefs will showcase the updated key features of Initiatives

- An accompanying document with specific ISDC feedback for each Initiative and detailed responses will be annexed to Inception Briefs for SC eyes

- Inception Briefs will replace summaries available online

Revised CGIAR Initiative Briefs – Planned timeline

Process and Timeline:

- Initiative design data and responses to ISDC feedback updated by Initiatives – June-July

- Briefs developed based on updated information – July-August

- Briefs internally reviewed and approved – September

- Briefs circulated to SC with ISDC accompanying document – end of September

- Briefs published on CGIAR website – October

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	mid-Oct

Design Update → Briefs Developed → Internal Reviews → Publication

Technical Reporting Arrangement update

- The CGIAR Technical Reporting Arrangement has been endorsed by SIMEC and is available on the CGIAR website Policies page at this direct link

- It describes the Technical Report content, timing, format, standards and scope, applicable to all CGIAR Initiatives.

- The set of common reporting parameters has been designed to satisfy the essential needs of all System Council members, and clearly measure achievement against the CGIAR Results Framework and planned results of the Initiatives.

- Process
  - Developed by SIMEC Task Team
  - Consultation through March – April
  - Feedback incorporated into revised draft

- Further information on activation available from:
  - performanceandresults@cgiar.org

Goal:

- By end March, propose to System Council (SIMEC) and EMT an arrangement for annual technical reporting on CGIAR's pooled-funded programming (Initiatives and Platforms)

- To a sufficient level of detail that
  - Funders have assurance about key Reporting Arrangement parameters
  - Initiative teams understand and can plan to meet key Reporting requirements (no surprises)
  - CGIAR Digital colleagues have clarity required to initiate PRMS design and delivery
  - Post March, we are able to continue refining details within SC-considered approach