

Evaluation of the CGIAR Platform for Excellence in Breeding (EiB)

Purpose

This document and annexed material set out the following elements of the Evaluation of the CGIAR Platform for Excellence in Breeding (EiB):

- Executive Summary and Validated Report of the Evaluation of the EiB Platform (document SC16-05a.i)
- Annexes to the Evaluation of the EiB Platform (document SC16-05a.ii)
- Management Response to the Evaluation of the EiB Platform (document SC16-05a.iii)

The evaluation is delivered in response to the request of System Council as part of the multi-year evaluation plan (under the [integrated CGIAR Advisory Services 2022-2024 workplan and budget](#), as approved by the System Council during its 14th meeting in December 2021). The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the evaluation of EiB Platform and a TOR for a validation exercise as endorsed by the System Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring & Evaluation Committee ('SIMEC') in June 2021 and February 2022 respectively.

Prior to the System Council formal meeting session, the material will be presented in drop-in sessions scheduled on 18 and 19 July 2022. Subject to System Council endorsement, the evaluation will be made publicly available, to ensure availability of evaluative evidence to all stakeholders on a timely basis.

Approach

The evaluation team consisted of three Subject Matter Experts, a professional evaluator as team leader, and an analyst. The work was validated through a robust process, engaging further external subject matter expertise. The evaluation adopted a mixed-methods approach which included: an online survey (68 respondents); document review; 71 key informant interviews, including four in-person interviews in India. By request of the evaluand, particular attention was given to organizational development and change management.

In line with the approved CGIAR Evaluation [Framework](#) and [Policy](#), a multilayered quality assurance system was followed, which subsequently included the validation exercise.

The Management Response was endorsed by CGIAR's Executive Management Team, and its development was led by Sonja Vermeulen, Global Director, Genetic Innovation, a.i.

SIMEC reviewed the draft final evaluation report and heard a presentation of the proposed Management Response during its 31 May 2022 meeting. At the conclusion of discussions, SIMEC recommended the Excellence in Breeding Platform evaluation and management response. Following SIMEC's review, the Evaluation Report and Management Response were shared with the System Board for its review, with no specific comments brought to the System Council's attention.

Action Requested

The System Council is requested to endorse the Evaluation of the CGIAR Platform for Excellence in Breeding, taking into account the Management Response, pursuant to Article 6.1 ff) of the CGIAR System Framework.

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