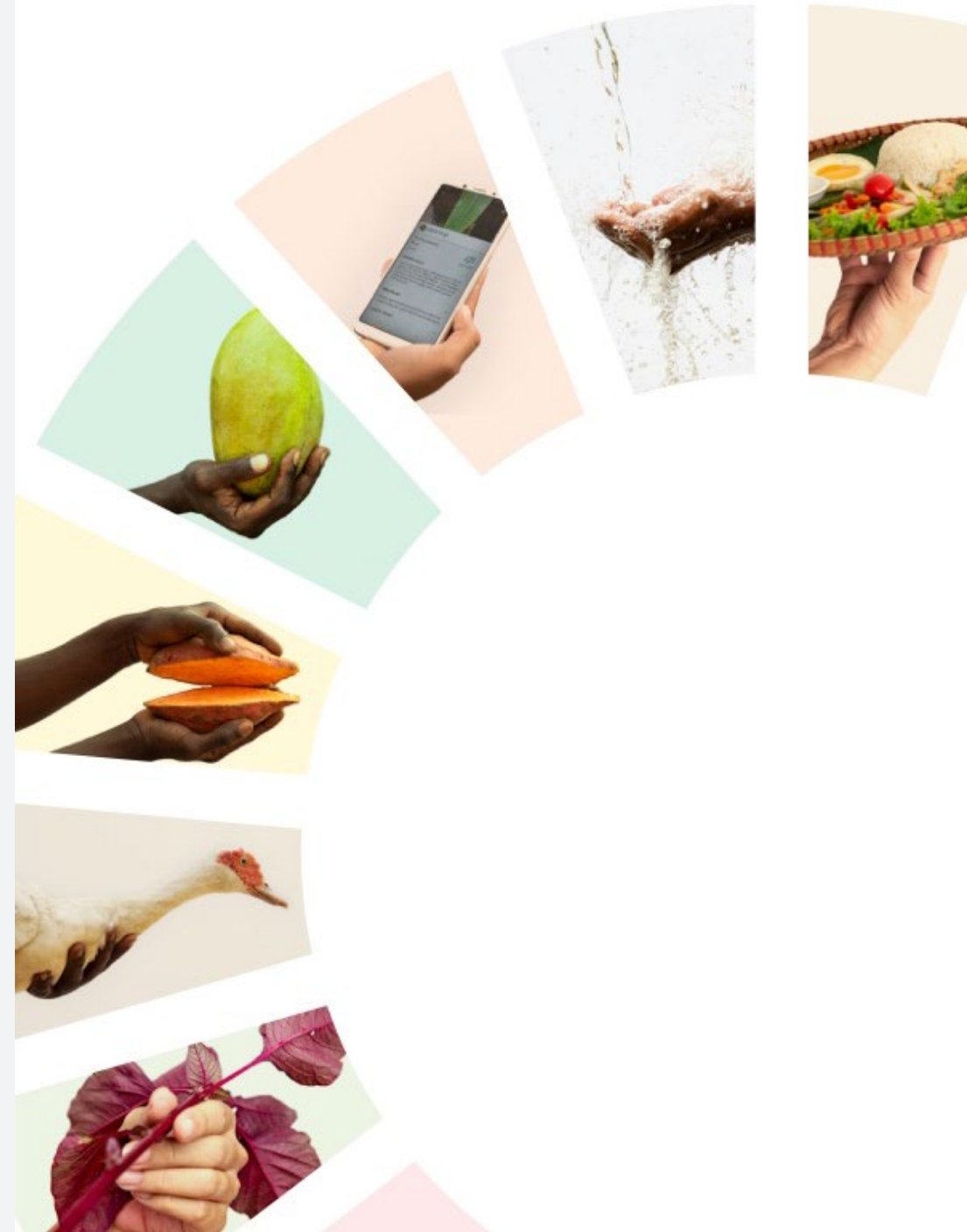


Update on actions agreed with the System Council

Purpose: This additional resource for the System Council's 16th meeting sets out agreed action points and decision requests and an update on the status of their completion.



Actions agreed at the most recent meeting (SC15)

Part of decision
SC/M15/DP3

“The System Council [...] requested that revised ‘Initiative Briefs’ (to replace Initiative proposal documents) be prepared following the 6-month ‘inception phase’ of all CGIAR Initiatives, that build on strengthening undertaken in response to the advice of the Independent Science for Development Council.”

Implementation
progress

- Update on planned timetable/content provided on 12 July 2022 as part of SC16 material ([see presentation SC16-04a](#))
- It is recognized that in the lead up to SC16, a question has arisen in several ISDC pre-calls around what is the mechanism that management will use to provide confirmation that the ISDC’s strengthening comments have been considered and followed up appropriately. ISDC notes that this is not in its own mandate, and that it is in the realm of management to articulate how this will be effectively achieved.

Milestone of
completion

- All Initiatives Briefs to be delivered by 18 October 2022 after assurance through the relevant mechanism

Actions agreed at the most recent meeting (SC15)

Part of decision
SC/M15/DP4

“The System Council [...] requested that, as a transitional measure to future reporting on CGIAR’s contribution to the Collective Global 2030 Targets, the Executive Management Team present by mid-2023 aggregated data on the aspirational intermediate 2022 targets included in that earlier Strategy and Results Framework.”

Implementation
progress

Terms of Reference in development for study on 2022 intermediate SRF targets – focusing on:

- What contributions were made to the targets based on the available data
- What limitations exist on deriving more accurate calculations
- What lessons CGIAR can learn to overcome/avoid such limitations – to inform improved target setting/reporting

Milestone of
completion

- SIMEC to review planned TOR for the assessment by 30 September 2022
- On target for implementation of the study in the first half of 2023 and delivery by end-July 2023

Actions agreed at previous meetings (SC13 and SC14)

Part of decision
SC/M14/DP3

- [...] 4. Recognized in respect of item 3.a that further amendments to the funding agreements between the System Organization and the Centers may be needed to better reflect the evolving operational modalities of One CGIAR, and that any such amendments will be carried out under the purview of the System Board.
5. Requested that the Secretary of the System Council bring back to the System Council by not later than 1 February 2022, a proposal for approval by the System Council to update the definition of a CGIAR Center after further consultation with Mexico.
6. Further noted that the System Organization has been requested by the System Board to make conforming changes to the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization to reflect the agreed amendments to the CGIAR System Framework, for presentation of the amended Charter for System Council electronic approval as soon as possible.

Implementation
progress

- **On point 4:** Effective on 25 June 2022, the System Organization and the Trustee executed an agreement to amend the End Disbursement Date from 31 December 2024 to 31 December 2030. This was advised to the System Council by email on 29 June 2022.
- That is the only change envisaged to the Trustee Agreement by reason that at its December 2021 meeting, the System Council approved an amended CGIAR Glossary that enables one to read the Trustee Agreement with new defined terms, and whilst in the longer run amending the Trustee Agreement to pick up nomenclature such as 'W1 Undesignated' and 'W1 Designated' would be optimal, this is not required for business purposes at the current time
- **On point 5:** There are high-level ongoing consultations/engagements to progress the action to amend the definition of a CGIAR Center, however this is not essential for purposes of business operations in current climate
- **Point 6** would only be progressed when other items completed, and a further update will be provided at SC17 in November 2022.

Milestone of
completion

To be advised at the conclusion of consultations

Actions agreed at previous meetings (SC13 and SC14)

Action
SC/M14/AP1

Taking into account deliberations around delivery of the CGIAR Portfolio for the 2022-2024 period, the System Council noted that:

- a. a proposal will be submitted at SC15 by the Executive Management Team for the establishment of mechanisms to enable funders to engage appropriately with the delivery of Initiatives and Impact Area Platforms; and
- b. the Q1-2022 updated 2022-2024 CGIAR Portfolio and Designated Financing Plan will provide enhanced clarification on how mapping of funding to the CGIAR Portfolio will be adjusted over time dependent on Funder indications of available financing

Implementation
progress

- A proposal on advisory mechanisms has been consulted across a wide range of stakeholder groups including System Council members
- During June 2022 – a suite of informal calls on all CGIAR Initiatives was held with strong Funder participation and engagement
- The work is interrelated with the timing of the reporting arrangement, and is informed by the ISDC pre-calls and ISDC's feedback. We understand with deep thanks to all those who have undertaken an interview that periodic engagement assists funding partners in how they design their own research portfolios to be aligned with CGIAR's portfolio of Initiatives.

Milestone of
completion

- A proposal will be shared with the System Council by 8 August 2022 for consultation (2 weeks), to be followed by an electronic decision request targeting approval by 15 September 2022.

Actions agreed at previous meetings (SC13 and SC14)

Action
SC/M13/AP2

The System Council asked that they be kept informed on any ongoing challenges regarding full adoption of unified governance as one of the 5 interconnected elements of One CGIAR.

Implementation
progress

- Update on unified governance adoption provided during SC14 (on 15-16 December 2021) in: [SC14-09: 2022-24 Transition Plan](#) (See Annex II)
- Update on unified governance adoption provided during SC15 (on 8-9 March 2022): [SC15-04: Update and next steps in the transition to One CGIAR](#) and in verbal updates made (covered in more detail in meeting summaries)
- A System Board working group on Unified Governance was set up in February 2022, focusing on working towards fully operational Unified Governance working modalities in close consultation with Center Boards

Milestone of
completion

Further update planned during SC16 as integral part of update on progress to One CGIAR

Action retired as superseded by subsequent action(s) agreed

Action
SC/M13/AP1

The System Council asked that:

- The Executive Management Team take note of the important inputs provided during SC13 to continue to shape the Investment Prospectus and strengthen the development of the CGIAR Initiatives to be included therein.
- The Independent Science for Development Council provide advice to the System Council on the coherence of the Investment Prospectus as it takes further shape through the development of the CGIAR Initiatives.
- Through System Council mechanisms, periodic updates are provided to members on the development of the CGIAR Initiatives and opportunities to engage with the process.

Implementation
progress

During SC14 (on 15-16 December 2021) - Update provided on EMT's actions regarding ISDC review of Companion Document and ISDC-mediated external reviews of the Initiatives first batch;

During SC15 (on 8-9 March 2022) - Update provided on EMT's responses and proposed actions in light of advice received from ISDC and System Council members on both batches of Initiatives:

Throughout May/June 2022 - Series of Initiative drop-in calls held for System Council members to engage with SGDs and Initiative teams

Milestone of
completion

Action now retired as superseded by actions SC/M14/AP1 and SC/M15/DP3 at later meetings, and set out earlier in this update.