

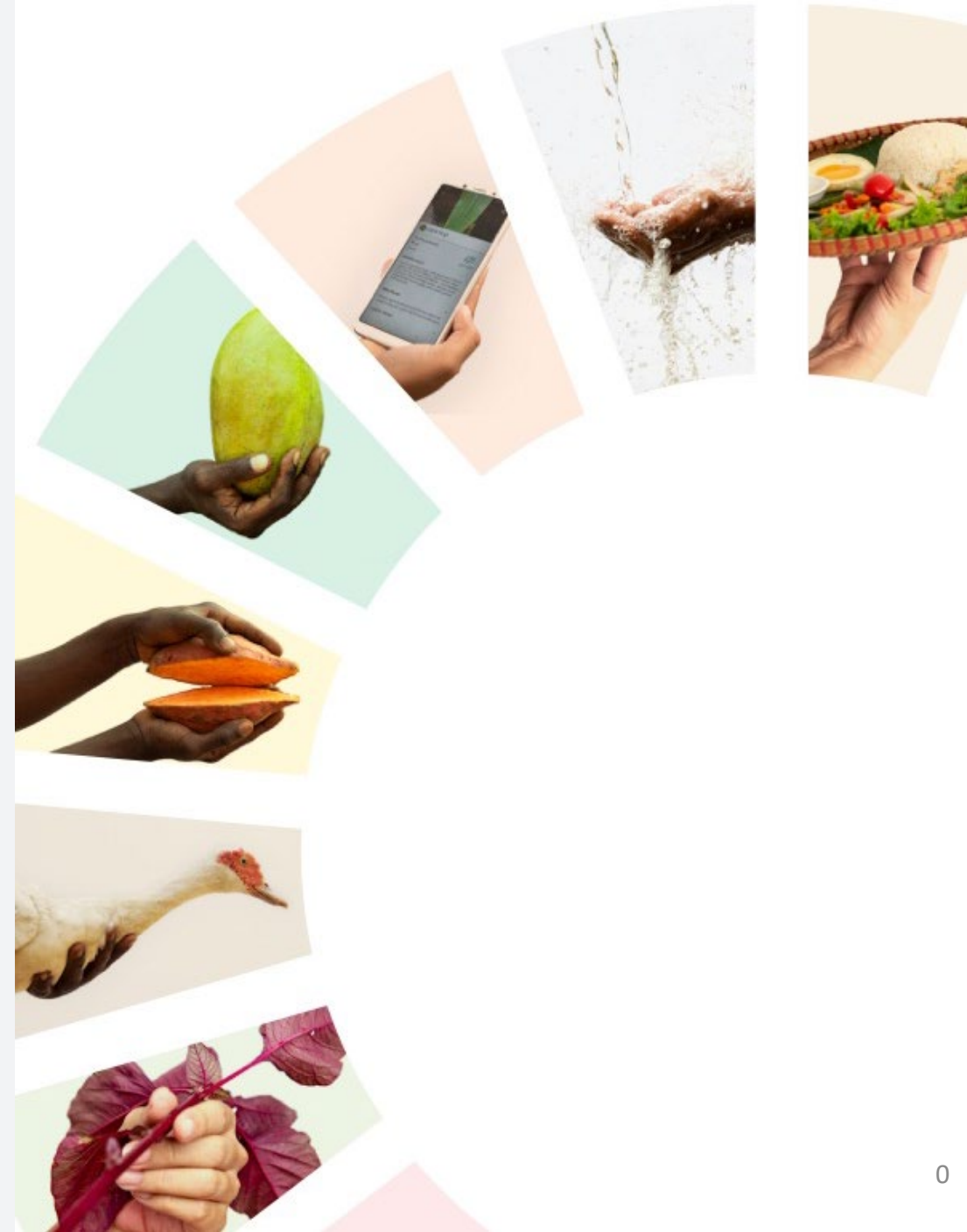


Agenda Item 13
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Report from the Strategic Impact, Monitoring & Evaluation Committee (SIMEC)

Purpose: For information: This document sets out an overview of SIMEC's activities and areas of focus during 2022.

SIMEC met virtually on 4 occasions during 2022 – in addition to activities undertaken on an electronic basis between sessions; and service of its members on CGIAR nominations and assessment panels.



Membership of Advisory Bodies of the System Council

SIMEC role from its TOR

Para 3: Advise and make recommendations to the System Council related to the System Council's:

- a. Approval of the ToR for the [...] advisory bodies or committees of the System Council [...] related to strategic impact, monitoring or evaluation
- b. Role in the selection of the IS[D]C Chair and members

ISDC – recommendations/activities included:

- Endorsement of revisions to TOR to provide for an ISDC Vice Chair role and appointment of a Vice Chair, renewal of ISDC Chair and 3 members (SC16 in July 2022)
- Process of ISDC Chair Assessment stewarded by SIMEC Chair and undertaken by panel of 3 SIMEC members
- Nominations Panel to fill vacancy arising on ISDC chaired by SIMEC member (Chair's designate) – recommendation for appointee for decision at SC17

SPIA – recommendations/activities included:

- Recommendations on renewals of SPIA membership to ensure effective delivery of SC-approved 2022-2024 SPIA workplan
- Process of SPIA Chair Assessment stewarded by SIMEC Chair and undertaken by panel of 3 SIMEC members

CGIAR Performance and Results Management Framework ('PRMF')



SIMEC role from its TOR

Para 5: Advise and make recommendations to the System Council related to the System Council's:

a. Oversight of CGIAR's performance indicators - methodology and targets; [...]

c. Review and approval of an integrated framework for a performance management system for CGIAR Research

Development of CGIAR Technical Reporting Arrangement:

- Task Team established in February 2022 supported development of Draft 1 (included 3 SIMEC members)
- Consultation draft presented to SIMEC and System Council in deep-dive call on 1 April 2022
- Draft 2 developed based on feedback and reviewed by SIMEC in June 2022 – endorsed by SIMEC and shared with SC16 meeting. Strong stakeholder feedback, recognizing that the arrangement would be iterative and strengthened over time as portfolio is implemented
- Updated arrangement including Type 1 reporting template reviewed by SIMEC in Oct 2022
- Key next milestone will be publication of the 2022 Technical Report as a component of the overall CGIAR annual reporting product at end-April 2023

CGIAR Evaluation Policy and Framework

SIMEC role from its TOR

Para 4: Advise and make recommendations to the System Council related to the System Council's approval of CGIAR Policies related to strategic impact, monitoring and/or evaluation that are critical to maintaining the reputation of the CGIAR System.

CGIAR Evaluation Policy and Framework

- Review and endorsement of final drafts – ahead of approval by System Council at SC15 in March 2022
- Review and inputs on products in support of those policies during October 2022 meeting
 - Final Evaluation Report Guideline
 - Guideline – Conducting and Using Evaluability Assessments in CGIAR

CGIAR Advisory Services Multi-Year Workplans and Budgets



SIMEC role from its TOR

Para 5: Advise and make recommendations to the System Council related to the System Council's:

d. Review and approval of relevant System entities' work programs and budgets

ISDC

- Guidance from SIMEC provided in its June and October 2022 meetings on key ISDC 2022 workstreams including Comparative Advantage and Inclusive Innovation (ahead of items for discussion at SC17)

SPIA

- Deep-dive during October 2022 SIMEC meeting on impact assessment priorities for 2023 work-planning to guide preparation for SPIA session at SC17
- **Exploratory discussion on future SPIA models** to deliver on activities under SPIA mandate – for continued discussion including at agenda item 12 at SC17

Evaluation workstream

- Guidance provided on engagements within 2022-2024 SC-approved workplan – and adjustments to ensure that it is sufficiently dynamic to match evolving needs – with endorsement at SIMEC October 2022 meeting to present 2023 workplan to SC17



Evaluation workstream

SIMEC role from its TOR

Para 6: Advise and make recommendations to the System Council related to the System Council's:

- a. Approval of a cost-effective multi-year evaluation plan [...]
- b. Review and endorsement of [...] evaluations of the CGIAR Portfolio

Evaluations endorsed by the SC in 2022 on SIMEC's recommendation

- Evaluation of CGIAR Platform for Big Data in Agriculture - High-quality evaluation and recommendations – with management response demonstrating how lessons are being taken on board and contextualized in One CGIAR – showcased at SC15 in March 2022
- Evaluation of Excellence in Breeding (EiB) Platform - Guidance provided by SIMEC to CAS Secretariat* to steward systematic third-party validation process to ensure transparent and professional handling of issues arising – resulted in appreciation from the SC during SC16 in July 2022 for the process, report/recommendations and thoughtful/constructive management response

Ongoing Evaluations

- Review of TOR for joint engagement with Internal Audit on Performance & Results Management System in Q3 2022 – and update on progress at October 2022 meeting
- Review of GENDER platform evaluation TOR and guidelines for evaluation of GDI IN Agricultural Research for Development

Tracking of Evaluation recommendations

- Comprehensive tracking system for management responses to all types of advice including evaluation recommendations under development

Looking ahead to 2023



Potential workplan focus areas (non exhaustive)

- First iteration of technical reporting on the 2022-2024 investment portfolio and continued guidance of refinement of the results framework
- Memberships – SPIA Chair; Assessments of ISDC and SPIA as required by their own Terms of Reference
- Reflections on impact assessment model to inform ‘how’ of delivery of future workplans
- Review of deliverables under evaluation workplan and ISDC/SPIA products
- Engaging in a self-review of committee vis-à-vis consideration of the roles and mandates of the System Council’s standing committees after several years of operations

Annex – SIMEC Membership during 2022

Since May 2021, Alan Tollervey has served as Interim Chair of SIMEC

No	System Council voting constituency	Nominated member
1	African Development Bank	Dougou Keita
2	Australia	Bethany Davies
3	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Ruben Echeverría
4	Germany and Belgium	Raphael Nawrotzki
5	Sweden	<i>Philip Chiverton (until end-September 2022)</i>
6	United Kingdom	Alan Tollervey (Interim Chair)

Looking ahead to 2023

- **Short-Medium term:** Filling vacancies arising on SIMEC to mid-2023 following call for nominations issued – membership decision presented to SC17 meeting
- **Medium-Longer term:** Reflections on future TOR/role in context of overall assurance provision of oversight needs