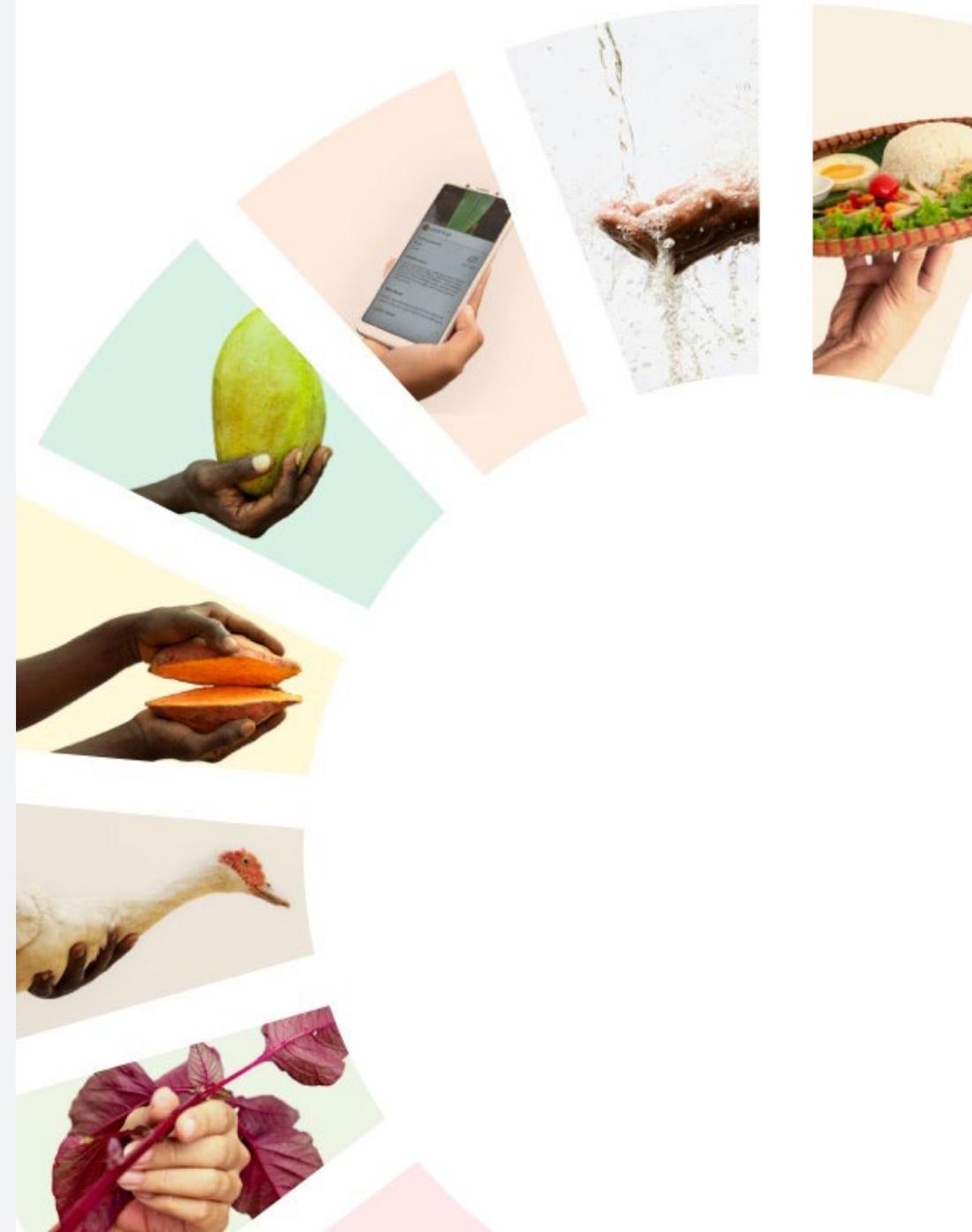




Background Resource for SC17
Issued: 27 October 2022

Update on actions agreed with the System Council

Purpose: This additional resource for the System Council's 17th meeting sets out agreed action points and decision requests and an update on the status of their completion.



Action from SC16 – Financing mechanism on global food crisis

Action
SC/M16/AP1

Building on deliberations during SC16 on CGIAR's response to the global food crisis and on the transition to One CGIAR, the System Council noted that:

- i. A proposal will be prepared, by end-September 2022, or earlier if possible, for System Council review and input on a possible financing mechanism to enable additional contributions to support CGIAR's response to the global food crisis; and
- ii. An ad-hoc System Council call will be scheduled in September 2022 to provide the opportunity for more in-depth exploration of and input to CGIAR's integrated matrix structure.

Implementation
progress

Completed (see below)

Milestone of
completion

- Ad hoc call held on 14 September 2022 including two focus topics of the Matrix Structure and Food systems crisis support and next steps.
- Pre-read for that call (and as also set out in SC17 pre-read (SC17-02) confirmed that that targeted, additional actions to accelerate, expand, and enhance CGIAR's global food crisis response of more than \$120m can be delivered through the portfolio of CGIAR Initiatives, leveraging our existing funding and delivery modalities and capacity. Accordingly, the response will be financed through pooled funding contributions to CGIAR Trust Fund Window 1 – whether portfolio contributions or designated contributions.
- SC17 pre-read (SC17-02) on integrated ways of working sets out more detail on the matrix structure informed by inputs gathered during the 14 September 2022 call among many other channels.

Action from SC16 – Global Science Group mechanism

Action
SC/M16/AP2

The Executive Management Team will prepare and share with the System Council, by end-September 2022, or earlier if possible, a memorandum setting out the planned approach to ensuring that research on “Accelerating Crop Improvement Through Genome Editing” can be taken forward on an interim basis through appropriate funding arrangements and under the overall management of CGIAR’s Global Science Group Directors.

Implementation
progress

Completed (see below)

Milestone of
completion

Issued on 19 October 2022 - SC17 pre-read (SC17-02) – for agenda item 6 on ‘SRG outcome 5: More, and pooled, funding’ and meeting document SC17-06.

These set out how a Global Science Group mechanism will enable research oversight on projects that are complementary to the CGIAR Portfolio of Initiatives and are aligned to the CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy and support a pathway to finance research that is complementary to the CGIAR Portfolio, but not eligible for W1 contributions, including Genome Editing.

Completed actions agreed at previous meetings (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

- **Completed** – status below

Milestone of
completion

- All Initiatives Briefs delivered on 19 October 2022 after assurance through the relevant mechanism.
- Content of Initiative Briefs provided in interactive format on ‘CGIAR Research Initiatives’ page of website – at <https://www.cgiar.org/research/cgiar-portfolio/>
- Should a pdf copy of any of the individual Initiative Briefs be required, these are available for download via [this link](#).

Open action from previous meetings (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 developed for evaluation 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

- TOR for consultancy to develop study design issued end-October 2022 (and shared with SIMEC for line of sight)
- Study design to be developed/cleared by end-2022, for implementation in the first half of 2023 and delivery by end-July 2023

Open action from previous meetings (SC14)

Part of decision
SC/M14/DP3

Implementation
progress

Milestone of
completion

- [...] 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.

- **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.

To be advised at the conclusion of continuing consultations, **with the CGIAR Integration Framework Agreement consultations now a pathway to resolution.**

Open action from previous meeting (SC14)

Action
SC/M14/AP1

Implementation
progress

Milestone of
completion

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

- Ad hoc call held on 14 September 2022 included discussion of Science and Innovation Advisory Panels proposal, building on extensive consultations across a wide range of stakeholders. Detailed feedback was received, confirming that deeper consideration is required on the way forward, noting differing views on whether an ‘Advisory Panel’ model is appropriate, or something more dynamic.
- In the interim, there is a Genetic Innovation Advisory Panel that is trialling the Panel approach – and an in-person meeting will occur on the side of the SC17 meeting.
- For discussion at SC17, the System Board has proposed that there be a joint time-bound SB-System Council taskforce to consider roles and responsibilities, including considering possible changes to committee mandates, to help clarify advisory roles, to help then take forward the advisory group proposals or otherwise.

- Agreement on the way forward – not later than 31 March 2023 (adjusted)

Continuing action from previous meeting (SC13)

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

Next update planned during SC17 as integral part of update on progress to One CGIAR