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Background of Quality of Research for Development (QoR4D)

Intent

- Developing research strategies and programs that deliver on CGIAR's mission

- Building a contemporary research portfolio

- Establishing rigorous monitoring and reporting systems

- Designing transparent performance management standards

Elements

- Relevance

- Scientific credibility

- Legitimacy

- Effectiveness

QoR4D for External Initiative Assessments: Lessons Learned

Insights

Adapt 17 criteria for Initiative proposals that are more enabling and less science focused (e.g. Genebanks)

Update criteria to amplify comparative advantage and innovation

Improve proposal template for flow and include an executive summary

Deeper thinking topics for leadeship:

- Consultation & partnerships
- Comparative Advantage
- Research justifications & questions
- Cohesion across Initiatives

Approach

- Survey for external proposal subject matter experts (N = 53; 64% response rate)

- Consultations with internal leadership and scientists:
    - the director of programs,
    - global science directors,
    - the managing director,
    - research delivery and impact, and
    - three Initiative proposal leads from the Initiative Design Teams (IDTs).

Quality of Research for Development (QoR4D) & ISDC Workstreams

Comparative Advantage

Based on a consistent comment across the ISDC review of initiative proposals,

ISDC has developed a framework to provide an evidence-based approach to determining CGIAR and its research entities' CA.

Inclusive Innovation

One of the four elements of QoR4D is legitimacy.

For CGIAR inclusivity is imperative to ensure that "the research process is fair and ethical and perceived as such."

Science Forum

The 2022 Science Forum events at TropAg and FAO examined two elements of innovation:

inclusion and institutions.

2023 Workplan

Commissioned studies and papers
2023 will see the commissioning of a study on foresight/megatrends and a special journal issue to serve as a companion to the Science Forum.

Innovation Science for Development Forum
Science Forum 2023 will build on the symposium on inclusive innovation at TropAg during SC17 and be held in tandem with the November 2023 SC meeting

ISDC advisory products
supplementary materials that make advice more accessible, including video or audio content, briefs and infographics
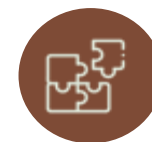
Initiative development and execution
Input or reviews requested by System Council of One CGIAR Initiatives or Platforms

Semi-annual ISDC meetings & System Council Consultation – agenda and System Council engagements geared towards developing advice pertinent to One CGIAR

One CGIAR support →

2023 Work Plan: One CGIAR support – science for development advice provided for arising needs

- Changing needs for science advice in One CGIAR governance (science advice to System Board topic)

  ISDC first line of accountability remains to SC; all advice is shared with Board and Management
  ISDC can be available for periodic (quarterly TBD) ISDC group interaction with Board, depending on SC and Board request
  Board ought to use CG's scientists as a key source of science information

- Coherence of CGIAR pooled research portfolio (review annual initiative reports topic)

  ISDC can be available to review portfolio coherence based on Type 3 reports (annual, portfolio level) and Type 2 reports (triennial, portfolio level) depending on report templates and SC request

- An eye on transdisciplinary capacities (new STRIPE review ask)

  Rather than head counts, attend to how teams are assembled and work together
  ISDC questions whether a revamped STRIPE social science review needs to be an independent exercise

Thank you
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Discussion