Memo Regarding Evaluating Distribution of Roles/Responsibilities of System Board and System Council

Purpose

In response to SC17-AP1, a draft information document was prepared by the System Board presenting areas for improved coherence between governing bodies for further System Council consideration of a proposal for a Taskforce to evaluate the distribution of System Board and System Council roles and responsibilities and provide any recommendations identified.

However, in the meantime, the Integration Framework Agreement (“IFA”) was entered into among twelve CGIAR Centers and the CGIAR System Organization (jointly, the “IFA Parties”), which required an independent review of unified governance.

An Adhoc Committee of Governance was formed by the System Board composed of representatives from System Board, System Council, Center Boards, host countries and AFRC and is currently considering the terms of reference for the independent review which includes the distribution of System Board and System Council roles and responsibilities.

Action Response

The System Board proposes to the System Council that the distribution of roles and responsibilities between it and the System Board is included in the scope of the unified governance review. This would allow a holistic process for the unified governance outcome, noting that the System Council, the System Board and centers boards all have governance roles for One CGIAR.

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