



## Proposed Approach to consider future System Council composition

### Purpose

This document sets out proposed next steps for the voting members of the System Council to take forward discussions on their constituencies, pursuant to Article 4.1 of the CGIAR System Framework.

### Action Requested

The System Council is requested to take note of the background and stipulations of the CGIAR System Framework relating to System Council membership and issue a request to the Secretariat to arrange an ad hoc meeting of the voting members of the System Council for the purposes of further discussion of this matter.

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## Background

1. Articles 3 and 4, together with Annex B 1, of the CGIAR System Framework ('Framework')<sup>1</sup> set out the position agreed between CGIAR's Funders for the appointment of the 15 System Council Funder representative voting members seats for the System Council.
2. Accordingly, as at 1 July 2016<sup>2</sup>:
  - a. Contributions between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2015 were considered in the allocation of the 15 Funder voting seats;
  - b. Those contributions were variously weighted as follows: Window 1 at three times their nominal amount; Window 2 at twice their nominal amount; and Window 3 and bilateral at their nominal amount; and
  - c. Following consultations among the 19 eligible Funders, 15 available seats for the three-year period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019 were distributed amongst 16 eligible Funders (with Germany and Belgium working as one constituency)
3. Given the commencement of a 3-year business planning cycle starting from 2019-2021, it was agreed at the System Council's 7th meeting in November 2018 to "align the reconciliation of the 15 Funder seats of the System Council with the business plan concept, such that the reconciliation should take place at the start of the third year of each business cycle based on contributions made during the three prior calendar years; and accordingly agreed to extend the reconciliation period to end 2020 for the first cycle, such that the reconciliation calculations will be undertaken in Q1 2021 (to cover the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2020), and the revised System Council 15 Funder seats will operate with effect from 1 July 2021"<sup>3</sup>.
4. It was further decided by the System Council at its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in March 2021, to revisit the reconciliation of the System Council in 2022, when the elements of One CGIAR can be used as an important basis for defining appropriate methods and processes for the reconciliation of Funder and other seats of the System Council<sup>4</sup>.

## Proposed process to consider reconciliation of System Council membership

5. In line with the provisions of Article 3.1 of the Framework, it is proposed that the Secretariat be asked to arrange a single-purpose ad hoc meeting of the System Council's twenty voting members for discussion on the matter. As input to that discussion, CGIAR management will provide information on Funder contributions for previous years as well as future commitments and pledges.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cgspace.cgiar.org/bitstream/handle/10947/4371/CGIAR%20System%20Framework%20-%20WEB.pdf?sequence=7>

<sup>2</sup> <http://cgiarweb.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Summary-of-funder-consultations-Revised.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Decision Reference SC/M7/DP4 – see [SC7 Chair's Summary](#)

<sup>4</sup> Decision Reference SC/M12/DP5 – see [SC12 Chair's Summary](#) and [relevant meeting document](#)