

SC18-Background Material

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Evaluation 2023 Progress Update

Purpose

This pre-read provides the 2023 progress update by the Evaluation Function of the Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service (IAES).

Approach

In 2022, System Council approved the new CGIAR Evaluation Framework and revised Evaluation Policy (2022). The framework and policy were guided by the Quality of Research for Development (QOR4D) framework (2017), revised in 2020. To operationalize the Quality of Science (QoS) evaluation criterion from the Policy, outline a common approach to evaluating QoS, and provide a menu of appropriate methods, IAES developed Evaluations (beta version), complemented by a compilation of frequently-asked questions (FAQs) on the same page.

The primary audience for the Guidelines is evaluators, evaluation managers and commissioners involved in evaluating Quality of Science in CGIAR. The secondary audience is those responsible for providing inputs into evaluations in CGIAR. Users in other agricultural research-for-development (AR4D) contexts may find this document of use, as a third audience.

Action Requested

The System Council (SC) is requested to read and reflect on the beta version of the Guidelines and FAQs (https://nxperlink), considering the vision for their application to evaluations of CGIAR portfolio from 2023 onwards. IAES invites SC members to send feedback via email at IAES-evaluation@cgiar.org.

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