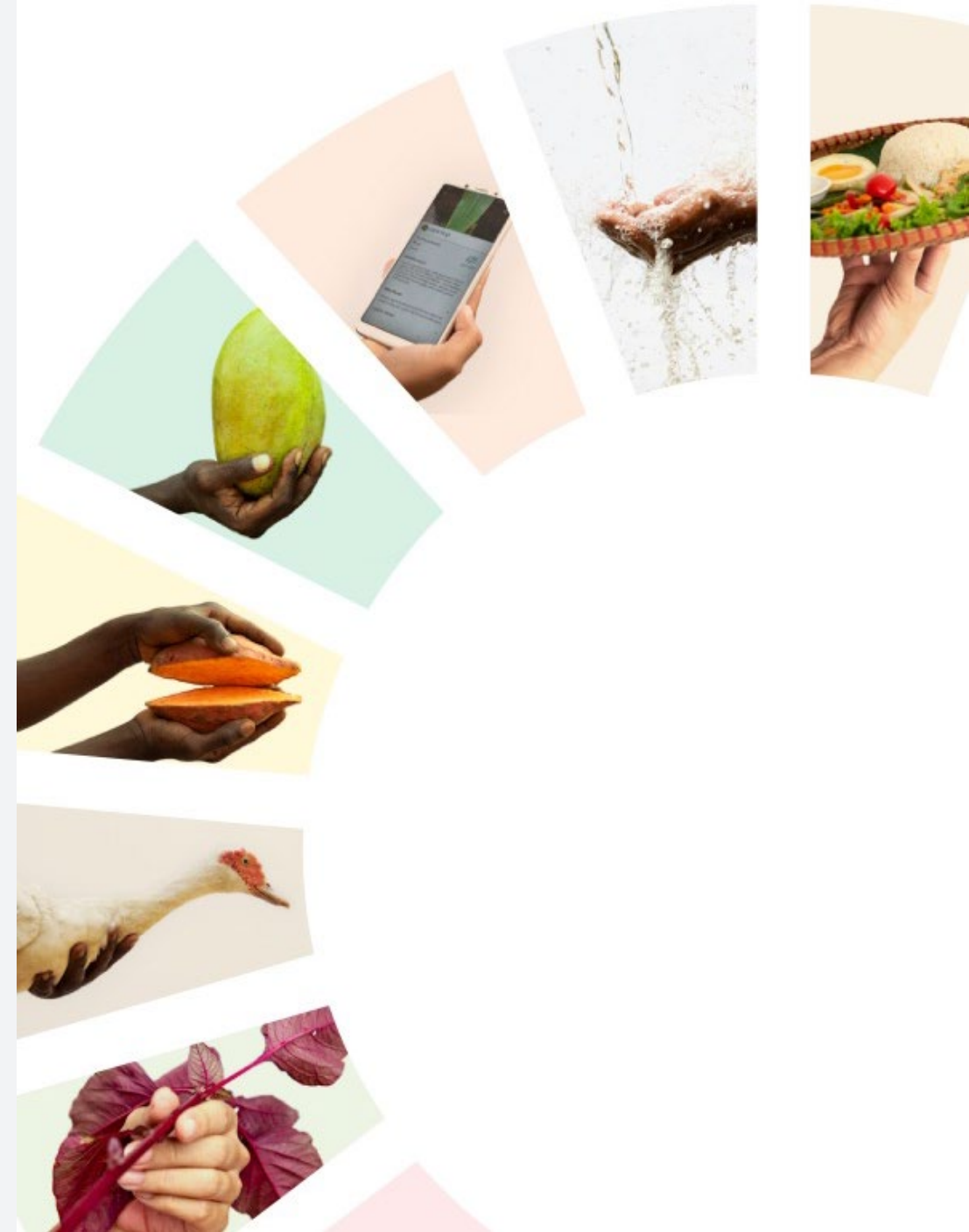




Background Resource for SC18
Issued: 9 May 2023

Update on actions agreed with the System Council

Purpose: This additional resource for the System Council's 18th meeting sets out agreed action points and decision requests and an update on the status of their completion.



Completed action from previous meetings (SC17)

Action
SC/M17/AP1

“Through the System Council Secretary, the CGIAR System Board is invited to provide a short memorandum on areas for improved coherence between the two governing bodies by 12 December 2022, to inform a further System Council discussion on the proposal for re-consideration of the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the System Council and System Board.”

Implementation
progress

Completed – status below.

Milestone of
completion

Memorandum issued on 27 April 2023, and included as a Resource for this meeting – available [at this link](#)

Completed action from previous meetings (SC17)

Action
SC/M17/AP2

“The System Council requests its Standing Committees to review their respective terms of reference to consider whether to recommend any proposed changes, and report to the System Council the outcome of that review by not later than 14 April 2023.”

Implementation
progress

Completed – status below.

Milestone of
completion

Reports from the Assurance Oversight Committee (AOC) and the Strategic Impact, Monitoring & Evaluation Committee (SIMEC) on their reviews of their respective TORs have been provided to the System Council for consideration at SC18 under agenda items 5 and 6 respectively.

Completed action from previous meetings (SC17)

Action
SC/M17/AP3

“Gender, diversity, and inclusion be a standing agenda item for future System Council regular meetings, with a rotating area of specific focus in any given meeting.”

Implementation
progress

Completed at this meeting – status below – recognizing that this is an ongoing action for all future meetings.

Milestone of
completion

At SC18, the focus of the update will shift to Gender in the Research, after which it will be a standing item on System Council agendas as proposed.

Superseded action from previous meeting (SC13)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.

Previous updates

- 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)
- [Update also provided during SC17](#) along with [proposal for joint task force on respective SB-SC roles](#). An action (SC/M17/AP1) was agreed following this discussion, covered earlier in this document.

Rationale for
'superseded'
status

Further to the discussion at SC17 and the February 2023 signing of the Integration Framework Agreement, an Independent Review of the Unified Governance arrangements of CGIAR will be conducted in 2023, to be overseen by an Ad-Hoc Committee on Governance convened by the Parties to the IFA. The Committee's membership is drawn from CGIAR stakeholders including a representative from the System Council. Reports on the progress and outcomes of the review will be shared regularly with the System Council.

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

- Update at SC17 confirmed that Terms of Reference developed for evaluation on 2022 intermediate SRF targets, with study design to be developed by end-2022.
- On track - Implementation of study underway in first half of 2023, with draft report anticipated by mid-May 2023

Milestone of
completion

- Delivery of report anticipated by end-July 2023

Open action from previous meetings (SC14)

Part of decision
SC/M14/DP3

- [...] 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.

Implementation
progress

- A proposed approach to amendments of the definition of a CGIAR Center are to be discussed at SC18 (under agenda item 10b - Approach with respect to CGIAR Centers not parties to the CGIAR Integration Framework Agreement (IFA)). Conforming changes to governing instruments would be presented on the basis of the agreed approach.

Milestone of
completion

Subject to deliberations on planned approach.

Continuing action from previous meeting (SC14)

Action
SC/M14/AP1

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

Implementation
progress

- 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. Feedback received confirmed 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 order to provide more inclusive opportunities to engage, a series of drop-in calls throughout 2023 on the CGIAR Initiatives were proposed, and commenced in February 2023. A full schedule and copies of the presentations are available here: <https://www.cgiar.org/meeting-document/special-drop-in-calls-on-cgiar-initiatives-with-the-cgiar-system-council/>. These sessions were well attended and well received, and some are still in progress through Q3 2023.
- Establishing the dashboard report allows funders to view and review data generated by the Initiatives.
- Several initiative-level mechanisms have been set up to inform and engage funders. Genetic Innovation established an advisory group comprising 6 System Council Funder representatives and 6 independent regional experts. The group, self-titled 'Champions and Challengers of Genetic Innovation', meets regularly to provide informal real-time advice to GI research and innovation.

Milestone of
completion