### Leadership, Ex-officio non-voting members

Chair of the System Council  
*(Serving a second 4-year term effective from 12 July 2020)*

Juergen Voegele  
Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank

Co-Chair

Appointed by the System Council for each meeting from amongst its voting members

### 20 Voting members*

* As per the last update on 18 September 2023

** Denotes one of the five developing country constituencies of the System Council

*** Denotes Funders that meet the criteria as per Annex B, CGIAR System Framework

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| 1  | African Development Bank | Martin Fregene  
Director  
Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry | Laouali Garba  
Ag. Manager, Production, Research and Sustainability Division, Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry |
| 2  | Australia | Wendy Umberger  
Chief Executive Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) | Julianne Biddle  
Director, Multilateral Engagement  
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) |
| 3  | Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | Ruben Echeverria  
Senior Advisor, Agriculture Development | Renee Lafitte  
Deputy Director, Crops R&D |
| 4  | Canada | Hong-Won Yu  
Director of Food Security  
Global Affairs Canada | Flora Mak  
Deputy Director  
Agriculture and Food Systems Division (MSF)  
Global Affairs Canada |
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<td>East Asia and Pacific** (China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand)</td>
<td>CHINA Zhai Lin Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)</td>
<td>INDONESIA Pending confirmation of representation</td>
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<td>European Commission</td>
<td>Christophe Larose Head of Sector – Sustainable Agriculture Directorate-General for International Partnerships European Commission</td>
<td>Carol Durieux Attaché, expert agriculture, food security and water, FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation</td>
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<td>Germany and Belgium</td>
<td>Pending confirmation of representation</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>Akiko Tejima Senior Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</td>
<td>Kousuke Minakuchi Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Latin America and Caribbean** (Brazil, Colombia and Peru)</td>
<td>COLOMBIA Jorge Mario Diaz Luengas Executive Director, AGROSAVIA</td>
<td>PERU Pending confirmation of representation</td>
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<td>Mexico</td>
<td>Adriana Ivette Herrera Moreno Agricultural Attaché of the Mexican Mission to the European Union</td>
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| 11 | The Netherlands       | Timmo Gaasbeek  
Senior Policy Officer Food Security, Department for Inclusive Green Growth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs | |
| 12 | Norway                | Even Stormoen  
Senior Adviser, Section of Energy, Climate and Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Daniel van Gilst  
Senior Adviser, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) |
| 13 | South Asia**  
*Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka* | INDIA  
Himanshu Pathak  
Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)  
BANGLADESH  
S.M. Bokhtiar  
Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)  
SRI LANKA | |
| 14 | Sub-Saharan Africa**  
*Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda* | NIGERIA  
Garba Hamidu Sharubutu  
Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN)  
KENYA  
Eliud Kireger  
Director General Kenyag Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)  
SUDAN | |
| 15 | Sweden                | AnnaKarin Norling  
Senior Research Advisor, Unit for Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)  
Madeleine Jönsson  
Unit for Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) | |
| 16 | Switzerland           | Manfred Kaufmann  
Global Programme Climate Change and Environment Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) | |
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| 17 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Alan Tollervey  
Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) |                                           |
| 18 | United States        | Robert Bertram  
Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) | Jerry Glover  
United States Agency for International Development (USAID) |
| 19 | West Asia & North Africa**  
(Türkiye and Iran; Member and Alternate rotates each 2 years) | TÜRKIYE  
Metin Türker  
Director General, Agricultural Research and Policies  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | IRAN  
Tooraj Valinassab  
Director General of Academic Relation and International Affairs, Agricultural Research, Education & Extension Organization (AREEO) |
| 20 | World Bank           | Martien Van Nieuwoop  
Global Director, Agriculture and Food | Julian Lampietti  
Manager, Global Engagement Agriculture and Food Global Practice |

Additional Temporary Voting members***

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| 21 | Denmark              | Hanne Carus  
Chief Adviser, Department for Evaluation, Learning and Quality |                                           |
| 22 | Ireland              | Patrick McManus  
Deputy Director, Policy Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland |                                           |
Ex-officio non-voting members

The following 6 System Council seats are additional to the 2 ex-officio non-voting members held by the System Council Chair and the Co-Chair, the latter of whom is appointed by the System Council each meeting from amongst the voting members.

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<td>Chair of the System Board</td>
<td>Lindiwe Majele Sibanda</td>
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<td>Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization</td>
<td>Khuloud Odeh</td>
<td>Interim Executive Director</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Representative appointed by the Alliance/Centers - 1</td>
<td>Elsa Murano</td>
<td>Representative of the Alliance/Center Board Chairs</td>
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<td>Representative appointed by the Alliance/Centers - 2</td>
<td>Mark Smith</td>
<td>Representative of the Alliance/Center Directors General</td>
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<td>Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations</td>
<td>Ismahane Elouafi</td>
<td>Selvaraju Ramasamy</td>
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<td>Chief Scientist</td>
<td>Head, Research and Extension Unit (AGDR)</td>
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<td>International Fund for Agricultural Development</td>
<td>Ron Hartman</td>
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<td>Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization. External Relations and Governance Department</td>
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Active Observers

Active Observers have the right to participate in deliberations of the System Council and to propose agenda items and make presentations for such deliberations. Active Observers do not have the right to vote.

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<td>Global Forum on Agricultural Research</td>
<td>Ravi Khetarpal Chair</td>
<td>Hildegard Lingnau Executive Secretary</td>
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<td>CGIAR Independent Science for Development Council</td>
<td>Holger Meinke ISDC Chair</td>
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Invited Guests

Representatives of each of the following are invited to System Council meetings:

- France, in its capacity as the Host Country of the CGIAR System Organization
- The Chair of the System Council’s Assurance Oversight Committee
- The Chair of the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment
- The Trustee of the CGIAR Trust Fund (the World Bank)