

CGIAR System Council Composition



Leadership, Ex-officio non-voting members

<p>Chair of the System Council (Serving a second 4-year term effective from 12 July 2020)</p> <p>Co-Chair</p>	<p>Juergen Voegele Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank</p> <p>Appointed by the System Council for each meeting from amongst its voting members</p>
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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

No	Constituency/ Country	Member	Alternate (optional)
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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5	East Asia and Pacific** <i>(China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand)</i>	CHINA Zhai Lin Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)	INDONESIA <i>Pending confirmation of representation</i>
6	European Commission	Christophe Larose Head of Sector – Sustainable Agriculture Directorate-General for International Partnerships European Commission	
7	Germany and Belgium	<i>Pending confirmation of representation</i>	Carol Durieux Attaché, expert agriculture, food security and water, FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
8	Japan	Akiko Tejima Senior Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Kousuke Minakuchi Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9	Latin America and Caribbean** <i>(Brazil, Colombia and Peru)</i>	COLOMBIA Jorge Mario Diaz Luengas Executive Director, AGROSAVIA	PERU <i>Pending confirmation of representation</i>
10	Mexico	Adriana Ivette Herrera Moreno Agricultural Attaché of the Mexican Mission to the European Union	

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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** <i>(Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka)</i>	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** <i>(Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda)</i>	NIGERIA Garba Hamidu Sharubutu Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN)	KENYA Eliud Kireger Director General Kenya 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** <i>(Türkiye and Iran; Member and Alternate rotates each 2 years)</i>	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 Nieuwkoop Global Director, Agriculture and Food	Julian Lampietti Manager, Global Engagement Agriculture and Food Global Practice

Additional Temporary Voting members***

No	Constituency/Country	Member	Alternate (optional)
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.

No	Organization	Member	Alternate (optional)
22	Chair of the System Board	Lindiwe Majele Sibanda	
23	Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization	Khuloud Odeh Interim Executive Director	
24	Representative appointed by the Alliance/Centers - 1	Elsa Murano Representative of the Alliance/Center Board Chairs	
25	Representative appointed by the Alliance/Centers - 2	Mark Smith Representative of the Alliance/Center Directors General	
26	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	Ismahane Elouafi Chief Scientist	Selvaraju Ramasamy Head, Research and Extension Unit (AGDR)
27	International Fund for Agricultural Development	Ron Hartman Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization. External Relations and Governance Department	

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.

No	Organization	Member	Alternate (optional)
28	Global Forum on Agricultural Research	Ravi Khetarpal Chair	Hildegard Lingnau Executive Secretary
29	CGIAR Independent Science for Development Council	Holger Meinke ISDC Chair	

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)