



Funding the CGIAR Genebanks – update

Purpose

This document provides an update on the status of funding of CGIAR genebanks to inform the allocation of CGIAR pooled funding in 2024.

Context

[Paper SC17-05](#) (from the System Council's 17th meeting in November 2022) provided the rationale for assured financing of CGIAR's work to fulfill its obligations towards the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. As agreed, Work Packages 1 and 2 of the Genebank Initiative, which support the essential operations of the CGIAR genebanks, germplasm health units and associated policy work, are assured their budget in each financial year. These budgets are carefully costed and financed through a mechanism that protects funding from any annual shortfalls. This practice has been in place since 2012.

The annual ask from the Trust Fund pooled funding for these budgets is determined by the set of contributions to Centers for Genebank management from the endowment fund that is managed by the Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust). Paper SC17-05 provided the expected ask from the pooled funding for each year in the current business cycle based on the formal communication that the Crop Trust would contribute a total of USD 21.5 million between 2022 and 2024. Subsequently this amount has been revised downward. The most recent communication from Crop Trust is USD 14 million between 2022 and 2024.

This revises the ask from the pooled funding from USD 15.9 million (SC17-05) to USD 17.7 million.

Action Requested

For the System Council's information.

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