

Decisions of the System Board
taken out of session since its 27th meeting (September 2023)

Decision Reference	Thematic Area	Decision	Date Approved
SB/M27/EDP1	Committees & Working Group	Pursuant to paragraph 8.1 g of the Charter of the System Organization, the System Board approved to revise the Terms of Reference for the Ad-hoc Committee on Governance.	5 October 2023
SB/M27/EDP2	Intellectual Assets	The System Board endorsed the 2022 CGIAR Intellectual Assets Management Report, prepared under Article 10.3 of the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets (CGIAR IA Principles).	3 November 2023
SB/M27/EDP3	Administrative Matters	The System Board approved the Regulation on Authorizing Environment of CGIAR System Organization. This regulation revoked and replaced SB Decision ref. SB/M23/DP3 (titled 'System Board Delegations of Authority Policy'), SB Decision ref. SB/M21/DP2 (titled 'One CGIAR Implementing Arrangement No. 1') and SB Decision ref. SB/M25/DP7 (concerning Unrestricted Funding, pursuant to Article 8(pp) of the Charter).	27 November 2023
SB/M27/EDP4	Nominations / Appointments	Pursuant to article 7.6 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the System Board, approved the extension of membership terms until the earlier of (i) the appointment of a successor following implementation of the UGR recommendations, or (ii) 30 June 2024, of the following members: Alice Ruhweza; Alyssa-Jade McDonald-Baertl; Hilary Wild; Neal Gutterson; Patrick Caron and Shenggen Fan.	27 November 2023
SB/M27/EDP5	Nominations / Appointments	Pursuant to article 4.2 of the CGIAR Rules of Procedure, the System Board, approved the extension of Patrick Caron as Vice Chair until the earlier of (i) the appointment of a successor following implementation of the UGR recommendations, or (ii) 30 June 2024.	27 November 2023

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SB/M27/EDP6	Financial Plan	Pursuant to Articles 8.1 cc) and ee) of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the System Board approved the Window 1 Budget for 2024, the System Entities Budget 2024 and CGIAR three-year financial plan (2024 update). The Window 1 Budget 2024 and CGIAR three-year financial plan (2024 update) was approved for submission to the System Council.	7 December 2023

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SB/M27/EDP7	Governance	<p>Whereas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CGIAR Integration Framework Agreement (as fully executed between all Parties on 21 February 2023) provided, in Article V, 5, that an independent review of the unified governance arrangements will be carried out in 2023; and • The outcomes of that independent external review, overseen by the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance, have been translated through a consultative process into a set of proposals by a Drafting Working Group drawn from across the IFA Parties and the System Council – in the form of the “CGIAR memorandum on the implementation of governance recommendations”; <p>Now therefore, the CGIAR System Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the “CGIAR memorandum on the implementation of governance recommendations”; • Approved the package of proposals set out therein; • Committed to working in good faith to implement these proposals to achieve the Integrated Partnership by the dates set out in the memorandum; and • Requested that the Board Secretary, in consultation with the Board Secretaries Community of Practice and Legal Teams, prepare proposed changes to the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization (and any other governing document where amendments would be required to implement the proposals) for the Board’s review and decision-making. 	13 December 2023

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SB/M27/EDP8	Nominations / Appointments	Pursuant to article 8.1g of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the CGIAR System Board approved the extension of the AFRC membership terms until the earlier of (i) the appointment of a successor following implementation of the Unified Governance Review recommendations, or (ii) 30 June 2024, of the following members: Hilary Wild, Esteban Chong, and Nancy Andrews.	13 December 2023
SB/M27/EDP9	Evaluation	The Charter of the CGIAR System Organization (at Article 8.1 rr) provides that the System Board's role in relation to evaluations is to "review external independent evaluations of the CGIAR Portfolio, functions and structures and provide comments to the System Council for its consideration". The System Board reviewed the evaluation report and CGIAR's management response and reflected that the management response is appropriate. The Board also noted that the evaluation report contained 11 recommendations with many sub-recommendations for which a prioritization would have been helpful. Without such prioritization, it is more difficult to assess if timelines are appropriate for achieving results. It was also noted that some recommendations focus on actions instead of results which makes it unclear how they will contribute to improvements.	9 February 2024

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