

# CGIAR System Council Composition



## Leadership, Ex-officio non-voting members

<p><b>Chair of the System Council</b> <i>(Serving a second 4-year term effective from 12 July 2020)</i></p> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Juergen Voegele</b> 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 13 March 2024

\*\* 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	<b>African Development Bank</b>	<b>Martin Fregene</b> Director Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry	<b>Innocent Musabyimana</b> Chief Agricultural Technologies Officer and TAAT Coordinator
2	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Wendy Umberger</b> Chief Executive Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)	<b>Bosibori Bett</b> Acting Director, Multilateral Engagement, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
3	<b>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</b>	<b>Ruben Echeverria</b> Senior Advisor, Agriculture Development	<b>Renee Lafitte</b> Deputy Director, Crops R&D
4	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Hong-Won Yu</b> Director of Food Security Global Affairs Canada	<b>Flora Mak</b> Deputy Director Agriculture and Food Systems Division (MSF) Global Affairs Canada
5	<b>East Asia and Pacific**</b> <i>(China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand)</i>	<b>CHINA</b> <b>Zhai Lin</b> Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)	<b>INDONESIA</b> <i>Pending confirmation of representation</i>

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6	<b>European Commission</b>	<b>Christophe Larose</b> Head of Sector – Sustainable Agriculture Directorate-General for International Partnerships European Commission	
7	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Jens Busma</b> Head of Agriculture, rural development, BMZ	<b>Felicitas Röhrig</b> Senior Policy Officer, BMZ
8	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Akiko Tejima</b> Senior Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<b>Kousuke Minakuchi</b> Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9	<b>Latin America and Caribbean**</b> <i>(Brazil, Colombia and Peru)</i>	<b>PERU</b> <b>Victor Hugo Parra Puente</b> Vice-Minister of Agrarian Development Policy and Supervision	<b>BRAZIL</b> <b>Pedro Luiz Oliveira de Almeida Machado</b> Coordinator, Embrapa Labex Europe, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
10	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Adriana Ivette Herrera Moreno</b> Agricultural Attaché of the Mexican Mission to the European Union	
11	<b>The Netherlands</b>	<b>Timmo Gaasbeek</b> Senior Policy Officer Food Security, Department for Inclusive Green Growth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	

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12	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Daniel van Gilst</b> Senior Adviser, Department for Climate and Environment, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)	<b>Lutgart Lenaerts</b> Senior Adviser, Department for Climate and Environment, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)
13	<b>South Asia**</b> <i>(Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka)</i>	<b>INDIA</b> <b>Himanshu Pathak</b> Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)	<b>BANGLADESH</b> <b>S.M. Bokhtiar</b> Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)  <b>SRI LANKA</b>
14	<b>Sub-Saharan Africa**</b> <i>(Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Uganda)</i>	<b>NIGERIA</b> <b>Garba Hamidu Sharubutu</b> Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN)	<b>KENYA</b> <b>Eliud Kireger</b> Director General Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)  <b>SUDAN</b>
15	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>AnnaKarin Norling</b> Senior Research Advisor, Unit for Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	<b>Madeleine Jönsson</b> Unit for Research Cooperation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
16	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Manfred Kaufmann</b> Global Programme Climate Change and Environment Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)	
17	<b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</b>	<b>Alan Tollervey</b> Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO)	

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18	<b>United States</b>	<b>Robert Bertram</b> Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	<b>Jerry Glover</b> United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
19	<b>West Asia &amp; North Africa**</b> <i>(Türkiye and Iran; Member and Alternate rotates each 2 years)</i>	<b>TÜRKIYE</b> <b>Metin Türker</b> Director General, Agricultural Research and Policies Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	IRAN <b>Mohammad Ali Ebrahimi</b> Director General of Academic Relations and International affairs, Agricultural Research, Education & Extension Organization (AREEO)
20	<b>World Bank</b>	<b>Renaud Seligmann</b> Director of Strategy and Operations, Sustainable Development Practice Group	<b>Julian Lampietti</b> Manager, Global Engagement Agriculture and Food Global Practice

### Additional Temporary Voting members\*\*\*

No	Constituency/Country	Member	Alternate (optional)
21	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Carol Durieux</b> Attaché, expert agriculture, food security and water, FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	
22	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Hanne Carus</b> Chief Adviser, Department for Evaluation, Learning and Quality	
23	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Patrick McManus</b> Deputy Director, Policy Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland	

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### 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	<b>Chair of the System Board</b>	<b>Lindiwe Majele Sibanda</b>	
23	<b>Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization</b>	<b>Ismahane Elouafi</b> CGIAR Executive Managing Director and Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization	
24	<b>Representative appointed by the Alliance/Centers - 1</b>	<b>Roel Merckx</b> Representative of the Alliance/Center Board Chairs	
25	<b>Representative appointed by the Alliance/Centers - 2</b>	<b>Mark Smith</b> Representative of the Alliance/Center Directors General	
26	<b>Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations</b>	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<b>Selvaraju Ramasamy</b> Head, Research and Extension Unit (AGDR)
27	<b>International Fund for Agricultural Development</b>	<b>Ron Hartman</b> Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization. External Relations and Governance Department	

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## Active Observers

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

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## Invited Guests

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*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)