

System Council Leadership

Reappointment of Dr. Juergen Voegelé as Chair of the CGIAR System Council

Purpose

This document sets out a request for the reappointment of the System Council Chair for a further two-year term, in line with the provisions of Article 5.1 of the CGIAR System Framework.

Action Requested

The System Council is requested to approve the appointment of Dr. Juergen Voegelé as Chair of the System Council for a third term of two-years, with effect from 12 July 2024.

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Background

1. Pursuant to Article 5.1 of the CGIAR System Framework, the World Bank has a standing invitation to nominate a senior manager in a substantive area related to the work of the CGIAR System to serve as Chair of the System Council.
2. Dr. Juergen Voegelé's second term as Chair comes to an end on 11 July 2024¹. The World Bank, in communication to the System Council Secretariat, dated 28th February 2024, indicated the Bank's wish to continue to exercise its right to nominate the Chair of the System Council.
3. The World Bank acknowledges the unprecedented progress made by all CGIAR and its stakeholders since 2018 to develop and establish a truly One CGIAR vision and appropriate *modus operandi* for the organization.
4. The World Bank believes that though great strides have been achieved to date, there is still work to be done, and that Dr Juergen Voegelé's reappointment for another term would help ensure the continuity and sustainability of the reforms.
5. The World Bank is also bound by the Bank's internal policies on mandatory staff rotations and can therefore only commit to Dr Voegelé's appointment for two years. Therefore, the World Bank supports Dr. Juergen Voegelé's reappointment as Chair of the System Council for another two-year term instead of four, as indicated in paragraph 5.1 of the CGIAR System Framework.
6. The World Bank intends that in July 2026, at the end of Dr. Voegelé's term, it nominate the World Bank Vice President for Sustainable Development at the time or a senior manager in a substantive area related to the work of the CGIAR System to serve as Chair of the System Council for the following 4-year term (2026-30).

¹ Previous appointment decisions: SC/M1/DP4 (12 July 2026) and SC/M10/DP5 (10-11 June 2020)