

## Cover Note ISDC Membership Renewals

### Purpose

The document provides the necessary information for the requested decision to renew one ISDC membership second term.

### Action Requested

The System Council is requested to consider approval of:

- Extension of [Dr. Magali Garcia](#) as an ISDC member for a three-year term with effect from 1 July 2024

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## **ISDC Member Renewal**

This document summarizes ISDC member renewal for decision at the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of System Council. The proposal represents a holistic approach to ensuring that that ISDC's membership and leadership continues to deliver on the range and depth of competencies and diversity defined in its Terms of Reference and in line with System Council needs.

### **ISDC member renewal**

The proposal for appointment renewal of three years is requested for one member whose term ends 30 June 2024. The member is Magali Garcia. Her biography is included in Annex 1.

The ISDC member proposed for renewal contributed to a successful period coinciding with the One CGIAR reform. The most intensive tasks for ISDC were the development of a roadmap for the external review of Initiative proposals and completion of 33 external reviews and the preparation for the upcoming Portfolio25 independent review. Additional ISDC publications to guide the CGIAR research focused on inclusive innovation, comparative advantage, and megatrends.

**Table 1: ISDC membership**

Member	Diversity & Expertise Domains	Role	Appointment End Date
Fetien Abay Abera	F; Ethiopia; Ethiopia/US Plant breeding, seed systems	Member	30 June 2024
Andrew Ash	M; Australia Agricultural systems, production- environment interactions	Member	30 September 2025
David Just	M; USA Agricultural economics	Member	31 December 2025
<b>Magali Garcia (renewal)</b>	<b>F; Bolivia Agronomic engineer, land, and water resources</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>30 June 2024</b>
Suneetha Kadiyala	F; India; UK Nutrition	Member	30 September 2025
Holger Meinke	M; Germany; Australia Agricultural systems, climatology, crop/plant physiologist	Chair	20 September 2025
Nompumelelo Obokoh	F; South Africa Plant biotechnology	Vice Chair	30 September 2025
Lesley Torrance	F; Scotland Virology, plant pathology, crop science	Member	30 September 2025

**Proposed decision to be put forward to the System Council for approval**

Pursuant to Articles 6.1 e) and f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council is requested to:

- i. Appoint Dr. Magali Garcia as ISDC member for a second three-year term effective from 1 July 2024.

## **Annex 1: Renewal Member Biography**

### **Member Magali Garcia**

Magali Garcia is a Bolivian Agronomist Engineer, with a strong interest in the field of bioclimatology, climate change, and ecosystem management. She holds a Master of Science from the University of Wageningen in The Netherlands and a Master and Ph.D. in Climate and Water Sciences from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven of Belgium. She coordinates projects on watershed strategies to reduce land degradation in the Andes, training programs of Land and Water resources responding to climate pressures, and several climate change impacts projects in Bolivia and elsewhere in the Andes focused on irrigation strategy, vulnerability, and adaptation of small Andean communities and ecosystems and climate services linked to local knowledge.

She is a long-standing scientist, especially on eco-systemic climate change impacts on land, and water management as she understands the scientific complexities and circularity of elements of sustainable ecological systems while having a strong background in working with stakeholders from outside of academia. She has experience in drafting policy-related documents and has worked with several international organizations. Based on her experiences, she produced a large list of scientific and colloquial documents both in English and Spanish.