CGIAR System Council
Register of in-session and electronic decisions

Purpose:

This document sets out the decisions taken by the CGIAR System Council, both in formal meeting sessions and when conducting business electronically, pursuant to Articles 7.4 through 7.8 of the CGIAR System Framework.

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Decision Reference	Meeting	In-session/ Electronic	Thematic Area	Agenda Item	Decision	Date(s)	Meeting Location
SC/M1/DP1	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Bernard Rey, representative of the European Commission as meeting Co-Chair.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP2	SC1	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the meeting agenda for the 1st System Council meeting (document SC1-01).	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP3	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	2	The System Council approved the Terms of Reference for the System Council Chair as set out in appendix 1 of meeting document SC1-02.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP4	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	2	The System Council accepted the World Bank nomination and approved the appointment of Juergen Voegele, Senior Director Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank Group, to serve as the inaugural System Council Chair for a four-year term with immediate effect.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP5	SC1	In-session	Transition	6	The System Council agreed to: a. assume the functions of the Fund Council as transferred to it under the Joint Agreement, Consortium Performance Agreements (CPAs) and Fund Use Agreements; provided that the Joint Agreement, CPAs and Fund Use Agreements will be terminated as indicated in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 of Appendix 1 to meeting document SC1-05; and b. assume the functions of the Fund Council as transferred to it under the Contribution Agreements as indicated in paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 meeting document SC1-05.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP6	SC1	In-session	Funding Matters	6	The System Council endorsed the earlier Fund Council decisions to approve the 2016 budgets and related work plans of the following CGIAR System entities: a. CGIAR System Organization: US$ 7.25 million; b. ISPC: US$ 3.88 million c. IEA: US$ 2.48 million	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP7	SC1	In-session	Policies & Procedures	6	The System Council endorsed until such time as amended or revoked as relevant to the subject matter, all of the current policies, procedures, guidelines and other requirements previously approved by the Fund Council as part of the Common Operational Framework with the following modifications: a. all relevant appearances of the CGIAR Consortium and its derivatives are changed to CGIAR System Organization; b. all relevant appearances of Consortium Office are changed to System Management Office; c. all relevant appearances of Fund Council are changed to System Council; d. all relevant appearances of Fund Office are changed to System Management Office; e. all relevant appearances of Consortium Chief Executive Officer or Consortium CEO are changed to Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization; and f. all relevant appearances of CGIAR Consortium Board are changed to System Management Board.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP8	SC1	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council: 1. Agreed that Centers be allowed to carry any funding that was provided for the phase 1 CGIAR Research Programs ('CRPs'), but that is unspent and uncommitted at 31 December 2016 ('Unused Funding') forward into 2017. 2. Agreed that that Unused Funding be transferred to, and utilized by, the most appropriate phase 2 CRP and agrees that in the situation where a phase 1 CRP is ending, integrating or divided and re-integrated into different phase 2 CRPs, authority is delegated by the System Council to the CGIAR System Organization ('System Organization') to manage the reallocation of the Unused Funding to the phase 2 CRP portfolio. 3. Agreed that in order to ensure that Unused Funding is managed effectively and efficiently towards the end of the phase 1 CRP, authority is delegated by the System Council to the System Organization to develop guidelines that specify the parameters under which Centers will be able to commit W1-2 funding until 31 December 2016.	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/DP9	SC1	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	9	The System Council accepted the nomination of, and appointed, the following persons to serve in the capacity as Active Observers to the System Management Board as representatives of the System Council until such time as their successor is appointed: 1. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: represented by Tony Cavalieri (alternate member) 2. United States of America: represented by Robert Bertram (member) or Eric Witte (alternate member).	12 July 2016	Paris, France
SC/M1/EDP1	SC1	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1(f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council selects Dr. Nighisty Ghezae and Dr. Prabhu Pingali as members of the ISPC for a term of one year commencing on the effective date of the decision, with the potential for the System Council to extend the service of the two members for one additional three year term each.	8 August 2016	N/A
SC/M1/EDP2	SC1	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.g of the System Council Chair Terms of Reference approved with effect from 12 July 2016, the System Council approves for the period October to December 2016, the budget of US$ 150,000 to provide for operational support for the System Council Chair.	6 September 2016	N/A
SC/M1/EDP3	SC1	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 7.7 of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 1st System Council meeting' dated 22 August 2016	29 September 2016	N/A

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SC/M2/DP1	SC2	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Dr Raúl Obando Rodríguez, representative of Mexico, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework ("Framework").	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP2	SC2	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda as proposed in meeting document SC2-01.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP3	SC2	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	4	The System Council, pursuant to its functions as described in Article 6.1 (q) of the CGIAR System Framework: a. Approved, upon the 26 September 2016 recommendation of the System Management Board, the CGIAR research program and platform proposals set forth in Appendix A, which proposals, together, comprise the 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio. b. Noted, subject to paragraph c. below, that indicative funding amounts to be provided from funds from the CGIAR Trust Fund for the approved proposals will be decided at a later date. c. Decided, as a preliminary decision on indicative funding amounts for 2017, that the System Council will not approve the allocation of Window 1 and/or Window 2 CGIAR Trust Fund amounts for the 2017 implementation year to the following flagship projects ("Flagship") within the CRP elements of the 2017 – 2022 CGIAR Portfolio, with the System Council reserving its right to approve or decline Window 1 and/or Window 2 funds in future years: i. Fish – Flagship 2; ii. Forests, Trees and Agroforestry – Flagship 2; iii. Livestock – Flagship 3 and Flagship 5 iv. Water, Land and Ecosystems – Flagship 5	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP4	SC2	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	4	The System Council: a. Agreed to the establishment of a joint working group of the System Council and System Management Board to make a recommendation to the System Council at its 3rd meeting on funding allocations for the 2017 – 2022 CGIAR Portfolio with the mandate to: i. Make progress towards checking of the research body that is proposed is in line with the budget numbers as a "rough check"; ii. Look more closely at the W1/2 budget to see what it is that this highly valuable money is buying; and iii. Recommend in November 2016, what would be needed to place the System Council in the position of applying Article 6.1(p) of the Framework in the longer term: "Approving guidelines to follow to make funding allocations". b. Adopted the proposals from Australia, Germany, United Kingdom, and United States, respectively, that a representative of their constituency serve as the System Council's nominated members for the joint working group, thus ensuring representation of the full spectrum of CGIAR funding through Windows 1, 2, 3 and bilateral sources.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP5	SC2	In-session	Policies & Procedures	10	The System Council approved with immediate effect the rules of procedure for the System Council as set out in Appendix 1 to meeting document SC2-07.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M2/DP6	SC2	In-session	Advisory Bodies	11	The System Council approved with effect from 1 October 2016 a preliminary one-year renewal of the term of appointment of the Head of CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement ("IEA") as an interim decision pursuant to paragraph 44 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised Terms of Reference for the IEA pursuant to Article 6.1(e) of the CGIAR System Framework.	25&26 September 2016	Mexico City, Mexico
SC/M3/DP1	SC3	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Philip Chiverton, representative of Sweden, as the non-voting Co Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework ("Framework").	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP2	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	2	The System Council approved, pursuant to Article 6.1.(s) of the CGIAR System Framework, for the 2017 calendar year, the allocation of US$ 191.1 million W1-2 funds ("2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount") for the approved 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio, comprised of 11 CGIAR Research Programs ('CRPs') and 3 Platforms, which sum is allocated between the CRPs and Platforms as set out in table 1 below. *[see Meeting Summary for full chart details]*	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP3	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	2	1. The System Council approved the use of US$ 8.4 million of Window 1 funds from the CGIAR Balancing Fund as a contribution toward the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount. 2. The System Council noted that as a further contribution towards the 2017 W1-2 Allocation Amount, part of the financing for the 'CGIAR Big Data Coordination Platform' will be satisfied by the existing US$ 2.6 million Window 1 resources that are available, comprising funds that were originally identified for the Open Access/ Open Data special initiatives grant, the work of which will continue in 2017 as part of the Big Data Coordination Platform.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP4	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	4	The System Council approved the 2017 annual work plans and budgets of CGIAR System entities and actions in the amount of US$ 16.24 million as set out in meeting document SC3-04.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP5	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	4	The System Council approved the financing of the 2017 System entity costs through the continued application of the CGIAR System cost sharing percentage mechanism.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/DP6	SC3	In-session	Funding Matters	4	The System Council approved the disbursement to the System Organization and/or Centers of all unallocated Window 1 funds remaining in the CGIAR Fund as of 14 December 2016 as a pre-disbursement of funding to be used to support approved 2017 CGIAR Portfolio and System administrative costs.	23 November 2016	Virtual
SC/M3/EDP0	SC3	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 2nd System Council meeting' dated 23 December 2016.	5 December 2016	N/A
SC/M3/EDP1	SC3	Electronic	Expedited decision making timeline	N/A	The System Council approves, on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with Article 6.3(e) of the System Council Rules of Procedure, a review period for System Council members for proposed decision SC-M3-DP2 of seven calendar days, in place of the usual fourteen calendar days.	30 December 2016	N/A
SC/M3/EDP2	SC3	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves, on a no-objection basis, a reallocation of the budget ceilings for the Livestock & Fish CRP between Windows 1 & 2, and then Window 3 & Bilateral, by: a. increasing the budget ceiling for Windows 1 & 2 by $0.57 million, from $29.74 to $30.31 million; and b. decreasing the total amount of funding to be provided from Window 3 & Bilateral by $0.57 million, hence, keeping the same maximum funding ceiling for the Livestock & Fish CRP of $ 66.85 million.	30 December 2016	N/A
SC/M3/EDP3	SC3	Electronic	Meeting Summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 3rd System Council meeting' dated 1 February 2017.	14 February 2017	N/A

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SC/M3/EDP4	SC3	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves the following documents as set forth in Appendix 1: (1) the Template Funding Agreement or Arrangement Cover Pages (Appendix 1.1); (2) the CGIAR Glossary (Appendix 1.2) as the amendment and full restatement of the former CGIAR Glossary approved as part of the Common Operational Framework; (3) the Template Standard Provisions (Appendix 1.3); (4) the Form of the Window 3 Side Agreement or Arrangement (Appendix 1.4); (5) the Template Contribution Agreement or Arrangement (Appendix 1.5); and (6) the Trustee Agreement (Appendix 1.6). The System Council notes the following documents as set forth in Appendix 2: (1) the example versions of the Template Standard Provisions adjusted respectively for the Funding Agreement (Appendix 2.1) and for the Financial Framework Agreement (Appendix 2.2); (2) the Template Financial Framework Agreement Cover Pages (Appendix 2.3); and (3) the Form of the Decision Letter (Appendix 2.4).	17 February 2017	N/A
SC/M3/EDP5	SC3	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council ratifies as an interim measure with effect until 31 December 2017, the continuing membership of the System Council IP Group as follows, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: a. Paul Figueroa, Chair (Resident Legal Officer, USAID/Guatemala); b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University); and c. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation).	17 February 2017	N/A
SC/M3/EDP6	SC3	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	a. The System Council approves a preliminary one-year renewal of the term of the Chair of the ISPC until 31 July 2018 pursuant to Article CGIAR System Framework 6.1 (f) as an interim decision pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised Terms of Reference for the ISPC pursuant to Articles 6.1(e) of the CGIAR System Framework. b. The System Council delegates to the Chair of the ISPC the authority to extend the appointments of those current serving ISPC members whose terms fall due for renewal in 2017 for a period of no longer than one year from the end of each member's current term, at the discretion of the Chair, and requiring such extensions to be reported to the System Council, as an interim decision pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised Terms of Reference for the ISPC pursuant to Articles 6.1(e) of the CGIAR System Framework.	21 March 2017	N/A
SC/M3/EDP7	SC3	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1(f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council selects Dr. Jennifer Thomson as a member of the ISPC for a term of one year commencing on 21 March 2017, with the potential for the System Council to extend the service of Dr. Jennifer Thomson for one additional three-year term.	21 March 2017	N/A
SC/M4/DP1	SC4	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Melle Leenstra, representative of The Netherlands, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/DP2	SC4	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda, with the addition of three other business items: (i) forming the Council's Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee; (ii) discussion on ways to work in West Asia and North Africa (WANA); and (iii) a briefing on the forthcoming FAO regional biotech consultation meetings.	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/DP3	SC4	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	7	The System Council approved the Terms of Reference for its Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee ("SIMEC"), as set out in Appendix 1 to meeting document SC4-AOB Revised TOR-System Council-SIMEC 10 May 2017.	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/DP4	SC4	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	7	The System Council appointed the following 8 persons to serve as the inaugural SIMEC members for the period until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed: 1 - African Development Bank - Dougou Keita 2 - Australia - Mellissa Wood 3 - European Commission - Bernard Rey 4 - Germany and Belgium - Michel Bernhardt 5 - South Asia - Rajendra Singh Paroda 6 - Sweden - Philip Chiverton 7 - United Kingdom - Alan Tollervey 8 - United States - Eric Witte	10-11 May 2017	Amsterdam, Netherlands
SC/M4/EDP1	SC4	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 4th System Council meeting' dated 24 July 2017.	3 August 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP2	SC4	Electronic	Expedited decision making timeline	N/A	The System Council approves, on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with Article 6.3(e) of the System Council Rules of Procedure, a review period for System Council members for proposed decision SC/M4/EDP3 and SC/M4/EDP4 of seven calendar days, in place of the usual fourteen calendar days.	19 July 2017	N/A

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SC/M4/EDP3	SC4	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	1. The System Council amends its 23 November 2016 decision on the approval of the 2017 System work plans and budgets (Decision reference SC/M3/DP4) in respect of the IEA's 2017 work plan by placing on hold until further decision of the System Council, the following planned evaluations and/or activities: a. The external independent evaluation of IEA b. Preparation for a CGIAR System-wide evaluation 2. In addition, the scope of the IEA's evaluation of CGIAR's ISPC is reduced to facilitate the presentation of recommendations by the end of September 2017 to be considered for the re-design of the terms of ISPC; the reduced scope of the evaluation thus resulting in a reduction in the overall cost of the evaluation by US$ 120,000 (down from originally US$ 250,000 to 130,000). 3. The System Council delegates special authority to the SIMEC to discuss and agree with the Head of IEA and thereafter report to the System Council on the appropriate timing to launch work on the multi-year evaluation planning.	19 July 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP4	SC4	Electronic	Committees & Working Groups	N/A	The System Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Chair of SIMEC, as issued on 11 July 2017.	19 July 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP5	SC4	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council approves a one-year renewal of the Head of CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement ("IEA") to 30 September 2018, as an interim decision pursuant to paragraph 44 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation pending the System Council's consideration and approval of revised terms of reference for its science and evaluation advisory functions.	3 October 2017	N/A
SC/M4/EDP6	SC4	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves the transfer by the Trustee of the remaining balance in the old CGIAR Fund in the amount of USD 727,472.16, as follows: a. USD 46,848 from Window 1 to be transferred to the Trustee to cover the cost of the CY2017 (and final) audit of the old CGIAR Fund, and b. USD 680,624.16 from Window 1 to be transferred to the CGIAR System Organization as partial reimbursement of the funds it transferred to the FAO on 13 February 2017 as partial payment for the approved CY2017 System Actions and Entities budgets of the ISPC and IEA.	18 October 2017	N/A
SC/M5/DP1	SC5	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council elected Juan Lucas Restrepo Ibiza, representative of the Latin America and Caribbean constituency, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP2	SC5	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda, as issued on 18 October 2017.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP3	SC5	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	3	Pursuant to its functions as described in Article 6.1(q) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council: 1. Approved, on the recommendation of the System Management Board, the Grain Legumes and Dryland Cereals proposal submitted on 3 August 2017, to be a strategic element to include in the CGIAR Research Portfolio 2017-2022 with effect from 1 January 2018, taking note of the desirability of flagship 2 being further strengthened. 2. Noted that indicative funding amounts to be provided from funds from the CGIAR Trust Fund for the approved proposal will be decided later in this meeting.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP4	SC5	In-session	Business Cycle	4	The System Council endorsed a business planning cycle concept for the CGIAR System, with a proposed multi-year business plan for the CGIAR System being brought for final approval to the System Council's November 2018 meeting (and launched from 1 January 2019), with an update on progress being provided to the System Council's May 2018 meeting.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP5	SC5	In-session	Reporting	5	The System Council: 1. Endorsed, for the period 2017-2022, nine common results indicators comprising those set out in Table 1 of meeting document SC5-05 (titled CGIAR System-Level Results Reporting: Progress and Plans), and an additional indicator on partnerships (disaggregated between research and downstream delivery partnerships), to provide System-level aggregated reporting results. 2. Endorsed the concept of delivery of a CGIAR System Annual Performance Report to provide consolidated programmatic, financial and intellectual assets reporting for the 2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio, requesting that the System Management Office develop a proposed template for this report for consideration at the Council's 6th meeting in May 2018.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP6	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	6	The System Council: 1. Endorsed the allocation strategy set out in meeting paper SC5-06 (titled 'An allocation strategy for the CGIAR System'); 2. Approved the allocation criteria domains and proposed information sources set out in Annex 1 to paper SC5-06; and 3. Affirmed that System Council allocation levels to CRPs and Platforms will continue to be made at CRP and Platform level, irrespective of whether flagship-level earmarking for Window 2 funds is adopted by the System Council at a future time.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP7	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	7	The System Council: 1. Endorsed the introduction of the process of within-cycle adjustments to CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs) and Platforms as set out in meeting document SC5-07 ('Improving System Financing Modalities') to enable CGIAR's research agenda to respond when relevant to an evolving environment, noting that any independent scientific review would follow existing regular practice, and that the System Council would be the final decision-maker on any major reduction in scope/dropping a flagship. 2. Decided to introduce the possibility of flagship-level earmarking of Window 2 funding contributions, noting that the mechanism is intended to provide flexibility to respond to the needs of individual Funders who may not otherwise be able to contribute funding to CGIAR's shared agenda funding mechanism.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP8	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	9	The System Council approved US$13.87 million as the combined ceiling for 2018 System entity budgets taking note of the System Council calls for an ongoing focus on identifying potential efficiencies.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP9	SC5	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	9	The System Council agreed that the 5 flagships re-submitted in July 2017 are considered as being eligible for W1&2 funding based upon scientific review of their technical merit.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia

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SC/M5/DP10	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	9	The System Council approved the following as the basis for building a funding scenario for the 2018 indicative W1/2 allocations for the CGIAR Portfolio of CRPs and Platforms: i. Indicative W1/2 funding of approximately $180m; ii. GLDC would receive an indicative allocation of $8.1m (prior to any general CRP/Platform funding reduction set out at item v. below), with FP2 receiving no W1/2 funding in 2018; iii. The returning 5 flagships receive an indicative allocation of $6.5m, plus management and support costs of $1.7m (prior to any general CRP/Platform funding reduction at item v. below); iv. A stretch funding target of 10% or $18m ; and v. CRP and Platforms (with the exception of Genebanks) reduction of approximately 2% on a pro rata basis.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP11	SC5	In-session	Funding Matters	9	The System Council endorsed the guiding principles set out in Part 4 of meeting paper SC5 09A ('Funding Allocations for 2018') as forming the basis of the development of the 2018 CGIAR Portfolio Financing Plan for CRPs and Platforms ('2018 FinPlan'), taking note that the 2018 FinPlan will be submitted for System Council approval on a no-objection basis on the recommendation of the System Management Board.	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP12	SC5	In-session	Risk and Assurance	10	The System Council approved the following materials to provide for a risk management and assurance framework at the CGIAR System level: 1. Risk Management Framework of the CGIAR System 2. Risk Appetite Statement of the CGIAR System 3. Terms of Reference for the Assurance Oversight Committee of the System Council	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/DP13	SC5	In-session	Risk and Assurance	10	Subject to subsequent approval of the System Management Board and the General Assembly, the System Council amends the CGIAR System Framework as follows: 8.2(a) an Assurance Oversight Committee [*DELETE Audit and Risk Committee*], with a majority of independent members, the purpose of which shall be to provide: The System Council with assurance of the completeness and effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function and the independence of external audit functions; a structured reporting line between internal and external auditors and the System Council; and oversight of system-wide governance, risk management and internal controls *[DELETE 6.1(j) Review findings and follow-up emanating from the Internal Audit Function]*	9-10 November 2017	Cali, Colombia
SC/M5/EDP1	SC5	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approves the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 5th System Council meeting' dated 10 January 2018	23 January 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP2	SC5	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approves the 2018 CGIAR Portfolio Financing Plan ('2018 FinPlan') as recommended by the System Management Board.	26 January 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP3	SC5	Electronic	Committees & Working Groups	N/A	The System Council appoints Tony Cavalieri (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) to serve as a member of the Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee for the period until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	13 February 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP4	SC5	Electronic	Committees & Working Groups	N/A	The System Council appoints Daniel Van Gilst (SC Voting Member, Norway) and Michel Gagnon (SC Voting Member, Canada) to serve as members of the System Council Assurance Oversight Committee for the period until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	7 March 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP5	SC5	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	Pursuant to Article 6.1(f) of the CGIAR System Framework, the System Council extends the service of the following members of the Independent Science & Partnership Council on a no-cost extension basis for the period until 31 December 2018: 1. Nighisty Ghezae 2. Holger Meinke 3. Rodomiro Ortiz 4. Prabhu Pingali 5. Patrick Webb 6. Jennifer Thompson 7. Maggie Gill, Chair	7 March 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP6	SC5	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appoints Mellissa Wood (SC Alternate Member, Australia) and Eric Witte (SC Alternate Member, USA) to serve in the role of System Council Active Observers on the System Management Board pursuant to Article 7.6 of the Charter of the System Organization effective from the date of this decision until 30 June 2019 or such time as a successor is appointed.	26 March 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP7	SC5	Electronic	Rules of Procedure	N/A	Pursuant to the amendment provisions of Article 15.2 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, and based on the prior approval of the General Assembly of Centers on 24 January 2018 and the System Management Board on 8 March 2018, the System Council approves an amendment to Article 7.1 of the Charter as set out below in "strike-out" and bold underlined text: Composition of the System Management Board 7.1 The System Management Board shall comprise the following nine (9) voting members, as follows: a) ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)** Center Board members or Directors General, as appointed by the Centers **('Center affiliated members")**; and b) ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** independent members, one of which should, whenever possible, be the Chair.	12 April 2018	N/A
SC/M5/EDP8	SC5	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council extends the membership of the following persons to the System Council Intellectual Property Group as an interim measure with effect until 31 July 2018, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: a. Paul Figueroa, Chair (Resident Legal Officer, USAID/Guatemala) nominated by USAID; b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) nominated by EIARD; and c. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) nominated by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.	30 April 2018	N/A
SC/M6/DP1	SC6	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Stefan Schmitz, representative of the Germany and Belgium constituency, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework.	16 May 2018	Berlin, Germany
SC/M6/DP2	SC6	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 2 May 2018 (meeting document SC6-01).	16 May 2018	Berlin, Germany

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SC/M6/DP3	SC6	In-session	Advisory Bodies	8	The System Council approved the option as set out in the SIMEC think-piece (meeting document SC6-05) for the future functional areas and operational arrangements for the System Council's scientific advisory, impact assessment and evaluation services.	17 May 2018	Berlin, Germany
SC/M6/EDP1	SC6	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appoints the following persons as independent members of its Assurance Oversight Committee, to serve in their personal capacity, for the following terms or until their successor is appointed: • Ms. Muriel Uzan, for an initial term from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2021 • Mr. Maurice Goddard, for an initial term from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020 • Mr. Saad Bounjoua, for an initial term from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020	23 July 2018	N/A
SC/M6/EDP2	SC6	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council approves the following Terms of Reference on a no-objection basis, each with operational effect from 1 January 2019: a. Terms of Reference for the Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), dated 4 October 2018 b. Terms of Reference for the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment ('SPIA'), dated 4 October 2018 c. Terms of Reference for the Shared Secretariat for CGIAR Advisory Services, dated 4 October 2018	4 October 2018	N/A
SC/M6/EDP3	SC6	Electronic	Advisory Bodies	N/A	The System Council extends the membership of the following persons to the System Council Intellectual Property Group as an interim measure with effect until 31 December 2018, noting that such persons serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any of the System Council's constituencies: a. Paul Figueroa, Chair (Resident Legal Officer, USAID/Guatemala) b. Bram De Jonge, Member (Seed Policy Advisor OXFAM/Wageningen University) c. Aline Flower, Member (Associate General Counsel, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)	24 September 2018	N/A
SC/M6/EDP4	SC6	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	The System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 6th System Council meeting' dated 1 October 2018	30 October 2018	N/A
SC/M7/DP1	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	1	The System Council appointed Tony Cavalieri, representative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as the non-voting Co-Chair for the meeting pursuant to Article 5.2 of the CGIAR System Framework	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP2	SC7	In-session	Agenda	1	The System Council adopted the Agenda issued on 11 November 2018 (meeting document SC7-01).	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP3	SC7	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	4	The System Council approved the proposal for a flagship on common bean, "Strategic and applied research to meet the demand for beans in Africa and Latin America" for inclusion in the CGIAR Portfolio from 1 January 2019 on the proviso that the 2019-2021 Financing Plan has a 'US$ 0' indicative allocation for Window 1 and Window 2.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP4	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	6	The System Council agreed to align the reconciliation of the 15 Funder seats of the System Council with the business plan concept, such that the reconciliation should take place at the start of the third year of each business cycle based on contributions made during the three prior calendar years; and accordingly agreed to extend the reconciliation period to end 2020 for this first cycle, such that the reconciliation calculations will be undertaken in Q1 2021 (to cover the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2020), and the revised System Council 15 Funder seats will operate with effect from 1 July 2021.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP5	SC7	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	6	As a consequence of the approach set out in the approved CGIAR 3-Year Business Plan 2019-2021 to extend reconciliation of System Council Funder seating to end-2020, the membership terms of SIMEC members are extended until 31 December 2020 to align with this period as follows: 1 - African Development Bank - Dougou Keita 2 - Australia - Mellissa Wood 3 - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – Tony Cavalieri 4 - Germany and Belgium - Michel Bernhardt 5 - South Asia - Rajendra Singh Paroda 6 - Sweden - Philip Chiverton 7 - United Kingdom - Alan Tollervey 8 - United States - Eric Witte 9 - Vacant (interested voting member constituencies are invited to submit nominations)	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP6	SC7	In-session	2017-2022 CGIAR Portfolio	7	The System Council: i. Approved the proposed 2019-2021 CGIAR Program Performance Standards as set out in document SC7-H, taking note that the System Management Board is expected to approve the assessment levels for each of the Standards at the System Management Board 12th meeting on 13 December 2018; and ii. Agreed, based on the recommendation of SIMEC, that the evaluation senior specialist in the new CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat is the responsible officer for undertaking the periodic independent assessment of whether programs met the standards, working across other advisory bodies as required to obtain expert data.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP7	SC7	In-session	Advisory Bodies	10	The System Council, pursuant to article 6.1(u) of the CGIAR System Framework: i. Agreed that for 2019 a certain degree of flexibility is needed for the operations of the Advisory Services and the Shared Secretariat and that workplans and budgets for 2020 and 2021 will be re-assessed in 2019 by the System Council supported by SIMEC. ii. Endorsed the workplan of the ISDC for 2019, and asks the ISDC to largely focus on foresight activities and developing a protocol on horizon scanning; iii. Endorsed the workplan and high budget scenario of SPIA, with the understanding that SIMEC will work with the Assurance Oversight Committee for a value-for-money review of the budget; and SIMEC will work with the System Management Office on the means of funding of the budget, with that proposal to be presented by not later than 3 December 2018 for approval by the System Council by electronic means; iv. Requested further refinement of the workplan and budget of the evaluations work stream of the Shared Secretariat, with an updated workplan to be developed that takes into account the feedback provided during the System Council meeting session; and v. Endorsed the budget envelope for staffing of the Advisory Services Shared Secretariat based on 3-year employment contracts for staff.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP8	SC7	In-session	Rules of Procedure	10	The System Council approved the amendments to the following documents as set out in the Annexes of meeting document SC7-06: • CGIAR System Framework • Charter of the CGIAR System Organization • Policy on CGIAR System Cost Financing	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA

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SC/M7/DP9	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	10	As a transitional arrangement to move from CGIAR's Independent Science and Partnership Council ('ISPC') to CGIAR's new Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC'), and pursuant to paragraph 4.3 of the IDSC terms of reference approved by the System Council on 4 October 2018, the System Council appointed, for the respective terms and roles set out below, the following persons as members of the CGIAR System's ISDC: **Person** **Role** **Appointment end date** Maggie Gill (F) Interim Chair 30 June 2019 Jennifer Thomson (F) Transition Member 20 March 2019 Patrick Webb (M) Transition Member 30 September 2019 Rodomiro Ortiz (M) Transition Member 30 September 2019 Holger Meinz (M) Member 8 May 2020 Nighisty Ghezae (F) Member 7 August 2020 Prabhu Pingali (M) Member 7 August 2020	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP10	SC7	In-session	Nominations/ Appointments	10	As a transitional arrangement to move from CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement to CGIAR's new Advisory Services Shared Secretariat arrangements for external independent evaluations commissioned by the System Council, and pursuant to paragraph 44 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation, the System Council renewed with retroactive effect from 1 October 2018 the appointment of the Head of CGIAR's Independent Evaluation Arrangement ("IEA") to 31 March 2019 on the same contractual terms and conditions as current, provided that: a. For the period to 31 December 2018, the mandate, work planning and other arrangements for evaluations apply as set out in Chapters 5 and 6 of the CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation; and b. For the period 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019, the mandate, work planning, and other arrangements for evaluations apply as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the Terms of Reference of the CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP11	SC7	In-session	Committees & Working Groups	10	Subject to the Terms of Reference of the relevant committee or group expressly providing for the possibility of payment of an honorarium, the System Council approved: i. The payment of a gross annual honorarium of $USD 8,000 (pro-rated for the period served in any calendar year) to external specialist-skilled independent members of a System Council Standing Committee/Group. Such honorarium covers all duties in respect of membership of the Committee/Group, which may be above time estimates communicated, including any requested attendance at in-person meetings; or ii) The payment of a gross annual honorarium of $USD 12,000 (pro-rated for the period served in any calendar year) where an external independent member of a System Council Standing Committee/Group serves in the role of Chair. Such honorarium covers all duties in respect of membership and chairing of the Committee, which may be above time estimates communicated, including attendance at in-person meetings of the Committee and the System Council.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/DP12	SC7	In-session	Business Cycle	3	The System Council approved the CGIAR System 3-Year Business Plan (2019-2021), as set forth in meeting document SC7-02.	15-16 November 2018	Seattle, USA
SC/M7/EDP1	SC7	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council endorsed the 2019-2021 CGIAR Research Financing Plan	10 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP2	SC7	Electronic	Funding Matters	N/A	The System Council approved the budget ceilings for the CGIAR System Entities for 2019-2021 as set out in Table 3 of the 2019-2021 CGIAR Research Financing Plan	10 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP3	SC7	Electronic	Nominations/ Appointments	N/A	The System Council appoints Stephen Potter (Canada) to serve as a member of the System Council Assurance Oversight Committee for the period until 31 December 2020 or such time as a successor is appointed.	23 January 2019	N/A
SC/M7/EDP4	SC7	Electronic	Meeting summaries	N/A	Pursuant to Article 9.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CGIAR System Council, the System Council approved the document titled 'Meeting Summary, 7th System Council meeting' dated 21 December 2018	18 January 2019	N/A