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MEMBERSHIP OF CGIAR'S INDEPENDENT SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ISDC)

As the world's largest global agricultural innovation network working towards a world free of poverty, hunger and environmental degradation, CGIAR is seeking to fill key arising vacancies on the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC). The ISDC provides rigorous, independent strategic advice to the CGIAR System Council and the CGIAR System. There are opportunities to join this valuable work as the Chair or in one of five member positions that will be appointed to serve on the ISDC in 2019. The appointments will be made to achieve key competencies and diversity required for the Council to carry out its key functions with a forward-looking perspective on the "drivers of the future" and the role of agriculture and related sectors.

- Applications and nominations **must be submitted** by not later than 6pm, local Montpellier, France time on Monday **3 June 2019** via ISDCappointments@cgiar.org. Late applications/nominations will not be considered.
- To facilitate on time review, **applications/nominations must adhere** to the requirements set out indicatively in this Guidance document.
- All enquiries on applications and nominations **should be made in writing** to ISDCappointments@cgiar.org.

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About the ISDC

The Independent Science for Development Council ('ISDC') is an external, impartial standing panel of experts in science and development subject matters (including food systems innovation matters that extend beyond the agricultural sector) with the responsibility of providing rigorous, independent strategic advice to the System Council and the broader CGIAR System as a whole. The ISDC provides its advice within the broader context of CGIAR's Strategy and Results Framework ('SRF'), and multi-year CGIAR Business Plans.

The ISDC, through its terms of reference, has a mandate for:

- **Foresight work** to inform CGIAR's longer term research strategy;
- **Horizon scanning** to provide analysis on how emerging trends and developments can be taken into account in CGIAR's work;
- **Priority setting** exercises and analyses integrating both ex-post and ex-ante analyses;
- Guidance for periodic **proposal assessment** processes; and
- **Other functions**, on the strategic direction of CGIAR and the value of its research agenda.

What we are looking for

The ISDC is looking for candidates for:

A Chair - that will, in addition to having some of the required ISDC Member competencies, be a visionary with global perspective, a dynamic strategic leader with the capacity to develop and lead a panel of global experts, and a relationship builder and constructive contributor; and have strong communication skills and good judgment to balance views.

Members - that have backgrounds, qualifications and experience in one, or ideally a combinations, of the following:

- **Agriculture:** Key disciplines or activities related to agriculture and agri-food systems, or to biological sciences that involve the study of life and living organisms, their life cycles, adaptations and environment, covering various sub-fields of biology and biochemistry.
- **Social sciences:** Such as anthropology, economics, geography, political science, sociology and specific studies on gender.
- **Development:** Academic training in international development or development economics with clear understanding of how research outputs can be translated into outcomes.
- **Innovation, technology and private sector:** dynamics of emerging technologies, delivery and social and economic impact.
- **Key cross-cutting topics** including health, climate change, nutrition, youth and agripreneurship, big data, and policy and the intersection of the various disciplines.
- **Key methodological areas** particularly in areas of foresight, horizon scanning, proposal assessment, theories of change, and data analytics.

Details on the available external independent roles

| | Chair of the ISDC | ISDC members (5 vacancies arising in 2019) |
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| Summary of role | <p>The <u>Chair</u> plays a leading role in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stewarding Council activities, managing workload, and Chairing meetings• Guiding development of a vision and multi-year workplan and budget for ISDC• Conveying independent advice and recommendations to the System Council and appropriate stakeholder audiences• Representing ISDC at System Council, System Management Board and other meetings.• Ensuring engagement with other advisory services and entities of the CGIAR System.• Appointment of senior staff in the Shared Secretariat and ensuring overall reporting and performance. | <p>The Council of 8 standing <u>members</u>, should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represent a balance of scientific, programmatic and development expertise in sectors including and beyond agriculture• Reflect eminence in their fields with internationally-recognized achievements• Have geographically diverse experiences and include persons who work or have worked with a broad range of organizations across multiple countries• To the extent possible without compromising expertise, reflect geographic, gender and age diversity. |
| Time commitment | A <u>maximum of 105 days per calendar year</u> to cover key meetings and activities each year. | <u>Up to 25 days per calendar year</u> , as determined by the ISDC Chair. |
| Expectations & Eligibility | The Chair and Members of ISDC serve in their personal capacity . Persons currently employed by a CGIAR entity or actively serving on a CGIAR Board of Trustees are <u>not</u> eligible for these positions. All candidates are required to declare any past and/or current involvement with CGIAR. | |
| Term | ISDC members, including the Chair, will be appointed for a three-year period, with a one-year assessment period to confirm continuation of the term, and a possibility of one additional term. | |
| Appointment process | Members of the ISDC, including the Chair, are appointed by the CGIAR System Council and accountable to it, with recommended candidates put forward by a nominations panel. | |

Applications and nominations

Either individual applications or nominations of potentially qualified people are welcomed by Monday **3 June 2019** and should be submitted by email to ISDCappointments@cgiar.org as follows:

- A. Applications from interested individuals** should be submitted with the 4 following required documents:
- i. A covering letter of up to 1.5 pages** - stating the applicant/nominated person, position sought (Chair or member), and suitability for such position based on the competencies;
 - ii. A full curriculum vitae;**
 - iii. The names and current contacts of three referees who provide a diverse group of persons to contact;** and
 - iv. Declaration of past and/or current involvement with CGIAR.**
- B. Nominations of other stakeholders of potential talent** can be submitted by any person, provided that it is submitted with the following items:
- i. The full curriculum vitae of the nominated person;**
 - ii. Confirmation from the nominated person that they are interested to be considered;** and
 - iii. Contact details for the nominated person.**

All applications and nominations will be collected and considered in one process, with different start dates of positions being offered as part of an effort to stagger terms.