

**5th CGIAR Integrated Partnership Board (IPB) Meeting
16 May 2025, Virtual**

Agenda Item 03 ● **Update on the Inception Phase for CGIAR’s 2025–30 Science and Innovation Portfolio**

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Issue date: 9 May 2025 (*pre-read materials expected by 12 May 2025*)

Purpose: For information

Requested action: Input

Background summary: Following the System Council’s approval of CGIAR’s 2025–2030 science and innovation Portfolio in December 2024, the IPB discussed plans for the Portfolio Inception Phase at its February 2025 meeting.

The Portfolio Inception Phase is designed to (i) allow the 2025–30 Programs and Accelerators to complete key, outstanding design features that could not be fully addressed during the compressed writing process from March to September 2024; (ii) address the recommendations, guidance, and feedback provided by the Board, ISDC, and the System Council on the individual Program and Accelerator proposals as well as the overarching Portfolio Narrative; and (iii) ensure the effective operationalization of the new Portfolio alongside the final technical reporting on and operational closure of the 2022—24 Portfolio of Research Initiatives and Impact Area Platforms.

Management’s update on the Inception Phase shares progress and emerging insights across the following key Inception work streams: (i) co-design and partnership, (ii) prioritization, (iii) comparative advantage analysis, (iv) alignment of CGIAR Trust Fund Window 3 and bilaterally funded work, (v) projection of benefits, (vi) funding the Portfolio, (vii) leadership arrangements, and (viii) risk management.

The IPB Science Committee will meet on 14 May 2025 to review the update and prepare its recommendations and advice to the Board. Board feedback is invited towards finalizing the update for System Council circulation ahead of its 22nd meeting on 4-5 June (SC22).

Draft decision point: N/A

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| Supporting documents: | <i>(pre-read materials expected by 12 May 2025)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on the Inception Phase for CGIAR’s 2025—30 science and innovation Portfolio• CGIAR Research Portfolio 2025-2023 webpage |
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