

CGIAR Integrated Partnership Board (IPB) meeting 002
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Agenda Item 2: Portfolio 2025 – 2030

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Purpose: To update the Board on the development of CGIAR’s 2025—30 science and innovation Portfolio; to share an overview of the Independent Science for Development Council’s reviews of the Programs and Accelerators that make up the Portfolio, as well as an overarching Portfolio Narrative; and to seek the Board’s concurrence with the Program and Accelerator proposals and approval for their submission to the CGIAR System Council for approval

Requested action: For concurrence

Background summary:

- CGIAR’s 2022—24 Portfolio of Research Initiatives and Impact Area Platforms will be closed on 31 December 2024.
- The process to develop a new 2025—30 Portfolio; made up of eight Science Programs, a Scaling for Impact Program, and three Accelerators; was launched in January 2024, building on inputs prepared and guidance received in 2023.
- The CGIAR System Council, at its 20th meeting in June 2024, endorsed the CGIAR 2025-30 Portfolio Narrative as the set of strategic priorities for CGIAR Research and Innovation, pursuant to Article 6.1 a) iii. of the CGIAR System Framework.
- Consistent with that Narrative, and the recommendations and guidance provided by the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC), the CGIAR System Board, and the System Council; complete proposal documents for the new 2025—30 Programs were submitted to the ISDC for its moderated, external, and independent review on 27 September 2024, and made available to members of the Board and the System Council in early October. In addition, an updated Portfolio Narrative was developed and submitted to the ISDC on 1 November 2024.
- ISDC shared its reviews of the above on 15 November 2024.
- Management now seeks the Board’s concurrence with the Program and Accelerator proposals and approval for their submission to the System Council for approval at its 21st meeting on 11—12 December 2024.

	• In support of this requested action, this submission also includes the updated, November 2024 version of the Portfolio Narrative; a brief cover note describing the intended management arrangements for a combined “Breeding for Tomorrow and Genebanks Science Program”; ISDC’s reviews of the Program and Accelerator proposals and Portfolio Narrative; and a preliminary management action plan in response to ISDC’s reviews.
Draft decision point:	Pursuant to article 8.2t of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the Integrated Partnership Boards concurs with the Program and Accelerator proposals that make up CGIAR’s 2025—30 science and innovation Portfolio and approves their submission to the CGIAR System Council for approval.
Supporting documents:	• 2025 - 2030 Portfolio Narrative (November 2024 version) • Proposal documents for CGIAR’s 2025 - 30 Science Programs (8), Scaling for Impact Program, and Accelerators (3) (Diligent folder “Portfolio Development”) • Breeding for Tomorrow and Genebanks Science Program: intended governance and management arrangements (for information, intended as a companion document to the two separate proposals on “Breeding for Tomorrow” and “Genebanks”) • ISDC Review of 2025-2030 Research & Innovation Portfolio Proposals • ISDC Feedback on CGIAR Portfolio Narrative 2025-2030 • Preliminary management action plan in response to ISDC’s reviews of the Program and Accelerator Proposals and 2025—30 Portfolio Narrative (available on 20 November)
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