IPB-004 Agenda
Adopted: 11 April 2025
Decision Reference: IPB/M004/DP1

Adopted Agenda
Integrated Partnership Board (IPB) Meeting
11-12 April 2025, Hybrid

🟢 **For Information –** Discussion only, no action required.
🟡 **For Guidance –** Structured input needed, but no final decision.
🔴 **For Decision –** Board approval or concurrence needed.

Day 1, Friday 11 April 2025 – UN Campus, Room 10

TIMING	NO	TOPIC	PURPOSE AND CHARTER REFERENCE	PRESENTER / FACILITATOR
17:00 – 17:05 5 mins	1	🔴 Meeting Opening	• Welcome and call for any other business • **Adopt agenda** • Declarations of interest on the agenda • **Approve consent agenda** ▪ **IPB-003 Meeting Summary** ▪ **IPB-Steering Committee TOR** *Resources for review (not for discussion):* • *Actions from previous meetings* • *Standing register of interests declared*	• Lindiwe Majele Sibanda • Michiel Roovers
CGIAR Executive Managing Director Update				
17:05 – 17:20 15 mins	2	🟢 EMD Update (part 1)	• Receive an update on operational priorities, System Organization reorganization, staffing matters, GLT matters, and other key updates. • Purpose: Oversee the EMD's leadership and priorities for alignment with CGIAR's strategic direction (12.5 Charter)	• Ismahane Elouafi • Micheline Ayoub
CGIAR Science and Partnership Engagement Oversight				
17:20 – 18:50 1 hr. 30 mins	3	🔴 Science Week Reflections, Portfolio Update, and Science Committee Report	• Reflect on Science Week • Receive an update on the 2025-2030 Science and Innovation Portfolio Inception Phase • Receive a report from the Science Committee, including for Board approval: ▪ **Revised Science Committee TOR** • Purpose: Provide strategic oversight of CGIAR's scientific priorities and research, ensuring alignment with system-wide engagement and implementation (8.2b, 8.2o, 8.2t Charter)	• Ismahane Elouafi • Sandra Milach • Roland Sundström • Rachel Chikwamba

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18:50 – 18:55 5 mins	4	Wrap-up	• Closing remarks • Adjourn to closed session (regular session to resume Day 2)	• Lindiwe Majele Sibanda
18:55 – 19:00		Break (5 mins)		
19:00 – 20:00 1 hr		Closed Session for IPB Voting Members		
20:00		Adjournment of Day 1		

Day 2, Saturday 12 April 2025 – ILRI Campus, John Vercoe (JVC) Auditorium

TIMING	NO	TOPIC	PURPOSE AND CHARTER REFERENCE	PRESENTER / FACILITATOR
08:00 – 08:05 5 mins	5	Day 2 Opening	• Welcome	• Lindiwe Majele Sibanda
CGIAR Executive Managing Director Update				
08:05 – 08:50 45 mins	2	🔴 EMD Update (continued)	• For Board approval: ▪ **2025 Key Performance Indicators** • Purpose: Oversee the EMD's leadership and priorities for alignment with CGIAR's strategic direction (8.2f, 12.5 Charter)	• Ismahane Elouafi • Micheline Ayoub
CGIAR Ombuds Office				
08:50 – 09:30 40 mins	6	🟢 CGIAR Ombuds Office	• Receive an introduction to the CGIAR Ombuds Office in terms of its purpose, mission and scope • To meet the Ombudsperson, Dr. Anu Rao • Purpose: Monitor compliance with CGIAR policies (8.2j Charter)	• Anu Rao
CGIAR Resource Mobilization Oversight				
09:30 – 11:00 1 hr. 30 mins	7	🟢 Resource Mobilization and Funding Outlook Update	• Receive an update on the funding outlook since the special briefing at last IPB meeting, including reflections from the RMCA Committee • Purpose: Oversee CGIAR's resource mobilization and funding strategies, ensuring financial sustainability and alignment with CGIAR priorities (8.2r, 8.2s, 8.2w Charter)	• Ismahane Elouafi • André Zandstra • Nick Austin

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11:00 – 11:15		Break (15 mins)		
CGIAR Risk, Compliance, and Financial Oversight				
11:15 – 12:00 45 mins	8	🔴 CGIAR Policy Approval Requests: Risk Management & Internal Controls	• For Board approval: ▪ **Risk Management & Internal Controls Policy** • For Board concurrence and recommendation to the System Council: ▪ **Risk Management & Internal Controls Framework** ▪ **Risk Appetite** • AFRC will provide a recommendation • Purpose: Strengthen risk strategy and governance by ensuring compliance, fiduciary accountability, and system-wide oversight (8.2e, 8.2i, 8.2j Charter)	• Clarissa van Heerden • Appolinaire Djikeng
12:00 – 12:30 30 mins	9	🔴 CGIAR Policy Approval Request: Internal Rules Framework	• For Board concurrence: ▪ **Internal Rules Framework** • AFRC will provide a recommendation • Purpose: Reinforce governance effectiveness, policy adherence, and accountability (8.2e, 8.2i Charter)	• Elise Perset • Clarissa van Heerden
12:30 – 13:00 30 mins	10	🟢 AFRC Committee Report	• Receive insights on risk oversight, financial sustainability, policy compliance, and cybersecurity from the AFRC-003 meeting • Purpose: Oversee financial, audit, and risk matters to uphold transparency, accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities (8.2i, 8.2j, 8.2w Charter)	• Clarissa van Heerden
13:00 – 14:00		Lunch Break (1 hr)		
CGIAR Governance and P&C related matters				
14:00 – 14:45 45 mins	11	🟡 GP&C Committee Report	• GP&C Committee will provide an update • Consider the Chair and Vice-Chair appointment process • Receive an update on the Charter and Framework revisions process & timeline • Purpose: Oversee governance structures, leadership appointments, and accountability mechanisms (7.3, 8.2e, 8.2i Charter)	• Dhesigen Naidoo • Elise Perset • Michiel Roovers • Christine Larson-Luhila

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14:45 – 15:45 1 hr	12	🟡 Center Insights & Sharing	• Exchange insights on Integrated Partnership matters informed by Center board discussions • Purpose: Enhance collaboration and stakeholder engagement on Integrated Partnership priorities (8.2o, 8.2p, 8.2q Charter)	• Lindiwe Majele Sibanda
15:45 – 16:00 15 mins	13	🟢 Other Business and Wrap-up	• Address any remaining business • Review meeting decisions, action items, and next steps • Confirm next IPB meeting date *Resources for review (not for discussion):* • 2025 IPB Workplan • 2025 Governance Calendar	• Lindiwe Majele Sibanda • Michiel Roovers
16:00		Meeting Close		

Participants

*** indicates virtual participation**

IPB Members

Lindiwe Majele Sibanda	Voting Member and Chair
Patrick Caron	Voting Member and Vice Chair
Nick Austin	Voting Member and Chair of RMCA Committee
Ramesh Chand	Voting Member
Rachel Chikwamba	Voting Member and Chair of Science Committee
Ismahane Elouafi	Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member and EMD
Shenggen Fan	Voting Member
Jessica Fanzo	Voting Member
Segenet Kelemu	Voting Member
Mauricio Lopes*	Voting Member
Celso Moretti*	Voting Member
Dhesigen Naidoo	Voting Member and Chair of GP&C Committee
Enrica Porcari	Voting Member
Alice Ruhweza	Voting Member
Clarissa van Heerden	Voting Member and Chair of AFRC

Active Observers

Ruben Echeverria	Active Observer System Council
Eliud Kireger	Active Observer System Council
Holger Meinke	Active Observer ISDC
Roel Merckx	Active Observer General Assembly
Essam Mohammed	Active Observer General Assembly, *apologies*

Invited Guests

Micheline Ayoub	Chief of Staff EMD Office, all agenda items
Appolinaire Djikeng	Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), agenda item 8
Guillaume Grosso	Deputy EMD, *apologies*
Elbert Hidding*	Head, Internal Audit Function, all agenda items
Felipe Mendes*	Director, Business Operations and Finance, agenda items 2 & 7
Sandra Milach	Chief Scientist, all agenda items
Carolyne Minayo	PA to Eliud Kireger, all agenda items
Elise Perset*	Director, Legal, all agenda items
Anu Rao	Ombudsperson, all agenda items
Allison Smith	Director IAES, all agenda items
Yorgos Solomos*	Senior Advisor, Risk Management, agenda item 8
Roland Sundström	Practice Lead, Program Delivery, agenda item 3
Myra Wopereis	Advisor to the IPB Chair, all agenda items
André Zandstra	Director, Donor Relations & Business Development, agenda item 7

Secretariat Team

Olwen Cussen*	Governance Advisor
Christine Larson-Luhila	AFRC Secretary
Victoria Pezzi	Meetings and Event Officer
Michiel Roovers	IPB Secretary
Vashna Singh	Meetings & Events Consultant