

CGIAR Acronyms list

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CGIAR-specific Acronyms

Abbreviation	Full Name
AfricaRice	Africa Rice Center
AFRC	Audit, Finance and Risk Committee
AIARC	Alliance of International Agricultural Research Centers
Alliance	Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
AOC	Assurance Oversight Committee (standing committee of the System Council)
AoW	Area of work
Bioversity	Bioversity International
BC	Board Chair
BCN	Board Chair Network
CAS	CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat (ended July 2022 – see ‘IAES’ for current terminology)
CGIAR	CGIAR is now a name in its own right, and not an acronym. In the past, it stood for “Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research” however this is no longer current and should not be used
CG	Commonly used shorthand for CGIAR
CIAT	Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical International (International Center for Tropical Agriculture)
CIFOR*	Center for International Forestry Research
CIMMYT	Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center)
CIP	Centro Internacional de la Papa (International Potato Center)
Constituent Instrument	Treaty or other instruments of international law establishing an international organization
CoP	Community of Practice
CPA	Consortium Performance Agreement between the Fund Council and the Consortium (ended 2016)
CRP	CGIAR Research Program (ended 2021)
CSP	Cost Sharing Percentage
DEMD	Deputy Executive Managing Director
DG	Director General
D&D	Digital & Data

EBC	Ethics & Business Conduct
EMD	Executive Managing Director
EMT	Executive Management Team (ended 2022)
FFA	Financial Framework Agreement
FG	Financial Guideline
FMRG	Financial Model Reference Group (ended 2024)
FO	Fund Office (ended 30 June 2016)
FP&A	Financial Planning & Analysis
GAC	General Assembly of Centers
GDI	Gender, Diversity and Inclusion
GLT	Global Leadership Team
Governing Instrument	The Constituent Instruments and the Internal Legal Instruments together
GST	Global Science Team
HSA/HCA	Host state/country agreement (agreement between the IO and the host State in which it is headquartered)
IAES	Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service
IAF	Internal Audit Function
IAG	Investment Advisory Group
IAR4D	Integrated Agricultural Research for Development
IARC	International Agricultural Research Centre
IAU	Internal Audit Unit (formed in 2011 as a Shared Service of Centers – ended December 2017)
ICI	Integrate, Coordinate and leave Independent
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
ICRAF*	World Agroforestry Centre
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
IFA	Integration Framework Agreement
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute
IPB	Integrated Partnership Board (effective 1 November 2024)
IPB-AFRC	Integrated Partnership Board Audit Finance and Risk Committee (effective 5 November 2024)
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute
ISC	Independent Steering Committee
ISDC	Independent Science for Development Council
ISPC	Independent Science and Partnership Council (formerly Science Council - ended December 2018)
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
JA	Joint Agreement (ended 31 December 2016)
NCSC	Nominations Committee of the System Council

OCS	One Corporate System
P&C	People and Culture (HR)
PCU	Project Coordination Unit
PMEL	Performance measurement, evaluation and learning
PPA	Program Participant Agreement
PPU	Portfolio Performance Unit
R&C	Regions and Countries
R&D	Research and Development
RD&I	Research Delivery & Impact
RM	Resource Mobilization
R&OP	Risk and Oversight Plan
SB	System Board (ended September 2024)
SC	System Council
SCIP	System Council Intellectual Property Group
SIMEC	Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (standing committee of the System Council)
SMB	System Management Board (ended August 2020)
SO	System Organization
SPIA	Standing Panel on Impact Assessment
SRF	Strategy and Results Framework
SRG	System Reference Group (ended 2019)
ToC	Theory of Change
ToR	Terms of Reference
UGR	Unified Governance Review (undertaken in 2023)
WorldFish	The WorldFish Center
WoW	Ways of Working
W1, W2, W3	<p>Funding channeled through three windows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Portfolio – Portfolio investments: funding allocated to the entire CGIAR portfolio of approved system-wide investments prioritized and allocated by Funders collectively through the System Council – supporting CGIAR as a whole 2. Designated – Program investments: funding allocated by Funders individually to any component (CRP, Platform or initiative) of the system-wide portfolio as prioritized, defined and approved by the Funders collectively through the System Council 3. Window 3 (W3) – Project investments: funding allocated by Funders individually to projects that are defined by the Funders themselves (with partners) and that are aligned with system-wide investments

Other Acronyms

Abbreviation	Full Name
AARINENA	Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa
ABD	Agricultural Biodiversity
ABIA	Agricultural Biodiversity Initiative for Africa
ABS	Access and Benefit Sharing
ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
ANAPE	African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education
AREA	Agricultural Research and Extension Authority
ARIs	Agricultural Research Institutes
ASAIGA	Asociación de Agroindustriales de Granos Andinos
ASARECA	Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa
AU	African Union
BAPNET	Banana Asia Pacific Network
BARNESA	Banana Research Network for Eastern and Southern Africa
BCGI	Botanical Garden Conservation International
CATIE	Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Ensenanza
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD/WG-ABS	Convention on Biological Diversity/Working Group on Access & Benefit-Sharing
CBN	Cassava Biotechnology Network
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CCER	Centre-Commissioned External Review
CFC	Common Fund for Commodities
CGN	Centre for Genetic Resources, Netherlands
CGRD	Coconut Genetic Resources Database
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
CICY	Centro de Investigacion Cientifica de Yucatan
CIRAD	Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement
CIRNMA	Centro de Investigacion de Recursos Naturales y Medio Ambiente
COP	Conference of the Parties
CORAF/WECARD	Conseil ouest et centres Africain pour la recherche et le developpement agricoles/West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development
DAC	Development Assistance Committee of OECD
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DArT	Diversity Array Techniques

DIS	Draft International Standard
EAPGREN	Eastern Africa Plant Genetic Resources Network
ECP-GR	European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources
Embrapa	Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation)
ERP	Enterprise Resource planning
EU	European Union
EUFGIS	European Information System on Forest Genetic Resources
EUFORGEN	European Forest Genetic Resources Programme
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
FLAR	Fondo Latinoamericano para Arroz de Riego (Latin American Fund for Irrigated Rice)
FONTAGRO	Fondo Regional de Tecnología Agropecuaria
FRIM	Forest Research Institute Malaysia
FUSAGx	Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques de Gembloux
GCARD	Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (biennial conference that replaces the AGM)
GCDT	Crop Trust
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	The Global Environment Facility
GFAiR	Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation
GFU	Global Facilitation Unit
GHI	Global Hunger Index
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GMGC	Global Musa Genomics Consortium
GPA-AnGR	Global Plan of Action-Animal Genetic Resources
GPA-PGRFA	Global Plan of Action-Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
GPG	Global Public Goods
GR	Genetic Resources
GRENEWCA	Genetic Resources Network for West and Central Africa
GRFA	Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
GRIN	Germplasm Resources Information Network
GRiSP	Global Rice Science Partnership
HKI	Helen Keller International, USA
IA	Intellectual Assets
IAASTD	International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development
IATI	International Aid Transparency Initiative. Data publishing platform for international organisations. IATI standard required by some funders

IBAMA	Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e Dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis
ICAR	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICG-AIO	International Coconut Genebank-Africa and Indian Ocean
ICG-LAC	International Coconut Genebank for Latin America and the Caribbean
ICGD	International Cocoa Germplasm Database
ICGRD	International Coconut Genetic Resources Database
ICUC	International Centre for Underutilised Crops
ICWG - GR	Inter-Centre Working Group on Genetic resources
IDO	Intermediate Development Outcomes
IDRC	International Development Research Centre
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFS	International Foundation for Science
ILA	International Law Association
ILAC	Institutional Learning and Change
IMoSEB	International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity
IMTP	International Musa Testing Programme
INERA	Institut national pour l'étude et la recherche agronomique
INIA	National Institute for Agronomic Research, Mozambique
INIAP	Instituto Nacional Autónomo de Investigaciones Agropecuarias
INIBAP	International Network for Improvement of Banana and Plantain
INRA	Institut national de la recherche agronomique (National Agricultural Research Institute)
IO	International organization
IP	Intellectual Property
IPG	International Public Goods
IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (now renamed Bioversity International)
IRD	Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
ITC	International Transit Center
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
IUCN	World Conservation Union
JIRCAS	Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences
KPGRTC	Kenya Plant Genetic Resources Training Consortium
KUL	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
LAFORGEN	Network for Forest Genetic Resources in Latin America
LCDP	Limpopo Community Development Program, South Africa
LIBIRD	Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development
LIMPAST	Limpopo Agricultural Strategic Team, South Africa

MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MGIS	Musa Germplasm Information System
ML	Mickey Leland Fellowship Program
MOP	Meeting of the Parties
MOPAN	Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network
MSB	Millennium Seed Bank
MSSRF	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
MTP	Medium Term Plan
MTR	Medium Term Review
MUSACO	Réseau Musa pour l'Afrique Centrale et Occidentale
MUSALAC	Plantain and Banana Research and Development Network for Latin America and the Caribbean
MYPOW	Multi-year Program of Work of the CGRFA
NARES	National Agricultural Research and Extension Services
NARO	National Agriculture Research Organization
NARS	National Agricultural Research System
NBPGR	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Products
NUS	Neglected and Underutilized Species
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PPP	Purchasing power parity
PRGA	Participatory Research and Gender Analysis
PROINPA	Promocion e Investigacion de Productos Andinos
PROMUSA	Community of Scientists Working on Bananas and Plantains
QDPI&F	Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
RDA	Rural Development Administration
RUAF	Resource Centers on Urban Agriculture and Food Security
RUFORUM	Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture
SAFORGEN	Sub-Saharan African Forest Genetic Resources Programme
SARRNET	Southern Africa Root Crops Research Network, Mozambique
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SDGs	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
SEARCH	Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SINGER	System-wide Information Network for Genetic Resources
SOW-PGR	State of the World- Plant Genetic Resources
SRI	Socially Responsible Investment

TAG	Taxonomy Advisory Group
TIGR	The Institute of Genomic Research
UN	United Nations
UN SCN	United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UPA	Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture
UPGR	Underutilized Plant Genetic Resources
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
UPWARD	Users' Perspectives with Agricultural Research and Development
US	USA United States of America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VACS	Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils
VFF	Vavilov–Frankel Fellowships
WB	World Bank
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization