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CGIAR Council Meeting – 25th (CC25)

1-2 December 2026 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

OVERARCHING THEME: CGIAR GLOBAL IMPACT AREA ON NUTRITION, HEALTH & FOOD SECURITY

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Time	Agenda item number and title	Materials	Presenter(s)
08:45	***Group photo***		
Day 1 – Tuesday 1 December			
09:00 – 09:15 15 min	**1. Opening and agenda** a. Welcome by Chair b. Call for any other business c. Adoption of agenda ◆ d. Appointment of Co-Chair ◆ e. Declaration of interests on agenda	CC25-01	• Renaud Seligmann, Council Chair • Sylvia Oyinlola, Council Secretary
09:15 – 10:00 45 min	**2. Report from the CGIAR Board** a. Welcome and opening remarks from the CGIAR Board Chair b. Report from the CGIAR Board Chair on the CGIAR Board's oversight of key areas of its mandate and reflections on the operation of the reconstituted CGIAR Board over its first 6 months	CC25-02	• Hailemariam D. Boshe, Board Chair
10:00 – 10:45 45 min	**3. Shaping the future direction of CGIAR – Update on the development of CGIAR's 2040 Strategy**	CC25-03	• Ismahane Elouafi, EMD
10:45 – 11:15	***Coffee Break***		
11:15 – 12:00 45 min	**4. CGIAR Global Assets Study Report** Status of implementation of recommendations arising from the Global Assets Study Report	CC25-04	• Hailemariam D. Boshe • Ismahane Elouafi • Gail Amare, DDG Corporate Services, ILRI
12:00 – 13:15 75 min	**5. CGIAR Science and Innovation Portfolio 2025–2030** a. Update on CGIAR's science and innovation portfolio, with highlights, including the prioritization and W1/2 resource allocation process that underpins the proposed 2027–2028 Financing Plan and Budget (Item 8) b. Standing update on CGIAR's contributions to advancing gender equality, youth opportunities and social inclusion	CC25-05	• Ismahane Elouafi • Sandra Milach, Chief Scientist • Roland Sundstrom, Practice Lead, Program Delivery • Nicoline de Haan, Director, GENDER Accelerator
13:15 – 14:15	***Lunch Break***		

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14:15 – 15:00 45 min	**6. CGIAR funding and business development** Update on CGIAR funding and business development, including emerging opportunities.	CC25-06 ◆	• Ismahane Elouafi • André Zandstra, Director, Donor Relations and Business Development
15:00 – 15:20 20 min	**7. Advisory Bodies' 2027–2028 Technical and Financial Plan** Council discussion of AOC and SIMEC review of the Advisory Bodies' 2027–2028 Technical and Financial Plan	CC25-07	• Honore Ndoko, AOC Chair • Timmo Gaasbeek, SIMEC Chair • Allison Grove Smith, Director, IAES
15:20 – 15:50	***Coffee Break***		
15:50 – 17:00 70 min	**8. CGIAR Trust Fund Windows 1 and 2 (W1/W2) Financing Plan and System Organization Budget for 2027–2028** ◆ a. Presentation of the 2027–2028 W1/W2 financing plan and budget (following CGIAR Board concurrence), for Council consideration and approval b. Approval of Advisory Bodies' 2027–2028 Technical and Financial Plan	CC25-08	• Hailemariam D. Boshe • Ismahane Elouafi • Felipe Mendes, Director, Finance and Digital Solutions
17:00 – 17:15 15 min	**Wrap-up day 1**		• Renaud Seligmann

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Day 2 – Wednesday 2 December			
09:00 – 09:10 10 min	**Opening Day 2**		• Renaud Seligmann
09:10 – 10:10 60 min	**9. CGIAR's governance bodies** a. Consideration of the Council Working Group's recommendations arising from the assessment process, including proposed governance improvements to strengthen Council effectiveness b. Strategic discussion on the relationship and working modalities between the CGIAR Board and Council – in preparation for joint meeting with the Board on 4 December	CC25-09	• Jonathan Wadsworth, Chair of Council Working Group on Assessment Recommendations and Governance Improvement • Renaud Seligmann • Hailemariam D. Boshe
10:10 – 10:40	***Coffee Break***		
10:40 – 11:30 50 min	**10. Integrated Partnership People and Culture (P&C)** Update on P&C priorities, including workforce engagement and organizational culture initiatives	CC25-10	• Ismahane Elouafi • Rebecca Williams, Director, People and Culture
11:30 – 12:00 30 min	**11. Assurance and oversight – AOC standing update** Council discussion of AOC's pre-read report on its work and priority assurance and oversight matters, including follow-up on internal audit and assurance capacity and resourcing	CC25-11	• Honore Ndoko
12:00 – 12:45 45 min	**12. CGIAR ethics & business conduct** Standing update on strategic ethics and business conduct matters, including Q2 and Q3 reporting and proposed revisions to the Escalation Framework	CC25-12	• Monde Magolo, Integrated Partnership Ethics & Business Conduct Executive
12:45 – 13:45	***Lunch Break***		
13:45 – 15:15 90 min	**13. Strategic discussion on Nutrition, Health & Food Security Impact Area** a. Regional constituency priorities and perspectives, including how CGIAR's governance, research and impact agenda can remain responsive to and inclusive of regional needs b. Perspectives from CGIAR's advisory bodies led by SIMEC, including evaluation, impact assessment and foresight c. Opportunity for discussion on pre-read materials shared by SIMEC, IAES and SPIA	CC25-13	• Timmo Gaasbeek • CGIAR Council members and alternates from the regional constituency seats • Lesley Torrance, ISDC Chair • Travis Lybbert, SPIA Chair • Allison Grove Smith
15:15 – 15:45 30 min	**Spotlight Session – Contouring the Footprint of Regenerative Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa**		• International Development Research Center (IDRC/CRDI)
15:45 – 16:15	***Coffee Break***		

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16:15 – 17:00 45 min	**14. Wrap-up and other business** a. Confirm decisions and actions b. Consent Agenda ◆ i. Appointment of new ISDC members c. Confirm location for CC26 and Impact Area theme d. Other business as needed	CC25-14	• Renaud Seligmann • Sylvia Oyinlola
17:00	**Official close of meeting**		• Renaud Seligmann