



Appointment of a representative of the General Assembly of Centers on the Nominations Committee of the System Council

Purpose

This document sets out details of a proposed appointment to the Nominations Committee of the System Council (NCSC) pursuant to Article 8.3 of the CGIAR System Framework.

Action Requested

The System Council is requested to approve the appointment of Dr. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Vice-Chair, WorldFish Board of Trustees, to serve on the Nominations Committee of the System Council pursuant to Article 8.3 of the CGIAR System Framework and paragraph 2.1.2 of the Terms of Reference of the Nominations Committee of the System Council.

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This item is presented to the System Council according to Article 7.1(a) of the System Council's Rules of Procedure, permitting a 'consent agenda' consisting of items that require formal System Council decision but are submitted as a group for adoption by the System Council without discussion.

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Background

In February 2024, the General Assembly of Centers ('GAC') nominated its three representatives on the NCSC as follows:

- Dr Akiça Bahri
- Prof. Helen Hambly Odame (Co-Chair of the NCSC)
- Dr. Kanayo F. Nwanze

These representatives were formally appointed by the System Council as part of the full Committee membership (set out in the Annex to the document) on 28 March 2024¹.

On 24 October 2024, the NCSC Co-Chairs wrote to the Center Board Chairs to advise that Prof. Hambly is stepping down from her roles on the NCSC, and seeking nominations to fill the vacancy arising, from among the Chairs or members of Center Boards.

Further to a decision of the GAC on proposed candidates, it is proposed that **Dr. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Vice-Chair, WorldFish Board of Trustees**, be appointed as one of the GAC's three representatives on the NCSC. Her bio information can be found at: <https://worldfishcenter.org/person/cristina-rumbaitis-del-rio>

Annex: NCSC Membership

Name	Category	Role
Ruben Echeverria	SC Member	Voting member
Gary Jahn	SC Member	Voting member
Christophe Larose	SC Member	Co-Chair (voting)
Juan Bernardo Orozco Sanchez	Host Country Representative	Voting member
Prof. Dato Dr. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai	Host Country Representative	Voting member
Dr. Fikru Regassa	Host Country Representative	Voting member
Kanayo F. Nwanze	GAC Representative	Voting member
Akica Bahri	GAC Representative	Voting member
Vacancy	GAC Representative	Co-Chair (voting)
Andy Homer	Independent Member	Voting member
Lindiwe Sibanda	IPB Chair	Ex officio non-voting member

¹ Decision Reference SC/M19/EDP7. The Independent member was subsequently appointed by the System Council on 23 April 2024 (Decision Reference SC/M10/EDP9).