

ISDC December 2024 Progress Update

Purpose

This pre-read provides the Independent Science for Development Council's (ISDC's) 2024 progress update.

Action Requested

The System Council is requested to read and reflect on ISDC 2024 workplan update to discuss and ask questions during the ISDC chair intervention at SC21.

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This Progress Update documents key outcomes, outputs, and activities of the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) from June 2024 through December 2024.

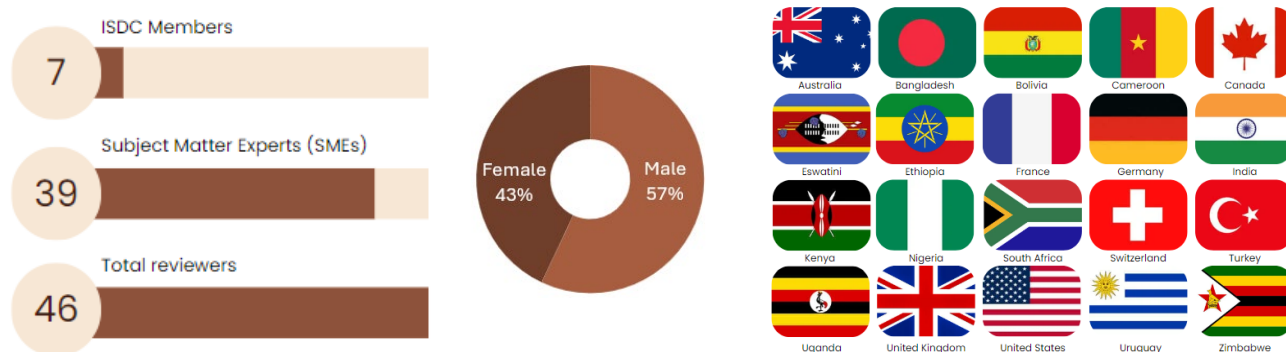
Three Workstreams of ISDC Workplan 2024

ISDC has three workstreams in this year's workplan, consisting of Portfolio evolution and independent proposal review, the *Agricultural Systems* special issue on inclusive innovation, and the Science Forum.

Portfolio Evolution

The priority task in second semester 2024 was the external review of the 2025-30 Portfolio components: 13 proposals and the Portfolio Narrative. The reporting for both the proposals and Narrative are pre-reads for SC21. ISDC engaged 39 external subject matter experts and they are listed on the IAES [website](#). The information below provides analytics on the diversity of the reviewers. Each team had at least one social scientist. Overall, the teams' composition was 43% female and 57% male, located across 20 countries, with 70% having a university affiliation.

Subject Matter Expert Demographics



Agricultural Systems Special Issue

Extending the 2022 workstream on Inclusive Innovation and TropAg symposium on the margins of 17th meeting of System Council (SC17), ISDC supported a special issue on inclusive innovation in *Agricultural Systems* (Impact Factor 6.7). The special issue brought together world class thinking on the topic of inclusive innovation from outside and within CGIAR. The special issue published 17 papers and one editorial, which are all open access and available [online](#). Seventy percent of the papers corresponding authors were CGIAR affiliates and early-career researchers while all authorship was comprised of 40% CGIAR affiliates.

2024 Science Forum

The 2024 Science Forum was rescheduled from Science Week to 4 December as a side event for CGIAR Scaling Week in Nairobi. The event will be [hybrid](#) and will serve as a launch event for the *Agricultural Systems* special issue on inclusive innovation. Four publications will be presented that focus on CGIAR research, with two early-career corresponding and first authors presenting. This event and special issue will conclude ISDC's three-year work on inclusive innovation.

Meetings and Communication

The ISDC Secretariat semiannual meeting occurred in Dubai from 4-6 November. ISDC focused on consensus building for SC21 reporting on the Portfolio proposal review and Narrative. The chair and/or vice chair also attended the following governance meetings: SC20 in Brazil in June and in October the IPB retreat and Strategic Impact Monitoring and Evaluation Committee.