

Optimization of CGIAR Governance Structures

Advisory Note from the Nominations Committee of The System Council.

Purpose

The Nominations Committee of the System Council (NCSC) reviewed recommendations from the General Assembly of Centers (GAC) regarding the evolution of the Integrated Partnership Board (IPB) to enhance CGIAR's governance, considering options for appointing all Center Board Chairs to the IPB or only the GAC Co-Chair, highlighting benefits, risks, and the need for a transition process to ensure inclusiveness, effective decision-making, and alignment with the CGIAR Integrated Partnership's mission.

The recommendations are based on discussions and two meetings of the NCSC on the subject matter, as well as following the NCSC presentation to the System Council during an Ad Hoc Meeting held on 25 November 2025 (SC22E).

Action Requested

System Council members are invited to review the advisory document and provide any guidance and/or decision on the proposed direction for optimizing CGIAR's governance structures.

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