

## Agenda, 23<sup>rd</sup> CGIAR System Council Meeting

10-11 December 2025, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

### *“Empowering Agricultural Research through Innovative Finance”*

#### Day 1, Wednesday 10 December

TIMING	NO	SESSION	RESOURCES	PURPOSE
<b>09:00 – 09 :10</b> <i>10 mins</i>	<b>1</b>	<b><u>Meeting opening</u></b> a. Chair’s welcome and setting the scene b. Appointment of Co-Chair c. Provisional Agenda and confirmation of quorum d. Declarations of interest(s) on the Agenda	SC23-01i, this document SC23-01ii, decisions since SC22 SC23-01iii, update on actions	a. For information b. For decision c. For information d. For information
<b>09:10 – 09:35</b> <i>25 mins</i>	<b>2</b>	<b><u>Update from the Integrated Partnership Board Chair</u></b>	SC23-02i, IPB Chair update SC23-02ii, ROP status report	For information
<b>09:35 – 10:00</b> <i>25 mins</i>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>Update from the Executive Managing Director</u></b>	SC23-03, ICI process update	For information
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b> <i>60 mins</i>	<b>4</b>	<b><u>Update on the 2025—30 Science &amp; Innovation Portfolio</u></b>	SC23-04, update on portfolio	For discussion
<b>11:00-11:30</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b>Break</b>			

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<b>11:30-12:30</b> <i>60 mins</i>	<b>5</b>	<b><u>Optimization of CGIAR Governance Structures</u></b>	SC23-05, optimization of governance structures	For decision
<b>12:30 – 12:55</b> <i>25 mins</i>	<b>6</b>	<b><u>Report from the Nominations Committee of the System Council</u></b>	SC23-06, NCSC report	For decision
<b>12:55 - 13:55</b> <i>60 mins</i>	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>			
<b>13:55 - 14:35</b> <i>40 mins</i>	<b>7</b>	<b><u>Report from the Assurance Oversight Committee</u></b>	SC23-07, AOC report	For discussion
<b>14:35 – 15:35</b> <i>60 mins</i>	<b>8</b>	<b><u>Governance and Policy Matters</u></b> a. Internal Rules Framework b. Amendments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter of the System Organization</li> <li>• CGIAR System Framework</li> <li>• Standard Provisions Annex to the CGIAR Trust Fund Agreements</li> </ul> c. Escalation Framework	SC23-08a, relating to the Internal Rules Framework SC23-08b, relating to the Charter and Framework SC23-08c, relating to the Escalation Framework	For decision
<b>15:35-16:05</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b><u>Break</u></b>			
<b>16:05 – 17:20</b> <i>75 mins</i>	<b>9</b>	<b><u>Report from the Strategic Impact, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (SIMEC)</u></b>	SC23-09, Advisory Bodies review report	For decision
<b>17:20 - 17:30</b>	<b><u>Day One Wrap-Up</u></b>			
<b>17:30</b>	<b><u>End of Day</u></b>			

Day 2, Thursday 11 December

TIMING	NO	SESSION	RESOURCES	PURPOSE
<b>09:00 – 09:10</b> <i>10 mins</i>		<b><u>Day Two Opening</u></b>		
<b>09:10 – 09:30</b> <i>20 mins</i>	<b>10</b>	<b><u>Report from the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA)</u></b>	SC23-10, SPIA report	For discussion
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b> <i>30 mins</i>	<b>11</b>	<b><u>Report from the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC)</u></b>	SC23-11i, ISDC update SC23-11ii, ISDC portfolio priorization primer	For discussion
<b>10:00 – 10:40</b> <i>40 mins</i>	<b>12</b>	<b><u>Report from the Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service (IAES)</u></b>	SC23-12i, workplan and budget SC23-12ii, IAES evaluation and WOWs SC23-12iii, Center review scoping SC23-12iv, MER evaluation guidelines SC23-12v, GESY evaluation guidelines	For decision
<b>10:40 – 11:10</b> <i>30 mins</i>		<b><u>Break</u></b>		

TIMING	NO	SESSION	RESOURCES	PURPOSE
11:10 – 12:40 90 mins	13	<u>CGIAR Windows 1 and 2 Budget for 2026—2027</u>	SC23-13, financial plan and budget	For decision
12:40 – 13:40 60 mins	<u>Lunch</u>			
13:40 – 14:20 40 mins	14	<u>Report from the Finance Working Groups</u> a. Incentives for Portfolio Funding b. Innovative Finance	SC23-14, final report from WG on incentives for portfolio funding	For discussion
14:20 – 15:00 40 mins	15	<u>Global Asset Review Report</u>	SC23-15, global asset review	For discussion
15:00 – 15:30 30 mins	<u>Break</u>			
15:30 – 16:00 30 mins	16	<u>Gender in Science</u>	SC23-16, gender in science	For discussion
16:00 – 16:30 30 mins	17	<u>Culture and Engagement (GDI)</u>	SC23-17, culture and engagement	For discussion
16:30 - 16:50 20 mins	18	<u>Any Other Business</u> a. Consent agenda decisions	SC23-18i, ISDC membership renewal SC23-18ii, ISDC member appointment	For Information
16:50 - 17:00 10 mins	<u>Day Two Wrap-Up</u>			
17:00	<u>Meeting Close</u>			