



Evaluation of CGIAR's Science Groups: Synthesis, Evaluation Reports and Management Response

Purpose

This document conveys a link to the **Synthesis of the 2024 Science Group Evaluations** [[link](#)]. The synthesis objective is to provide evaluative evidence from the three Science Group evaluations by highlighting key findings, learnings, and validated recommendations (see [Science Group Evaluations Portal](#)).

The Synthesis culminates the core 2024 activity of the Evaluation Function of the Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service (IAES). Three independent evaluations were conducted (one per Science Group: Systems Transformation (ST), Resilient Agrifood Systems (RAFS), and Genetic Innovation (GI) per the [2022–24 Multi-Year Evaluation Workplan](#) (2021; [re-confirmed 2024](#)), and in accordance with the independent [Science Group Evaluation Terms of Reference \(ToRs\)](#).

The independent evaluations of the three CGIAR Science Groups and the management responses (MRs) to their recommendations were presented to System Council during a drop-in call on 07/11/2024, following distribution of the evaluation reports and associated annexes on 04/11/2024. Through a no-objection voting procedure, on 18/11/2024, the System Council endorsed the three Science Group evaluation reports, as presented (Reports and Management Response appear on evaluation pages for [GI](#), [ST](#) and [RAFS](#) SGs).

Action Requested

The System Council (SC) is requested to read and reflect on the evaluative Synthesis of the 3 science groups as they proceed in their consideration of the 2025-2030 portfolio. IAES invites System Council members to send inquiries and feedback via email to IAES-Evaluation@cgiar.org.

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