Public Meeting Summary[1]

CGIAR Board Meeting (CB01) – Voting Members Only

30 July 2026 | 14:00 – 15:30 CEST | Virtual

Agenda Item 1: Opening and agenda

1. The interim CGIAR Board Chair, Roel Merckx, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. A quorum was confirmed. He highlighted that this is the first meeting of the CGIAR Board, and his last meeting as Chair.

2. **CB/M01/DP1:** Pursuant to Article 8.3 of its Rules of Procedure, the CGIAR Board adopted the agenda for its first meeting, held on 30 July 2026.

3. The consent agenda was tabled, which includes approval of the CGIAR Board Chair Terms of Reference.

4. **CB/M01/DP2:** The CGIAR Board approved the Terms of Reference of the CGIAR Board Chair as issued on 23 July 2026. *The decision was made using a consent agenda, in accordance with article 8.2d of the Rules of Procedure.*

Agenda Item 2: Report from the Nominations Committee and Agenda Item 3: Wrap-up and any other business

5. Agenda items 2 & 3 were held in **Closed Session.** Key reflections and discussions are therefore not captured in this public meeting summary. Decisions made in the closed sessions are captured below.

6. **CB/M01/DP3:** Pursuant to Article 7.2b of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the CGIAR Board appointed Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe to the CGIAR Board with effect from 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029.

7. **CB/M01/DP4:** Pursuant to Article 7.3 of the Charter of the CGIAR System Organization, the CGIAR Board elected Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe as Chair of the CGIAR Board with effect from 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029.

[1] Prepared from Restricted CB01 Meeting Summary – **Approved:** 25 August 2026**, Decision reference:** CB/M01/DP5

Annex 1 – Participants

CGIAR Board Voting Members

Name	Role / designation	Attendance
Roel Merckx	Interim Board Chair and Nominations Committee member	Present
Alyssa Jade McDonald Baertl	Ex officio member	Present
Andrew Peters	Ex officio member	Present
Cathy Reade	Ex officio member and Nominations Committee member	Present
Dhesigen Naidoo	Independent member and Nominations Committee member	Present
Emmanuel Sackey	Ex officio member	Present
Fayezul Choudhury	Ex officio member	Present
Helen Hambly	Ex officio member	Present
Henk Ovink	Ex officio member	Present
Julia Marton-Lefevre	Ex officio member	Present
Matthew Morell	Ex officio member and Nominations Committee member	Present
Mauricio Lopes	Independent member and Nominations Committee member	Present
Pascal Lamy	Ex officio member	Present
Rachel Chikwamba	Independent member	Present
Ramesh Chand	Independent member	Present
Tareq Al Zabet	Ex officio member and Nominations Committee Chair	Present

Invited Guests for Agenda Item 2

Name	Role / designation	Attendance
Andy Homer	Nominations Committee member	Present
Carolyne Minayo	Nominations Committee member	Present
Rebecca Williams	Director, People & Culture	Present

Secretariat Team

Name	Role / designation	Attendance
Christine Larson-Luhila	CGIAR Board Secretary	Present
Victoria Pezzi	Meetings and Events Officer	Present
Vashna Singh	Meetings and Events Support	Present