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Join CGIAR's Independent Science for Development Council

Introduction

The [Independent Science for Development Council \(ISDC\)](#) is a standing panel of impartial, world-class scientific and innovation experts providing rigorous, independent strategic advice to the [CGIAR System Council](#) and other stakeholders. ISDC contributes to the strategic and portfolio planning and positioning of CGIAR. ISDC provides an important advisory function that is integral to the governance of [One CGIAR](#). It is vital therefore that ISDC includes skills, disciplines and backgrounds relevant to the One CGIAR agenda.

Application and nomination details

How: Suitable candidates may **apply or be nominated** for the **one vacancy** listed. Applications/nominations must provide the **4 required documents** set out in this guidance document via **email to ISDCappointments@cgiar.org**

When: Applications and nominations must be submitted by not later than 18:00, local Montpellier, France time on **Thursday 30 June 2022**.

Note: Applications/nominations submitted beyond the initial deadline and any extension that may be announced at <https://www.cgiar.org/how-we-work/accountability/advisory-services/> will not be considered

What we are seeking

CGIAR is seeking to fill one ISDC member vacancy to join 7 other current serving members who represent a diverse group of recognized experts in their respective fields, one of which persons serves as ISDC Chair. The preferred commencement date for the selected appointee is 1 October 2022.

To assist CGIAR to maintain an overall ISDC member composition that well positions ISDC to deliver on its mandate in the context of CGIAR's 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy, CGIAR is **seeking strong potential appointees, whose origin, experiences, and normal work environments are from the regions where CGIAR's work is focused** (see detailed criteria on following pages), in one of the following areas of expertise:



Agricultural economics



Social sciences, including but not limited to rural sociology, gender, extension, and the science-policy interface

Details on the role

Membership: ISDC consists of **8 standing members** with one of those appointed as Chair. ISDC is guided by [Terms of Reference](#) and supported by the [CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat](#).

Appointment: Members of ISDC are **appointed by the CGIAR System Council** and accountable to it, with recommended candidates put forward by a nominations panel.

Representation: Members of ISDC **serve in their personal capacity**, but must be in compliance with CGIAR's prevailing [conflict of interest policy for ISDC members](#).

Term: ISDC members are appointed for a **three-year period**, with a one-year assessment period to confirm continuation of the term, and a possibility of one additional term. The desirable commencement date is 1 October 2022.

Time commitment: Up to 25 days per calendar year, as determined by the ISDC Chair, supported by an honorarium, as outlined in the [ISDC Member Competencies, time commitment and honorarium arrangements](#).

Activities: An approved workplan outlines the main activities. Members are expected to conduct limited international travel (when feasible).

Criteria

CGIAR's commitment to all forms of diversity:

CGIAR believes that diversity powers its innovation, contributes to excellence in its work and partnerships, and is critical for realizing its mission to deliver science and innovation that advance the transformation of food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis. Appointing persons to roles across CGIAR that reflect our global character is a priority. CGIAR encourages applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability statuses, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

Applications and nominations from the following will be particularly considered:

■ Candidates whose **origin, experiences and normal work environments are from the following regions where CGIAR's work is focused:**

- East & Southern Africa
- West & Central Africa
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia & the Pacific
- Central & West Asia & North Africa
- Latin America & the Caribbean

■ **Early to mid-career researchers and science for development experts.**

Competencies: ISDC members are expected to demonstrate experience and/or expertise in several domains outlined in the member competencies framework.

To identify a suitable candidate to join CGIAR's ISDC, consideration will be given to individuals who:

- Contribute to ensuring that when taken as a collective whole, the ISDC membership continues to bring a balance of scientific, programmatic, innovation, and development expertise relevant to food, land and water systems.
- Reflect eminence in their fields with internationally-recognized achievements, not limited to scientific innovations and publications, in accordance with their current career progression, and capacities to develop a systemic vision.
- Have an ability to recognize the mechanisms by which science and research deliver development and innovation outcomes in line with One CGIAR's new mandate.
- Have the capacity to deliver strategic advice that benefits from members with diverse cultural, organizational, educational, training, and geographic backgrounds.

Eligibility: Based on the conflict-of-interest policy of the CGIAR advisory services persons will not be eligible to be appointed to ISDC, thus should not apply, if:

- A current employee or executing a material consultancy with CGIAR, or have been employed by or served as a material consultant to CGIAR at any time during the two years prior to the date of application;
- Actively serving on a CGIAR Board or any of its committees; or

- Working directly in a Funder agency represented on the System Council.
- Other eligibility may be considered during the process based on any potential perceived or real conflicts based on candidate's past and current personal and professional affiliations, in accordance with the [conflict of interest policy](#).



Requirements for applications and nominations

Either individual **applications or nominations*** of potentially qualified people are welcomed by **30 June 2022** and should be submitted by email to ISDCappointments@cgiar.org with the 4 following required documents:

- 1 page covering letter** — stating the applicant/nominated person's name, contact details, and briefly summarizing main areas of expertise and experience, and suitability for an ISDC member role based on the competencies listed;
- Full curriculum vitae;**
- The names and current contacts of three referees who provide a diverse group of persons to contact;** and
- Declaration of past and/or current involvement with CGIAR,** and any potential perceived or real conflicts based on your past and current personal and professional affiliations, in accordance with the [conflict of interest policy](#).

*** Note in the case of nominations, confirmation from the nominated person of their interest and availability needs to also be provided.**