



17th Meeting of the Independent Science & Partnership Council

19-20 April 2018 – Rome, Italy

*Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
Meeting room: D-263, King Faisal Room*

Agenda

Thursday 19th April

- 14:00 - 14:30** **Item 1. Opening of the ISPC Meeting**
- Welcome and opening by ISPC Chair Maggie Gill
 - Welcome by Mr René Castro, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department Assistant-Director General, FAO

- 14:30 - 16:00** **Item 2. Climate change and agriculture: what do recent policy developments mean for the CGIAR research agenda?**
- Presentation: Koronivia work program elements and Agriculture in NDCs (*Martial Bernoux, FAO*)
 - Presentation: CCAFS – overview of work program in relation to Koronivia/NDCs demand (*Bruce Campbell, CCAFS*)
 - Panel: Where are key opportunities for CGIAR? (*Vincent Gitz FTA; Graham Thiele RTB*)
 - Discussant: (*Bernard Rey, EC*)
 - Open discussion

Objective: To identify the implications of recent changes in climate change policies related to agriculture for the global agricultural research agenda and the CGIAR.

Background: Recent developments in the UNFCCC policy process include the establishment of the Koronivia work program on agriculture and the strong presence of the agricultural sector in countries' Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) outlining planning adaptation and mitigation actions. Is the CGIAR positioned to respond to these changes and what are the challenges and opportunities?

16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee break*

- 16:30 - 18:00** **Item 3. Future opportunities for the CGIAR**
- Presentation: (*Marco Ferroni, Chair CGIAR System Management Board*)
 - Panel: How the world in which the CGIAR operates is changing – Insights from ISPC Council members:
 - Pathways from ag research to poverty reduction (*Tom Tomich*)
 - Growing global recognition of importance of considering nutrition security (*Patrick Webb*)
 - Speeding up crop breeding (*Rodomiro Ortiz*)
 - Changing national priorities (*Prabhu Pingali*)

Objective: To understand the vision of the new System Management Board Chairman for the CGIAR as a System and building on the outcomes of discussions on it at the 2nd General Assembly of CGIAR's Centers in the rapidly changing context CGIAR operates in.

Background: With effect from 1 September 2017, Dr. Marco Ferroni was elected as Chair of the CGIAR System Management Board (SMB), succeeding Dr. Martin Kropff (CIMMYT DG) who had served as Interim SMB Chair from 1 July 2016. As a self-governing board of the CGIAR System Organization, the CGIAR SMB is responsible for providing strategic direction, effective governance and leadership. The SMB chair participated in the 2nd General Assembly of the CGIAR Centers held in January 2018 and engaged with the participants in reflecting on challenges, achievements and opportunities for the CGIAR. The first part of this session will focus on the vision of the new CGIAR SMB Chair in light of the General Assembly discussions and the changing context the CGIAR operates in. The second part of the session, will focus on how changing context affects the challenges and opportunities for CGIAR, summarizing ISPC views as well as those of others within and external to the CGIAR System.

18:30 *Cocktail reception at FAO (Indonesia room, 8th floor)*

Friday 20th April

08:30 – 10:00 Item 3 continued. Future opportunities for the CGIAR

- Presentation: How does the changing context CGIAR operates in affect future opportunities: views of ISPC (*Leslie Lipper, ISPC Secretariat*)
- Panel: Where are opportunities for CGIAR in a changing world? (*Vern Long, USAID; Roberto Ridolfi, FAO; Karen Brooks PIM; Jonathan Wadsworth, World Bank; Yemi Akinbamijo FARA [via Skype]*)

10:00 - 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 - 11:45 Item 4. Implications of SPIA evidence for CGIAR future research agenda on natural resource management and sustainable production systems

- Presentation: Outcomes from a workshop to reflect on findings and ways forward (*Karen Macours, SPIA Chair*)
- Presentation: Emerging results from FAO Agro-ecology Symposium and implications for research (*Rodney Cooke, CIP*)

Objective: To share results of a workshop and discuss implications for CGIAR research agenda and for ISPC's work program.

Background: In response to the results of a set of SPIA-supported studies that found lower-than-expected adoption rates for a series of on-farm NRM practices, [a workshop was organized](#) with economists and biophysical researchers from inside and outside the CGIAR to reflect on the lessons and identify implications for the research and the impact assessment agendas in this area.

11:45 - 12:15 Item 5. Planning for the 2018 ISPC Science Forum

- Presentation: Win more, lose less: Capturing synergies between SDGs through agricultural research (*Preet Lidder, ISPC Secretariat*)
- Panel (*Jennifer Thomson and Holger Meinke, ISPC Council members; Leslie Lipper, ISPC Secretariat*)

Objective: To present the rationale and scope for the upcoming Science Forum 2018 (SF18), including an update on the preparations.

Background: One of the main functions of the ISPC is to provide a credible challenge function to both the funders and the implementers of CGIAR research on the overall direction and composition of research. A mechanism that the ISPC utilizes to realize this challenge function is the organization of a biennial Science Forum to catalyze discussion on emerging science issues of strategic importance to the CGIAR. SF18 on "*Win more, lose less: Capturing synergies between SDGs through agricultural research*" will be held from 10-12 October 2018 in Stellenbosch, South Africa and will be co-hosted by the Agricultural Research Council, South Africa. The objective of SF18 is to identify substantial interactions between the SDGs (both positive and negative), the role of agricultural research in augmenting synergies and managing trade-offs, and the implications for the science-policy interface. The SF results will contribute to the discussion of developing research themes and frameworks in the CGIAR.

12.15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 16:00 **Item 6. Taking a close look at livestock in the CGIAR research agenda** (Chair: Nighisty Ghezae, ISPC)

- Opening remarks (Maggie Gill, ISPC)
- Presentation: Shaping the future of livestock: Issues around sustainability ? (Tim Robinson, FAO)
- Livestock research within the CGIAR –what is being done and what is left to others and how do livestock impact pathways differ? (Jimmy Smith, ILRI)
- Interventions from other CGIAR Centers/CRPs (Karen Macours SPIA chair; Barbara Rischkowsky, ICARDA)
- Changing global livestock research agendas (Maggie Gill, ISPC)
- Open discussion: Challenging the panel

Objective: To explore the relevance of livestock across the CGIAR portfolio: taking stock of impact pathways and considering if there are missed opportunities for public sector funded agricultural research.

Background: Many smallholder farmers have mixed crop/livestock enterprises yet superficially the CGIAR separates its livestock research from its research on crops. In many CGIAR discussions, the focus is on crop breeding as the key way of contributing to the SLOs through research, yet globally, livestock contribute 40% of agricultural GDP. Demand for animal products is also increasing rapidly at a global level. Talks in this session will inform us on the geographic/demographic specifics of where livestock are, what ILRI focuses on and why, and snapshots of livestock-related research in other CRPs. The panel will discuss how uptake pathways for livestock research may be significantly different from those for uptake of other agricultural technologies.

15.45 - 16:00 **Item 7. AoB and Closing by ISPC Chair Maggie Gill**

16:00 *End of Meeting*