

Update on long term, large scale calls

- *While the call is open to innovations resulting from any type of CGIAR research investment, studies focusing on under-evaluated research areas, for example natural resource management, policies and institutions, farming systems involving livestock, fish or non-cereal crops, are especially encouraged*
- First call issued January 2019, closed March 2019
- 36 Eols received
- 4 full proposals invited, 3 received and reviewed
 - 2-3 external reviewers per proposal
- 1 funded, 2 in R&R

Analysis of Eols (Added after session)

- Of the 36, 75% (27) were led by a CGIAR center
- 14 centers submitted at least 1 Eol
 - 2 centers submitted 4 Eols each, 3 submitted 3 Eols each, and 1 submitted 2 Eols
- Innovations to be assessed were from the following research areas:
 - Production systems (14 Eols)
 - Varieties, NRM (6 Eols each)
 - Livestock (5)
 - Policy/institutions (4)

- Common shortcomings of Eols:
 - *Few Eols were able to make a **strong case for widespread adoption/uptake** of the innovation(s) under study.*
 - *Most studies proposed quasi-experimental approaches however their **proposed identification strategies were not sufficiently well described** for their feasibility to be assessed.*
 - *Some Eols referred to the availability of **baseline survey data or diffusion data (e.g., from monitoring and evaluation systems)** however these data were rarely **fully described** nor had preliminary analysis been conducted to confirm their utility in the proposed studies.*

- Second round call issued in August, closes October 14
- Changes from first round:
 - Two tracks
 - Track 1 –considered for full proposals
 - Track 2 –considered for short -term support to put together an EoI
 - There is no budget ceiling for individual studies, and we expect to award about US\$1.6 million in grants