

# Inviting Expressions of Interest: CGIAR's Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service Consultant Roster – Subject Matter Experts

## What we are seeking:

The CGIAR's Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service (IAES) maintains a pre-approved roster of subject matter and evaluation experts (SMEs). IAES is looking for highly skilled and experienced SMEs to work with IAES to deliver reviews, assessments, independent process and performance evaluations, and commissioned projects related to the CGIAR portfolio that encompasses the three action areas of systems transformation, resilient agrifood systems and genetic innovation.

The SME assignments will align with the CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy in particular impact areas, and ways of working:

- Five impact areas: (1) Nutrition, health, and food security; (2) Poverty reduction, livelihoods, and jobs; (3) Gender equality, youth, and social inclusion; (4) Climate adaptation and mitigation; and (5) Environmental health and biodiversity
- Seven ways of working: (1) Embracing a systems transformation approach, seeking multiple benefits across Impact Areas; (2) Leveraging ambitious partnerships for change; (3) Positioning regions, countries, and landscapes as central dimensions; (4) Generating scientific evidence on multiple transformation pathways; (5) Targeting risk-management and resilience as critical qualities; (6) Harnessing innovative finance; and, (7) Making the digital revolution central to our way of working.

The 2023 call for experts for the IAES roster specifically seeks to expand the number of experts (including emerging professionals) for, inter alia, the following expertise.

- Ex situ genetic resource conservation, namely, strategic, policy and operational elements of genebanks, for food and agriculture
- In situ / on farm genetic resource conservation of materials used for food, fodder, forages, and agroforestry
- Agrifood system innovation and scaling
- Nutrition and health

- Gender, diversity, and inclusion and gender-transformative agricultural research for development
- Agrifood systems policy, particularly in LIMCs
- Human migration and conflict transformation, as they relate to food land and water systems in a climate crisis
- Foresight and megatrends in agrifood systems
- One Health / anti-microbial resistance
- Transdisciplinary studies related to CGIAR portfolio
- Digital transformation and big data in agriculture and climate change, geospatial data
- Evaluation professionals, with expertise in evaluability assessments, evaluation of science and research, cost benefit analysis, and with techniques relevant to system transformation efforts

## Deliverables and timeline:

Qualified consultants will be placed on the roster for three years with a potential for renewal. The level of effort assigned to SMEs may range by the assignment, from short to longer engagements up to approximately 70 days a year. Work will be contracted through the CGIAR System Organization based in Montpellier, France on behalf of IAES. There is no guarantee of work for consultants placed on the roster.

## Role description

Subject Matter Expert	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and assess ongoing and completed Initiatives, programs, and projects</li> <li>• Assess proposed Initiatives, programs, and projects</li> <li>• Contribute expertise to syntheses and meta-reviews</li> <li>• Limited travel to countries where CGIAR works may be required</li> <li>• Desk assignments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong academic background and experience in domains relevant to CGIAR Research and Innovation Strategy</li> <li>• Detailed knowledge of the issues relating to agricultural research for development, agrifood systems and CGIAR</li> <li>• Good knowledge of the main international institutions and mechanisms involved in the areas of agriculture research for development</li> <li>• PhD preferred or accredited advanced degree required in relevant disciplines; 10+ years of experience</li> <li>• Excellent writing skills in English and good verbal communication skills</li> <li>• Must be able to work in Microsoft Office and use SharePoint and Teams</li> </ul>

## Evaluation Criteria:

Roster applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevant experience
- Quality of work samples
- Satisfactory references

## Who we are:

CGIAR's Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service (IAES) provides operational support as the secretariat for the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) and the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA), and implements CGIAR's multi-year, independent evaluation plan as approved by the CGIAR System Council. From time to time, the IAES engages external subject matter experts to support specific tasks of the three functions. This roster is only used for ISDC and independent evaluation function.

CGIAR is a global research partnership for a food-secure future dedicated to transforming food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis. Its research is carried out by CGIAR Centers and Alliances in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations, and the private sector. Please find more information about CGIAR at [www.cgiar.org](http://www.cgiar.org).

## How to submit an expression of interest:

Please submit the following as separate documents:

- 1) A brief statement of no more than two (2) pages of text identifying the type of expertise proposed and highlighting three (3) examples of work aligned to the service offered (please provide links when possible)
  - a. **This statement must include a daily rate in USD.** These rates will be applied for the full 36 months that the consultant is on the roster (rates can be renegotiated if the roster membership is extended). While the roster will establish the rate on file, applications are asked to carefully note that certain opportunities to work with IAES are remunerated on the basis of standard honoraria.
- 2) A CV including two (2) references

Please submit documents to [iaes@cgiar.org](mailto:iaes@cgiar.org).

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will be accepted on a rolling basis until the submission deadline. Only electronically submitted proposals will be considered. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview. Please note: upon approval, roster membership is not designed for work of a continuing nature, or to lead to a staff position and as such, there should be no expectation of continued employment at the end of the assignment.

EOIs will be accepted and are encouraged on a rolling basis. All EOIs must be received no later than March 30, 2023. Late proposals will not be considered.