

The CAS Secretariat has made the following modifications to the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Call for Expressions of Interest, for the CRP 2020 Reviews of Quality of Science (QoS) and Effectiveness.

Please note: (i) the independent reviewers for CRP reviews that will begin in August (see Annex I for the working schedule) will be selected **by the first week of July**, and (ii) the overall deadline is **15 July 2020** for submission of expressions of interest for the CRP 2020 Review.

1. **Methods.** The proposed surveys of CRP researchers, partners and donors have been removed from the CRP 2020 Reviews. The sample frame of respondents for these surveys was considered to be smaller than anticipated, thereby limiting the value of quantitative data collected from the surveys. Given the extensive qualitative methods (primarily key informant interviews) already applied to the same pool of respondents, the value of the surveys was determined to be questionable. Further, the burden on respondents was considered excessive, and a higher value is placed on the in-depth qualitative interviews. Considering the limited value addition of the proposed surveys and the burden on respondents, CAS has removed the surveys as a method for the reviews.

2. **Establishing contributions to Intermediate Development Outcomes (IDOs).** Links between the outcomes (documented as milestones) from the CRPs and the CGIAR Strategic Results Framework will be examined at the sub-IDO level, not the IDOs themselves.

3. **Data sources.** CRP performance data will be drawn from the Plans of Work and Budget (POWBs) and Annual Reports for the period under review, with supplementary information from the CGIAR result dashboard. The CAS Secretariat supports the reviews by integrating data from the dashboard, the CRP internal monitoring, and the POWB and annual reports, to allow the review team to make quantitative assessments of performance. The dashboard data will also be used in conducting a ‘deep dive’ of selected CRP outcomes (OICRs).

4. **Knowledge management.** The review team will be responsible for uploading and storing its original data, analysis and drafts on the secure online content site (SharePoint) provided by the CAS Secretariat, as a basic step in knowledge management for the review.

5. **Analytics support.** The team will also need to adhere to timelines for accessing technical consultants made available by the CAS Secretariat, e.g., for quantitative analysis of performance data.

6. **Distribution of effort within team.** The two members of each review team (subject matter expert and senior evaluator) are each allocated 39 days for execution of the work, over the 11-week period. An additional two days are allocated to the team member who takes on the team leadership role. The team leader will also commit to responding to any questions or need for clarifications that arise from copy editing of the final report.

Further notes to interested consultants:

- Consultants who have already submitted their expressions of interest have been logged in the CAS consultant database and do not need to re-submit their documents. Short-listed candidates will be contacted as preparations for the CRP reviews are made.
- Consultants who wish to apply should indicate their expertise and availability in relation to the nine CRPs that are scheduled to be reviewed between August and December 2020. The reviews of three CRPs (A4NH, GLDC and Wheat) have already started.

Annex I: Working schedule of CRP 2020 reviews

CGIAR Research Program (CRP)	Type	Review period
Grain, Legumes and Dryland Cereals (GLDC)	Agri-Food System	Apr-Jun
Wheat	Agri-Food System	Apr-Jun
Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH)	Global Integrated Program	Apr-Jun
Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (FTA)	Agri-Food System	Aug-Oct
Livestock	Agri-Food System	Aug-Oct
Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security	Global Integrated Program	Aug-Oct
Fish	Agri-Food System	Sep-Nov
Maize	Agri-Food System	Sep-Nov
Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE)	Global Integrated Program	Sep-Nov
Rice	Agri-Food System	Sep-Dec
Roots, Tubers and Bananas (RTB)	Agri-Food System	Sep-Dec
Policies, Institutions and Markets (PIM)	Global Integrated Program	Sep-Dec

Note: this working schedule may be modified. When submitting an Expression of Interest, consultants are advised to indicate a range of dates for which they are available for conducting the reviews. The schedule for all 12 reviews spans April to December 2020, with an anticipated duration of 11 weeks for each review. The final three reviews will begin in late September, to conclude by mid-December.