

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Food and Agriculture Systems Trade-off Report for One CGIAR

(Level of Effort: Not to exceed 25 days)

Timeline: 15 April to 29 May 2020

Background and Context

CGIAR is a global scientific research-for-development partnership consisting of the System Organization, Centers, CGIAR Funders, and Partners to implement its Strategy and Results Framework (SRF). CGIAR is undergoing a reform towards [One CGIAR](#). Under this reform, CGIAR will develop a 2030 Research Strategy anchored in a unifying mission of “ending hunger by 2030—through science to transform food, land and water systems in a climate crisis,” focused on five impact areas of nutrition, poverty, gender, climate, and environment.

As a prelude to the current reform of the CGIAR, the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) was created, being a reformulation of the mandate of the past Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC). The ISDC delivers according to a CGIAR System Council-defined [Terms of Reference](#). Its [membership](#) has been defined as of October 2019. In order to operate, the ISDC receives the operational support of CGIAR Advisory Services Shared Secretariat (CAS Secretariat), hosted at the Rome, Italy, office of the Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Tropical Agricultural Research Center (CIAT).

Assignment Details

The ISDC is seeking an expert consultant(s) with deep trade-off analysis experience relevant for the CGIAR impact areas of nutrition, poverty, gender, climate, and environment. The consultant(s) will work under the overall thought leadership and guidance of ISDC Member Professor Chris Barrett and under the operational supervision of ISDC Senior Manager Dr. Amy Beaudreault.

The trade-off report will be a follow-on project that uses two desk reviews, currently in process, synthesizing and translating existing foresight studies to inform the CGIAR 2030 Research Strategy. One review focuses on nutrition, poverty, and gender and the other on climate and the environment. These reviews will be presented at the first ISDC meeting scheduled for 21-22 April 2020 in Addis Ababa with the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research. An expectation is that the consultant will attend this meeting (preferably in person) and actively participate with a neutral and unbiased perspective to this trade-off analysis’ deliverables.

Deliverables

Please refer to timeline on pages 2 and 3 for detailed schedule. All deliverables should be single-spaced. The following deliverables are required for this consultancy.

1. Attendance at ISDC Addis meeting (preferably in person)
2. A detailed 3- to 5-page outline

3. 1st draft report for the purpose of being distributed internally among a subset of ISDC members for review; feedback provided will be consolidated
4. 2nd draft report that incorporated feedback from 1st draft, including a 2-page executive summary and full citations. This draft will be distributed to all ISDC members
5. An approximately 20-minute presentation and follow-up discussion led by consultant(s) of the findings at a virtual ISDC meeting (date: approximately 27 May)
6. A final 15- to 25-page final report
7. Participation in conference calls when necessary

Scope of Work

Building on the two foresight reviews and Addis presentations and discussions, the consultant(s) will include the following key aspects in the trade-off analysis (please note that the consultant(s) *is not* expected to develop a new model; the consultant(s) should use an unbiased lens when conducting this research):

- Advance knowledge on how trade-off analyses may provide diverse pathways in obtaining the One CGIAR research-for-development goals in the five impact areas of nutrition, poverty, gender, climate, and environment
- Include a review and analysis of several (minimum of 3 but open for discussion during outline phase) with each model presented with an accompanying case study (i.e., scenario) that summarizes where CGIAR is well-positioned to influence within and across its impact areas
 - Models and accompanying case studies should showcase a variety that focus on internal (within impact areas) and external (across impact areas)
 - Models should range in timescales and techniques
 - While quantitative models are preferred, some CGIAR impact areas may not have the evidence and qualitative (preferably ordinal) models will be acceptable
 - Case studies should contain different trajectories for complementary private and public investments to spark explicit consideration and discussion of where CGIAR research for development fits across its research portfolio. The trajectory data sources should be included in the outline
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of each model and case study from the perspective of CGIAR stakeholders
 - Define what models are used most and why, and their relevance for CGIAR priority setting
- Translate complex trade-off examples into understandable implications for all CGIAR stakeholders (including but not limited to donors, policymakers, implementors, and evaluators)
- Report should be framed to provide strategic planning implications for practical decision-making for One CGIAR. This element should be incorporated in the executive summary.

Timeline

Start Date: 15 April

The consultancy is expected to commence on April 15 when drafts of the two foresight studies will be internally disseminated.

Deliverable 1: Attendance at Addis Meeting 21-22 April

An expectation is the consultant(s) should not do heavy work prior to the Addis ISDC meeting, except reading of

foresight drafts and commencing conceptualization of analysis. Ideally, the consultant should attend the meeting in person.

Deliverable 2: Detailed Outline, April 28 (3:00 p.m. CET)

Draft a 3- to 5-page detailed outline for ISDC feedback that provides what models, case studies, and trajectory data sources will be included. ISDC will give feedback on outline no later than 1 May. If required, a conference call will be scheduled.

Deliverable 3: 1st Draft, 8 May (3:00 p.m. CET)

A full draft of the report is due. Placeholders for citations are acceptable. ISDC will respond with all feedback on 18 May.

Deliverable 4: 2nd Draft: 22 May (3:00 p.m. CET)

A near final draft (including 2-page executive summary and full citations) is due. This will be shared with full the full ISDC as a pre-read for the presentation and discussion.

Deliverable 5: ISDC Presentation, 27 May

Consultant will present and lead discussion during virtual ISDC meeting (time TBD).

Deliverable 6: Final Report, May 29 (3:00 p.m. CET)

Final report that is fully proofed, formatted, and incorporates any remaining items conversed during presentation and discussion.

Conference calls will be scheduled when necessary.

Expressions of Interest and Other Requirements

- Deadline: 6 March 2020, 3 p.m. CET via email to isdc@cgiar.org
- Proposal packages must contain a maximum 2-page approach to analysis, including applicant(s) expertise in trade-off analysis. In addition, please submit two relevant writing samples and CV(s).
- This consultancy is not to exceed 25 days. The contract can be designed as a daily rate or lump sum.
- With proposal, please provide daily rate and estimated days or preference for lump sum. If team applies, separate contracts can be developed.
 - If awarded, evidence of day rate *must be provided* for similar consultancies.
- Contracting is subject to the policies and procedures of the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, which is the host institute of the CAS Secretariat.
- Consultant(s) will need to sign conflict of interest during contracting stage.