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## ISPC Theory of Change: In Brief

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### ISPC MANDATE

The Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC) is a standing panel of experts appointed by the CGIAR System Council to serve as an independent advisor on science and research matters, including strategies for effective partnerships along the research-for-development continuum.

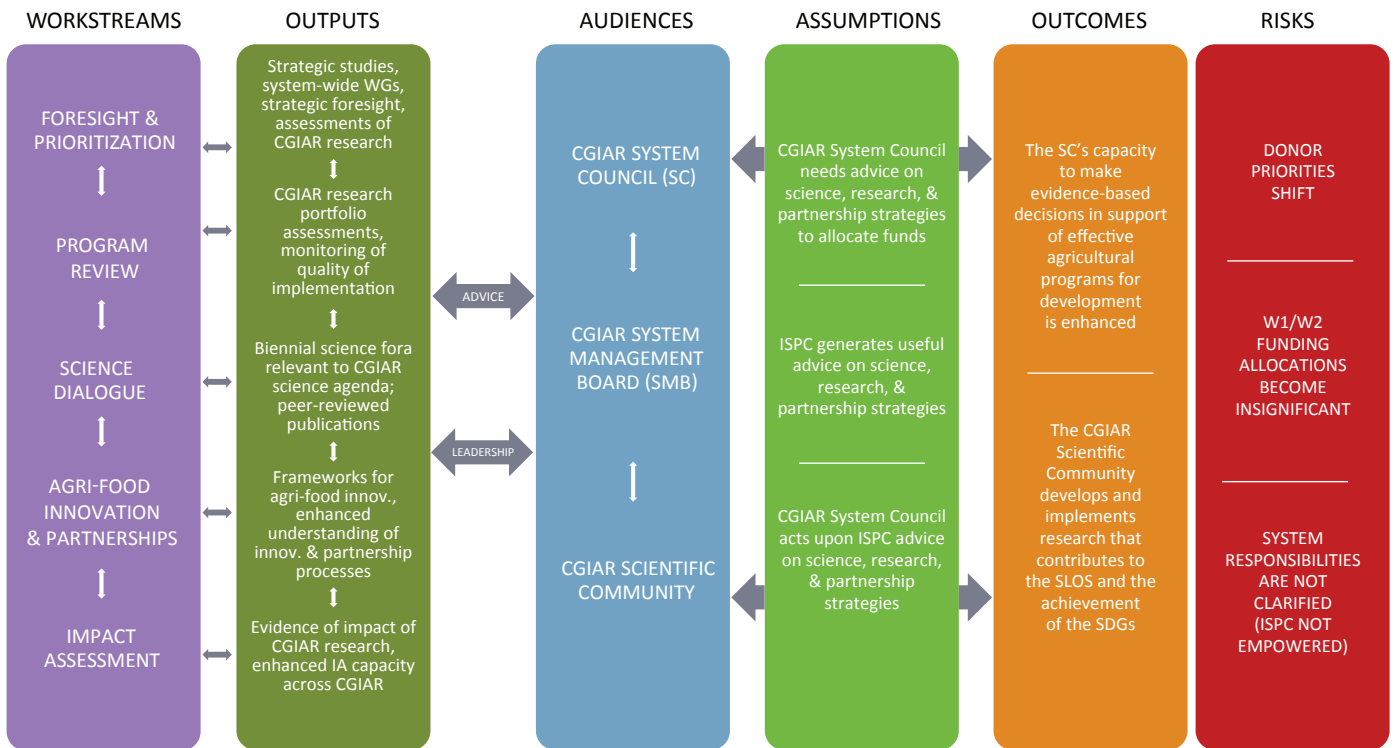
- **Vision:** The ISPC vision is that of the CGIAR—A world free of poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation.
- **Mission:** To help strengthen the quality, relevance, and impact of CGIAR research to provide solutions to poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation, as articulated in the CGIAR [System-Level Outcomes](#) (SLOs).
- **Goals:** To provide independent scientific, research, and partnership advice to the CGIAR System Council, and leadership to the CGIAR scientific community to develop, support, and implement research that contributes to the System-Level Outcomes (SLO) and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### ISPC THEORY OF CHANGE

The ISPC provides the CGIAR System Council with independent advice on science, research, and partnership strategies to enhance the Council's capacity to make evidence-based decisions in support of effective agricultural research programs for sustainable development. The System Management Board, supported by the System Council, implements the independent scientific advice from the ISPC. (For more on CGIAR governance, visit [this page](#).)

The ISPC provides the CGIAR scientific community with leadership on science, research, and partnership strategies to develop, and implement research that contributes to CGIAR System-Level Outcomes and to the achievement of the SDGs. It does this by drawing upon expertise across the CGIAR System, but conducts its own analysis of the information obtained to maintain the independence of its advice.

**Figure 1. ISPC Theory of Change**



For more information, see the [ISPC Work Plan and Budget 2017](#).



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