



Agenda Item 15b

For Decision

Issued: 21 May 2025

Appointment of a representative of the General Assembly of Centers on the Nominations Committee of the System Council

Purpose

This document outlines the details of a proposed appointment to the Nominations Committee of the CGIAR System Council (NCSC) in accordance with Article 8.3 of the CGIAR System Framework.

Following the passing of a member of the NCSC, Dr. Kanayo Nwanze, the General Assembly of Centers (GAC) was requested to elect a representative to fulfill the vacancy arising for one of the GAC's three seats on the NCSC. Following a nominations and decision-making process by the GAC, Prof. Matthew Morell, CIMMYT Board Member and AFRC Chair, CIMMYT, is the GAC's selected representative.

Action Requested

The System Council is requested to approve the appointment of **Prof. Matthew Morell**, CIMMYT Board Member and AFRC Chair, CIMMYT, to serve on the Nominations Committee of the System Council pursuant to Article 8.3 of the CGIAR System Framework and paragraph 2.1.2 of the Terms of Reference of the Nominations Committee of the System Council.

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Process and details of nominee

1. Paragraph 2.2 of the [IPB-Nominations-Committee-TOR-APPROVED.pdf](#) specifies the number of NCSC Committee members representing the GAC. As stipulated in the URG Memo approved by all parties.
2. With the passing of one of the GAC members, the need arose for the nomination and recommendation for the appointment of a new member.
3. On 17 April 2025, a voting request was sent electronically to GAC members for the selection of a representative from the GAC to serve on the NCSC.
4. At the close of the voting window on Thursday, 1 May 2025, the General Assembly nominated Prof. Matthew Morell to be put forward for appointment by the System Council as one of the General Assembly of Centers' three representatives on the Nominations Committee of the System Council. (Decision Reference: GAC/M8/EDP4)
5. A brief bio of the nominee, Prof. Matthew Morell, can be accessed through <https://www.cimmyt.org/people/matthew-morell/>.

Annex: NCSC Membership

Name	Category	Role
Ruben Echeverria	SC Member	Voting member
Gary Jahn	SC Member	Voting member
Christophe Larose	SC Member	Co-Chair (voting)
Santiago Ruy Sanchez de Orellana	Host Country Representative	Voting member
Prof. Dato Dr. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai	Host Country Representative	Voting member
Dr. Fikru Regassa	Host Country Representative	Voting member
Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio	GAC Representative	Co-Chair (voting)
Akica Bahri	GAC Representative	Voting member
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>GAC Representative</i>	<i>Voting member</i>
Andy Homer	Independent Member	Voting member
Lindiwe Majele Sibanda	IPB Chair	Ex officio non-voting member