

AOC advice on System-wide governance

- AOC provided substantive comments on the terms of reference for the Integrated Partnership functions, which were largely taken up.
- On the Escalation Framework, the AOC provided material comments that were not taken up and resulted in the IPB pausing finalization of the document. AOC's comments have been mostly addressed in the revised framework circulated on 20 May 2025. However, AOC advises that the IP EBC Executive must have unrestricted access to information on all EBC complaints and case-tracking systems across the CGIAR and is actively discussing this amendment with the ICI Committee. **Subject to the inclusion of this provision, AOC recommends that – once submitted – the Escalation Framework be approved.**
- Significant progress has been made in revising the four ethics policies. Most material recommendations made by the AOC were taken up. The policies are a welcome improvement but there are now some inconsistencies with the Escalation Framework. **AOC recommends that the SC approve the ethics policies, on the condition that they are reviewed for consistency once the escalation framework is approved.**