Endorsement of 2016 Work plans and Budgets

Purpose
This is a copy of the document submitted to the System Council for consideration at its first meeting on 12 July 2016.

By reason that it was the former Fund Council that originally approved the 2016 budgets and program of work for each of the Independent Evaluation Arrangement, the Independent Science and Partnership Council, and the CGIAR System Organization (for the System Management Board and the System Management office), it was felt prudent at the time of the transition to the new CGIAR System, to request the System Council to formally endorse the already agreed budget ceilings by reason of the responsibility of the System Council set out in Article 6.1 (u) of the CGIAR System Framework.

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Purpose

This paper presents for System Council review, and if considered appropriate, endorsement of the 2016 work plans and budgets for the ISPC, the IEA and the CGIAR System Organization pursuant to the functions of the System Council set out in Article 6.1 (u) of the CGIAR System Framework.

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Recommended Decision Point

1. Based upon the discussion below, the System Management Office puts forward the following as the proposed decision of the System Council in respect of the 2016 work plans and budgets for the System Council’s advisory bodies and the CGIAR System Organization.

The System Council

Endorses the earlier Fund Council decisions to approve the 2016 budgets and related work plans of the following CGIAR System entities:

(a) CGIAR System Organization: US$ 7.25 million;
(b) ISPC: US$ 3.88 million
(c) IEA: US$ 2.48 million

Background

2. The Fund Council, at its 14th meeting of 4 – 5 November 2015 approved 2016 work plans and budgets of the Fund Office, Consortium Office, IEA, Trustee and ISPC for ongoing normal operations upon the recommendation of the Fund Council’s Peer Review Team\(^1\) in the amounts set out in table 1 below.

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3. A decision taken by the Fund Council at its 15th meeting of 5 – 6 May 2016 in regard to the transfer of costs from the Fund Office to the Consortium Office to contribute to the cost of the 1st System Council meeting and related events\(^3\), results in a final approved ‘Consortium’ budget of US$ 7.25 million for 2016.

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\(^1\) Refer to the Final Meeting Summary of the 14th Fund Council meeting, p.35

\(^2\) The reference to “Consortium Office” is a reference to the submitting entity. The budget detail submitted related to the operations of the CGIAR Consortium as a legal entity, encompassing the costs of the Consortium Board and Consortium Office, and now operating as the CGIAR System Organization.

\(^3\) Refer to the Final meeting summary of the 15th Fund Council meeting, p. 16.