

## Guidelines for the CRP-GLDC Independent Advisory Committee (GLDC-IAC)

### **1. Committee Composition and Operations**

- A single, balanced Independent Advisory Committee (GLDC-IAC) reports directly to the ICRISAT Governing Board on the performance of the program.
- The GLDC-IAC has a maximum of 12 members, including seven non-CGIAR (partner) members and five CGIAR members, who are *ex officio*, including the ICRISAT Director General (DG).
- The GLDC-IAC shall comprise individuals who can bring together expertise and insights from diverse and relevant partners.
- The GLDC-IAC shall be constituted by the ICRISAT DG, with inputs from the ICRISAT Board and the Director, CRP-GLDC.
- The Chair of the GLDC-IAC will be nominated by the ICRISAT DG and will have a term of two years. In the absence or disability of the Chair, a Co-Chair (selected among the non-CGIAR voting members) will assume all the responsibilities of the Chair.
- In case of voting on any decision, the GLDC-IAC will apply majority vote under a quorum (two-thirds of total voting members shall be the quorum).
- The GLDC-IAC members are appointed initially in two cadres, either for a 2 or 3-year term to allow for 50% of members to change after two years. Terms are renewable.
- The role of the Secretary of the GLDC-IAC shall be performed by the Director, CRP-GLDC.
- The GLDC-IAC meets once a year face-to-face (subject to availability of adequate W1&2 resources), with the option of convening additional meetings online. The meetings will be convened by the GLDC-IAC Chair, in consultation with the Secretary or the ICRISAT DG.
- The GLDC-IAC will practice a transparent (formal) agenda-setting process. In its advisory role, the GLDC-IAC reports to the ICRISAT Governing Board through representation at the Governing Board Program Committee.
- The GLDC-IAC members shall inform the Chair before or at the beginning of an IAC meeting, if they need to declare a conflict of interest.
- Based on disciplinary expertise or regional activities, the GLDC-IAC members may want to attend GLDC relevant meetings or meetings in their region; such attendance should be determined by the Chair, in consultation with the Director, CRP-GLDC, and as resources permit.
- As a prerequisite, the Director, CRP-GLDC, will strive to keep the GLDC-IAC members regularly informed about progress and issues in GLDC research more generally. At meetings and in-between, the Director, CRP-GLDC, informs the GLDC-IAC members about the targets, achievements and future plans.

## **2. Functions and Terms of Reference of the GLDC-IAC**

The major functions of the GLDC-IAC are to:

- Advise the ICRISAT Governing Board on criteria that define successful management and implementation of GLDC.
- Assess the overall performance of GLDC and the relevance of the outputs and provide assessments to the ICRISAT Governing Board.
- Broaden the perspectives and views about GLDC beyond the CGIAR.
- Advise on potential opportunities to enhance the performance and impacts of GLDC.
- Periodically review the principles that guide the GLDC resource allocation.
- Provide advice on successful partnership strategies.
- Review a GLDC risk register.
- Provide advice on gender, youth, value chain, communications, and capacity building under GLDC.
- Ensure the GLDC focuses on Outcome and Demand-led partnerships.
- Provide guidance to GLDC and ICRISAT on conflict resolution between partners.
- Advise GLDC on positioning its R4D agenda for the next iteration of the CGIAR research within current and emerging global imperatives.

## **3. GLDC-IAC Chairperson Terms of Reference**

The Chairperson is invited every two years by the ICRISAT DG. Two terms will be the maximum that a particular member can serve as GLDC-IAC Chair.

The person nominated as Chair of the GLDC-IAC should generally possess:

- Experience on the GLDC-IAC for at least two years or eminence (or recognized international standing) in a field relevant to the GLDC Research Strategies;
- Personal qualities of leadership, including skill at chairing meetings and building consensus;
- Experience in working with persons from varied cultural backgrounds;
- Ability to represent GLDC in international meetings; and
- Familiarity with the CGIAR System and with the donor community.

In addition, the GLDC-IAC Chair must have the time and the scheduling flexibility to be able to devote at least 2-3 weeks each year to GLDC/CGIAR.

The GLDC-IAC Chair presides at all the meetings of the GLDC-IAC. He/she is responsible for the good functioning of the GLDC-IAC and that it performs according to its Terms of Reference. To do so, the GLDC-IAC Chair, in collaboration with the Director, CRP-GLDC, should:

- Ensure and monitor the implementation of the GLDC-IAC recommendations and decisions;
- Prioritize the issues and prepare the meeting agenda;
- Ensure that the GLDC-IAC members are kept abreast of deliberations of the CGIAR System Management Board, the Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC), and other CGIAR entities, as relevant and appropriate; and
- Issue invitations on behalf of the GLDC-IAC to the new members, and ensure their orientation and on-boarding.