

ISC MEETING #6
ROME 27 and 29 JUNE 2017

Item 6

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Subject: Draft calendar for the renewal of the Independent Steering Committee (ISC) of the CGIAR Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (FTA)

Summary

This note recalls the calendar for the process of renewing ISC members.

ISC members are also recalled that the representative members (as per the current ToRs but also as per the proposed revision) should be rotating in 2017.

- **The ISC is also invited to request constituencies of the representative ISC members to ensure rotation of seat amongst centers/partners.**
- **Note that the lead center CIFOR does not rotate.**

Background

The four independent members of ISC were appointed by CIFORs' BoT on 22 June 2015. The appointment letters did not at the time mention duration of the term for the Chair or the independent members. On 14 April 2016, CIFORs' BoT approved the Terms of Reference of the ISC, which are currently under review for revision (see Document 3 of this meeting). These current ToRs state that the independent members are appointed by the Lead Center BoT for a fixed term (2 years), renewable once. At its meeting in November 2016, the ISC concluded that rules for replacement for independent members needed to be developed (see Document 3). The BoT of CIFOR at its meeting in April 2017 extended, on an extraordinary basis, the term of office of the current independent members until 1st May 2018.

Following ISC's discussions and recommendations on its revised Terms of Reference (ToRs) – including process for renewal of its members- CIFOR's BoT would be invited to take a decision by virtual means, so that the replacement process could start on time to it to make its (re-)appointment decisions of independent members (including the Chair) at its next face-to-face meeting, for a start of office of new independent ISC members by 1st May 2018.

The following calendar is proposed to be envisaged.

- 29 June 2017: replacement rules and revised draft ToRs for ISC endorsed by ISC at its 6th meeting.
- July/August 2017: decision on replacement rules by CIFOR BoT (virtual)
- September 2017: launch of replacement process
- 16 November 2017: decision on new independent members by CIFOR BoT (face to face)
- 1st May 2018: entry in duty of the new members (after CIFOR's BoT of April 2018)