

**Agenda - QoR Workshop  
6-7 February 2017  
FAO HQ (Gabon Room)  
Rome, Italy**

**OBJECTIVE:**

1. To facilitate and develop a common understanding and vocabulary across all System entities of what quality of research entails, how it can be assessed and strengthened; and,
2. To develop a framework for QoR across the CGIAR that gives guidance at different levels on the balance between foundational and translational science and its relevance.

To facilitate the strengthening of quality of research across the CGIAR System.

**DAY 1 – 06 FEBRUARY**

**09:00 - 10:30 Session 1: Overview of why Quality of Research**

**CHAIR: Holger Meinke, ISPC**

**Plenary**

Overview of ToR and concept note reminding participants of the purpose, the approach and the key questions to be answered - Maggie Gill, ISPC (with input from Holger)

How is quality of research defined and assessed particularly in the context of AR4D; also discuss purpose of such assessments, e.g. organizational reputation (rankings, funders/donors, visibility/recognition, etc.), strategy development (stocktake to align existing capability with the organization's purpose), performance appraisal and management (individual, program, portfolio), using the framework by Cash et al. (salience, credibility, legitimacy) - Brian Belcher, Royal Roads University

**10:30 - 11:00 Tea/coffee break**

**11:00 - 12:30 Session 2: Quality of science**

**CHAIR: Jackie Hughes, IRRI**

**Plenary**

Use and abuse of metrics (H indices/citations/publications), limits of utility of simple metrics, trade-offs; evaluating the true cost of science (performance versus behaviour; individuals versus teams) - Holger Meinke, ISPC

IEA update on QoS evaluation framework - Sirkka Immonen, IEA

**Break out groups:** discussing current practice within the CGIAR and overview paper developing questions to ask virtual panel on day 2

**12:30 - 13:30 Lunch (FAO restaurant)**

**13:30 - 15:30 Session 3 Relevance**

**CHAIR: Peter Gardiner, SMO**

**Plenary**

Different ways of considering relevance (principles to align research with the strategy of the CGIAR - what is core business, in-house versus partnerships, outsourcing) – sphere of

control/influence/interest, comparing research with development accountability, etc. - Maggie Gill, ISPC

Short comments from primed participants (Izabella Koziell, WLE) to give highlights of their thinking and experiences.

**Break out groups:** discussing current practice within the CGIAR (gap analysis: what works, what doesn't, how can we make it better) and overview paper developing questions to ask virtual panel on Day 2

**15:30 - 16:00 Tea/coffee break**

**16:00 - 17:00 Session 4 Enabling environment**

**CHAIR: Margret Thalwitz, ICARDA**

**Plenary**

What does a supportive enabling environment for quality research look like? How rapidly is the enabling environment changing? What helps and what hinders at different levels? What are the tensions and contradictions? How do you facilitate innovation and trans-disciplinarity? How do you nurture a culture that incentivizes good behavior and aspirations of science quality?

Short comments from primed participants (Vincent Gitz, FTA and Agnes Quisumbing, IFPRI) to give highlights of their thinking and experiences.

CGIAR specific: Summary of current practice within the CRPs (IEA commissioned and overseen CRP evaluations) - Sophie Zimm, IEA (virtual)

**17:00 - 17:30 Session 5 Summing up Day 1**

**CHAIR: Maggie Gill, ISPC**

Analyzing where we have got to with respect to both Quality of science and relevance and finalizing questions and process for day 2

*Send questions to virtual panel*

**17:30 - 18:30 Cocktail hosted by ISPC**

**19:00 Dinner for interested participants (at a local restaurant tbd; to be paid by participants themselves)**

**DAY 2 – 07 FEBRUARY**

**08:45 Assemble to ensure readiness to start at 09:00**

**09:00 - 11:00 Session 6 Virtual Panel**

**CHAIR: Maggie Gill, ISPC**

Session with virtual panel asking questions and discussion

Panelists: Steven Hill (HEFCE), Brian Keating (CSIRO), Marion Guillou (ex-INRA) and Yusuf Abubakar (ex-Agricultural Council of Nigeria)

**11:00 - 11:30 Tea/coffee break**

**11:15 – 11:30** Summary of current practice within the Centers – Preet Lidder, ISPC

**11:30 - 13:00 Break out groups:** to identify key lessons learnt from discussion to date and suggest how these concepts could be embedded within the CGIAR culture

**13:00 - 14:00 Lunch (FAO restaurant)**

**14:00 – 17:00 Session 7 Discussing a framework**

**CHAIR: Maggie Gill, ISPC**

Draft frame of reference to be discussed in **break out groups/plenary (tbd)**

Concluding remarks and next steps