

## Options on Selecting the Funders Forum Chair<sup>1</sup>

### 1. Outcome Expected

Decision by the Founders Forum on selecting the Funders Forum Chair of subsequent Funders Forum events

### 2. Background

The *Framework for the CGIAR Fund* describes the principles of selecting the Funders Forum Chair as well as the roles and responsibilities of the Chair. The Chair provides leadership to the deliberations of the Forum, interacts with the Fund Council, the Consortium, and Funders Forum participants, and provides guidance to the Fund Office on Forum matters, such as the follow-up of Forum recommendations on the SRF.

The inaugural meeting of the Forum will be chaired by Katherine Sierra, the Chair of the Fund Council. The Fund Council proposed two options for selecting the chair for subsequent Funders Forum. The options are based on the following **principles**:

- 1) Ensure the North-South balance in Funders Forum chairmanship;
- 2) Ensure linkage between the Funders Forum and the Fund Council; and
- 3) Burden sharing of the chairmanship role.

### 3. Options Proposed by the Fund Council

**Option 1:** The Forum will be Co-chaired by two Fund Donors—one from the South and one from the North—one of whom serves on the Fund Council, and is familiar with issues and can bridge the various groups involved.

**Option 2:** The Forum will be chaired by Fund Council Chair in years that SRF is expected to be discussed and endorsed (i.e. 2010, 2016), and it will be Co-chaired by two Fund Donors similar to Option 1 in other years (i.e. 2012, 2014).

### 4. Selection Criteria/Process

- A Funders Forum Chair must have participated in the previous Funders Forum;
- The Funders will be asked to send their nominations prior to the event;
- The Chair will announce nominations for the Funders Forum Chair at the start of every Funders Forum;
- If no one is nominated or the North-South balance is not met through nominations, the Funders Forum Chair may propose a Chair(s) to the Forum for consideration; and
- Selection is made at the Funders Forum by majority vote.

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