

To: CGIAR System Organization
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and

The Green Climate Fund "GCF"
G-Tower, 175 Art Center-daero,
Yeonsu-gu, Incheon 22004,
Republic of Korea

Re: Support letter for "Enhancing Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Resilient Agri-food Systems in Côte d'Ivoire (LARACI)" project in Côte d'Ivoire

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to you to express our commitment to support the project, *"Enhancing Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Resilient Agri-food Systems in Côte d'Ivoire (LARACI)"* in Côte d'Ivoire that was proposed to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for funding by the CGIAR System Organization.

This is to confirm that the Gates Foundation has contributed to the project preparation phase for the LARACI project through the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). GGGI's support aims to increase access to climate finance, in line with national priorities, for the agricultural and climate adaptation sectors, particularly from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). In this context, GGGI is supporting CGIAR with funding from the Gates Foundation in developing agricultural adaptation projects including LARACI.

We also confirm that the Gates Foundation will provide parallel finance through other committed investments to the CGIAR System Organization and CGIAR Centers in Cote d'Ivoire within the anticipated project period of approximately USD 5 million, which will reinforce the efforts of this project. These financial resources will flow alongside GCF proceeds to LARACI in order to provide:

- Support for climate-smart agriculture through the promotion of high-quality climate-smart planting material including for high-impact rice varieties; use of alleles for adaptation in rice and cassava; improving cassava breeding and pest/disease resistance. Approximately \$3m
- Support for high-quality evidence generation and knowledge management for inclusive and equitable food systems that drive gender transformation within planetary boundaries; and agronomic research and artificial intelligence (AI) enabled advisory services for climate-smart practices to improve resilience through enhanced producer decision making. Approximately \$1m
- Support for market development and to improve private sector partnerships for rice producers through better data/analytics; robust policy development; support for market infrastructure and; equitable small-scale producer participation. Approximately \$1m

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The CGIAR is a critical institution in the fight against climate change. It is directly supporting small-scale farmers on the frontlines of climate change impact; helping to reduce emissions including methane emissions from rice and livestock; and plotting just transitions for rural communities. They are a critical partner for the Gates Foundation, delivering solutions co-created with local communities.

Their track record for impact is remarkable, stretching back over 50 years with every dollar received securing \$10 of benefits for local farming communities; approximately \$1.2bn a year in economic benefits for countries in the Global South. With the prospects of a temperature overshoot, increasing their 11 genebanks, which store some 700,000 crop varieties in trust, and their deep partnerships with national research and extension systems will become ever more important for climate action.

Sincerely yours,

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