



The Netherlands - CGIAR Research Programme **Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II**

Call for SEP candidates

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1 Introduction

In this Call for SEP candidates information is provided about the application procedure for the “NL – CGIAR Senior Expert Programme II” funding round. This Call for SEP candidates falls under the responsibility of the Dutch Research Council (NWO).

In this Call for proposals you will find information about the aim of this programme (Chapter 2), the conditions for the grant application (Chapter 3) and how your proposal will be assessed (Chapter 4). This is the information you need to submit a grant application. Chapter 5 states the obligations for grant recipients in the event you are awarded funding. Chapter 6 contains the contact details and Chapter 7 the annexes.

1.1 Background

The Senior Expert Programme (SEP) II is one of the instruments of the Netherlands (NL) - CGIAR Research programme Phase II (2024–2030). The NL-CGIAR Research programme is part of the partnership between the Netherlands Government and CGIAR, a global research organisation for a food-secure future dedicated to transforming food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis. The aim of the partnership is to contribute to knowledge, innovation, collaboration and capacities for global Food and Nutrition Security through bringing together the expertise in the Netherlands and that in the CGIAR. The Dutch investment in this NL-CGIAR Strategic Partnership consists of the direct financial contribution to CGIAR, and an additional set of instruments combined in the NL-CGIAR Research programme, which is managed and implemented by NWO.

The overall goal of the NL-CGIAR Research programme is advancing knowledge and enhancing innovation (knowledge use) for global food and nutrition security through cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR, to eventually contribute to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal Zero hunger (SDG 2). The instruments within the programme are targeted to sustain and further strengthen synergy between CGIAR and Dutch partners from knowledge institutes, and their joint engagement also with National Agricultural Research and Extension Services (NARES), civil society organisations, private sector and governmental organisations. The NL-CGIAR Research programme is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This call for SEP candidates is implemented in close cooperation with CGIAR and a number of Dutch partners, notably Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP), and the Dutch Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (MoA). It is open for Senior Experts employed at a Dutch research organisation who participate, or intend to participate, in one or more of the selected CGIAR Research Initiatives, Impact Area Platforms and/or the PP4I unit. Eligibility is described in detail in Section 3 and Section 4.2.

Policy context

The Netherlands' Government is committed to contribute to solving the problem of food and nutrition insecurity, notably the Zero hunger aim of the UN SDG2. A lack of knowledge, innovation and capacities is recognised as a major impediment for increasing quality and quantity of food production, and therefore the Netherlands' government continued its successful strategic partnership with CGIAR, the world's leading international research organisation working towards a food-secure future (with 15 Research Centers across the world and a local presence in 89 countries). For that, CGIAR, MoFA and MoA signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding¹ in April 2022, continuing their partnership for another 6 years (2022-2027).

¹ News item on the NWO website referring to the renewed Memorandum of Understanding:
<https://www.nwo.nl/nieuws/voortzetting-van-een-succesvol-nl-cgiar-partnerschap>

Similar to the previous Phase I (2016-2021) the Netherlands government and CGIAR agreed that in addition to the committed pooled funding for the CGIAR research portfolio, the Netherlands will fund separate partnership instruments, such as this Senior Expert Programme.

In the 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy² for the new One CGIAR³, five SDG-focused key Impact Areas have been identified: 1) Nutrition, health, and food security; 2) Poverty reduction, livelihoods, and jobs; 3) Gender equality, youth, and social inclusion; 4) Climate adaptation and mitigation; and 5) Environmental health and biodiversity. CGIAR will strive for impact at scale globally and regionally by organizing along three (Science) Action Areas (Systems Transformation, Resilient Agrifood Systems, Genetic Innovation) in which accelerated innovation is required to create sustainable and resilient food, land, and water systems and to meet SDG targets. Within and across these Action Areas a portfolio of Research Initiatives was developed and launched in 2022 (succeeding the previous CGIAR Research Programs). The CGIAR Research Initiatives are major, prioritized areas of investment that bring capacity from within and beyond CGIAR to bear on well-defined, major challenges (see Annex 7.2 for the CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy). Furthermore, CGIAR has five Impact Areas Platforms that play a role in e.g. ensuring that specialized knowledge developed by the CGIAR Research Initiatives is mainstreamed across the portfolio and made available to key stakeholders, supporting engagement with key national and international private and public sector decision makers, and informing policy and investment decisions at major decision-making processes and forums. In addition, CGIAR has a Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) unit. For the selection of the CGIAR Research Initiatives and Impact Areas Platforms eligible for this first SEP call, see Chapter 2.1.

1.2 Available budget

The available budget for the first Call for SEP candidates is €8,400,000.

1.3 Submission deadline(s)

The deadline for submitting full proposals is **June 11, 2024**, before 14:00:00 hours CEST.

When you submit your application in ISAAC, you will also need to enter some details online. Therefore please start submitting your application at least one week before the deadline of this Call for SEP candidates. Applications that are submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

² CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation strategy: <https://www.cgiar.org/how-we-work/strategy/>

³ Referring to the organisational transition and reformulation of its strategy during 2020-2021: <https://www.cgiar.org/food-security-impact/one-cgiar/>

2 Aim

This chapter describes the aim of the programme and the societal impact.

2.1 Aim of the programme

The overall goal of the SEP is advancing knowledge and enhancing innovation (knowledge use) for global food and nutrition security (SDG2) through cooperation between the Netherlands and CGIAR. The objectives are:

1. Leveraging Dutch⁴ knowledge and expertise for performance and impact of CGIAR Research Initiatives;
2. Leveraging CGIAR expertise, science and networks for Dutch knowledge institutions;
3. Partnering in research and innovation, cooperation in knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening in a number of selected areas of mutual interest of CGIAR and Dutch policy on global food and nutrition security.

This will be realised through funding part of the personnel costs of Senior Experts who are employed at a Dutch research organisation (see 3.1 for definition of Senior expert and eligible Dutch research organisations) and participate or intend to participate within a selected CGIAR Research Initiative, Impact Area Platform and/or in the Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) unit.

This call for SEP candidates offers Senior Experts the opportunity for strengthening their existing engagement or establishing a new engagement with CGIAR, with CGIAR's demand as a starting point. The focus is on working with CGIAR on selected Research Initiatives, Impact Area Platforms and/or in the Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) unit. For this first Call for SEP candidates, 18 CGIAR Research Initiatives are selected (see table 1). Besides participation in a CGIAR Research Initiative, a Senior Expert can also participate or intend to participate in CGIAR's Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) unit, or in one of the three selected Impact Area Platforms, namely:

- Nutrition, Health & Food Security
- Climate Adaptation & Mitigation
- Environmental health & biodiversity

Tabel 1: The 18 selected CGIAR Research Initiatives

Primary Impact Area (CGIAR)	CGIAR Action Areas		
	Systems Transformation (ST)*	Resilient Agrifood Systems (R.A.S.)*	Genetic Innovation
NUTRITION, HEALTH & FOOD SECURITY	- <u>Fruit & Vegetables</u> - <u>Sustainable Healthy Diets</u>	- <u>West and Central African Food Systems Transformation</u> - <u>Mixed Farming Systems</u> - <u>Aquatic Foods for Healthy People & Planet</u> - <u>Plant Health</u>	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & BIODIVERSITY	- <u>Transformational Agroecology across Food, Land, and Water systems</u>	- <u>Nature-positive solutions</u>	- <u>Genebanks</u>
POVERTY REDUCTION, LIVELIHOODS & JOBS	- <u>Rethinking Food Markets and Value Chains for Inclusion and Sustainability</u>	- <u>Sustainable Animal productivity</u> - <u>Resilient Cities</u> - <u>Excellence in Agronomy</u>	- <u>Seed Equal</u>
CLIMATE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION		- <u>Asian Mega-Deltas</u> - <u>Livestock & climate</u> - <u>Diversification in East and Southern Africa</u>	

⁴ Dutch refers to Dutch institutions, not to the nationality of the Senior Experts.

GENDER EQUALITY, YOUTH & SOCIAL INCLUSION	- <u>HER+: Gender and Social Equality</u>		
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The activities of the Senior Expert demand and may include, but are not limited to: partnering in research (incl. research management); contribution to knowledge sharing (including engagement with relevant parties about the implications of the insights for scaling and use); contribution to innovation (technological, institutional, policy and practice); capacity strengthening in the areas of mutual interest (including supervision of MSc's, PhDs, post-docs) and strengthening collaboration and exchanges with CGIAR counterparts, collaborators, especially the National Agricultural Research and Extension Services (NARES).

2.2 Societal impact

New knowledge and insights from scientific research can make an important contribution to developing solutions for the various issues society faces, including, amongst other things, food and nutrition security, biodiversity loss, or climate change. By facilitating greater interaction and alignment between researchers and potential knowledge users, the chance of knowledge utilisation increases, as well as the likelihood of generating societal impact. NWO and CGIAR promote the potential contribution that research can make to societal issues by encouraging productive interactions with societal stakeholders, and through CGIAR's Impact Pathways on science-based innovation, targeted capacity development or advice on policy. This aligns with the aim of CGIAR to achieve impact by creating sustainable and resilient food, land and water systems and meet SDG targets.

2.2.1 Tailor-made impact

The primary aim of the funding instrument determines the method that NWO will deploy to facilitate knowledge utilisation in various phases of the assignment (proposal, realisation, assignment completion) as well as the effort required from the applicant and partner(s).

In this programme, the Impact Plan approach is applied. With this, NWO and CGIAR facilitate the development of an integrated strategy that will enable researchers and partners to purposefully increase the likelihood of achieving the desired societal impact, through the use of a Theory of Change and Impact Pathway. Impact can occur via different routes, for example through strategic management, policy interventions, or scientific research.

Senior Experts funded via this programme will participate within, and thus are expected to contribute to, a selected CGIAR Research Initiative, Impact Area Platform and/or in the Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) unit in carrying out its activities. Thereby they support the impact that the Initiative, Platform or PP4I unit aims to attain. Senior Expert candidates are asked to align the objectives of their assignment to the existing Theory of Change of the selected CGIAR Research Initiative, Impact Area Platform and/or in the Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) unit. In addition, the Senior Expert candidate should also be clear on how the assignment contributes to the overall goal and objectives of the SEP II instrument as part of the NL-CGIAR Research programme Phase II.

NWO offers an e-learning module that can help interested parties via [NWO Impact - Online workshops](#). For more information on our policy on impact, please visit the website: [Knowledge utilisation | NWO](#).

3 Conditions for applicants

This chapter contains the conditions that are applicable to your grant application. Firstly it describes who can apply for funding (Section 3.1) and what you can request funding for (Section 3.2). Subsequently, you will find the conditions for preparing and submitting the application (Sections 3.3 and 3.4) and the specific funding conditions (Section 3.5).

3.1 Who can apply

Senior Experts* may submit an application if they have a paid position for an indefinite period** at one of the following organisations:

- universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- universities of applied sciences as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (*Wet op hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*, WHW);
- university medical centres;
- institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;
- Netherlands Cancer Institute;
- the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center;
- Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);
- Princess Máxima Center.
- IHE Delft institute for Water Education;
- TO2 organisations.⁵

* Senior Experts must comply with the following definition of Senior Expert:

- Senior Experts have at least a MSc/MA.
- Senior experts with a PhD should have at least ten years of demonstrable relevant working experience after the PhD.
- Senior experts with a MSc/MA should have at least fifteen years of demonstrable relevant working experience after the MSc/MA and have a senior management position at their Dutch research organisation.

** Senior Experts employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a main applicant provided that they have at least a salaried position for the duration of the assignment.

Senior Experts can be affiliated to the institutions stated in Section 3.1, but also to other organisations. For Senior Experts who want to apply from other Dutch research organisation not listed in section 3.1, it is necessary to check whether their organisation meets the following cumulative criteria:

- is based in the Netherlands;
- has a public task and carries out its research independently;
- receives at least 50 percent public funding;
- is not-for-profit other than for the purpose of carrying out further research;
- its researchers enjoy freedom of publication in international scientific journals.

‘Carrying out its research independently’ means that conducting independent research, as defined in the NWO Grant Rules 2017, chapter 5, is the main task of the research organisation; evidenced by official documentation as the statutes, deed of incorporation or other formal documentation. In addition, the research must be conducted by the organisation’s own employees with a salaried employment contract.

⁵ For more information about the TO2 Federation see: <https://to2-federatie.nl/>

Please note: these conditions will be assessed by NWO **prior to** submission of the proposal. To this end, the applicant's organisation must submit the following documents by email to NL-CGIAR-SEP@nwo.nl no later than ten working days before the submission deadline, so by 14:00:00 hours CEST on 28, May 2024:

- a recent extract from the Chamber of Commerce register;
- the deed of incorporation, articles of association or other formal document indicating the public task and the non-profit status;
- the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an auditor's statement.

If NWO has not assessed the organisation in advance, it cannot take the proposal into consideration.

3.2 What can be applied for

The grant offers the possibility to fund part of the personnel costs of Senior Experts from Dutch research organisations in order to spend (additional) time on the selected CGIAR RI, Platform or the PP4I unit. This means that the Dutch research organisation is compensated for the time that the Senior Expert will engage with CGIAR; and the CGIAR organisation will host a (part-time) Senior Expert without (extra) personnel costs.

The subsidy can thus be used:

1. for candidates from Dutch universities and Dutch universities of applied sciences:
 - to cover the costs for the temporary replacement of the Senior Expert, who due to the new or increased engagement in CGIAR is unable to perform usual tasks at the university;
 - in case the candidate has a part-time appointment at the university or university of applied sciences, to increase the fte of the candidate for the time to be spent on the selected CGIAR RI, Platform or the PP4I unit.
2. for candidates from all Dutch research organisations other than universities or universities of applied sciences (such as applied research institutes):
 - to cover the costs of the new or increased participation of the Senior Expert in the selected CGIAR RI, Platform or the PP4I unit.

For an application in this Call for proposals, a maximum of €600.000 for 4 years and for 0,5 fte (50%) can be applied for in total. The minimum duration of the proposed assignment is 1 year and the maximum duration of the proposed assignment is 4 years. The minimum number of fte that can be applied for is 0,2 (20%) and the maximum is 0,5 (50%). If the proposed (additional) time requested of this grant is to be of shorter duration and/or less fte than the maximum of 50% for 4 years, the maximum amount must be reduced accordingly. The budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for SEP candidates are listed in the table below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the assignment. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules can be found in the annex to this Call for proposals (7.1).

Budget module	Maximum amount
Salary costs	<i>Personnel from a Dutch University</i> For candidates from Dutch universities, the salary costs are guided by the UNL-agreement with the Labour Unions for the Dutch Universities (the Collective Labour Agreement of the Dutch universities – Dutch acronym: CAO) and funded in accordance with the UNL salary tables applicable at the moment the grant is awarded (Salary tables UNL). The personnel costs should be used for replacement and/or additional time in case of part-time employment.

	<i>Personnel from a Dutch university of applied sciences as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (Wet op hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW)</i> For personnel from universities of applied sciences, salary costs will be funded based on the collective labour agreement pay scale of the employee concerned in accordance with the applicable rate at the time of awarding the grant as taken from Table 2.2, column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excl. Dutch VAT' from the <i>Handleiding Overheidstarieven</i> [HOT-Manual Dutch Government Rates] (Salary tables NWO) <i>Personnel from Dutch research organisations other than Dutch universities and Dutch universities of applied sciences, that have no VAT exemption</i> For personnel from research institutions and other organisations, salary costs will be funded based on the collective labour agreement pay scale of the employee concerned in accordance with the applicable rate at the time of awarding the grant as taken from Table 2.2, column 'Hourly rate productive hours, incl. Dutch VAT' from the <i>Handleiding Overheidstarieven</i> [HOT-Manual Dutch Government Rates] (Salary tables NWO) <i>Personnel from a Dutch university medical centre</i> For candidates from Dutch university medical centers, the salary costs are guided by the NFU-agreement with the Labor Unions for the Dutch university medical centers – Dutch acronym: CAO) and funded in accordance with the NFU salary tables applicable at the moment the grant is awarded (Salary tables NFU).
Material costs	Max. 40 000 euro per year
Knowledge utilisation	Max. 50 000 euro for the complete assignment

In-kind contributions

The CGIAR Research Initiative or Platform concerned, or the PP4I unit, through its hosting CGIAR Institute should provide the research costs and hosting of the Senior Expert (office space and office costs etcetera). It is encouraged but not required that the Expert spends (part of) his/her time at the hosting CGIAR Institute. Other costs that will be covered by the Research Initiative, Platform or PP4I unit can be counted as in-kind contribution. The hosting and in-kind contributions should be acknowledged in a letter of support.

3.3 Preparing an application

The steps involved in writing your application are:

- download the application form and annexes from the NWO web application ISAAC or from the NWO web page (on the grant page of the funding instrument concerned);
- complete the application form;
- save the application form in ISAAC as a PDF file and upload it with any compulsory annexes;
- fill in the requested information online in ISAAC.

Compulsory annexes (please use the format provided on the grant page of the funding instrument on the NWO website)

- budget Excel
- CV of the Senior Expert
- letter of support of the Dutch research organisation
- letter of support of the host CGIAR Research Center. The host research center depends on the assignment and is related to the selected Research Initiative, Impact Area Platform and/or the PP4I unit
- letter of support from:
 - i. the Initiative Lead if participating in a Research Initiative, in consultation with the Managing Director of the Science Groups responsible for the initiative;
 - ii. the Managing Director Systems Transformation if participating in an Impact Area Platform;
 - iii. the Global Director Partnerships and Advocacy if participating in the PP4I unit.

Optional annexes only (please use the format provided on the grant page of the funding instrument on the NWO website):

- declaration co-funding

The appendix must be drawn up in accordance with the template provided by NWO. Annexes must be uploaded in ISAAC separately from the application. The budget must be submitted in ISAAC as an Excel file. All of the other annexes, except for the budget, must be submitted as PDF files (without encryption). Any annexes other than those stated above are not permitted.

You must write your application in English.

An application can only be submitted via the web application ISAAC. Applications that are not submitted via ISAAC will not be taken into consideration.

As the main applicant, you are required to submit the application via your own personal ISAAC account.

It is important to start with your application in ISAAC on time:

- if you do not yet have an ISAAC account, then you should create this on time to prevent any possible registration problems;
- any new organisations must also be added to ISAAC by NWO;
- you also need to submit other details online.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration by NWO.

For technical questions, please contact the ISAAC helpdesk, see contact (Chapter 6).

Does the applicant work at an organisation that is not included in the ISAAC database? You can report this via relatiebeheer@nwo.nl so that the organisation can be added. This will take several days. It is therefore important that you report this at least one week before the deadline.

Applicants are expected to have informed the organisation where they work about submitting the application and that the organisation accepts the grant conditions of this Call for SEP candidates.

Changes in CGIAR business cycle

The current CGIAR business cycle runs until 2025. Changes can be expected in the composition of the next CGIAR business cycle. Applicants are required to reflect on expected changes in the work plan in the event of significant changes during the next CGIAR business cycle. The Senior Expert is also required to make arrangements with the CGIAR host center to ensure continuation of their position for the complete duration of the assignment. These arrangements have to be described in the application form and confirmed in a letter of support.

3.4 Conditions for submission

3.4.1 Formal conditions for submission

NWO will assess your application against the conditions listed below. Your application will only be admitted to the assessment procedure if it meets these conditions. After submitting your application, NWO requests you to be available to implement any possible administrative corrections so that you can (still) meet the conditions for submission.

These conditions are:

- the applicant meets the conditions stated in Section 3.1;
- the application complies with the DORA guidelines as described in Section 4.1;
- the application form is, after a possible request to make additions or changes, complete and filled out according to the instructions;
- the application is submitted via the main applicant's ISAAC account;
- the application is received before the deadline;
- the application is written in English;
- the application budget is drawn up in accordance with the conditions for this Call for SEP candidates;
- the proposed project has a duration of at least 1 and at most 4 years;
- all of the required annexes are, after a possible request to make additions or changes, complete and filled out according to the instructions.

3.4.2 Parental leave

For instruments in which no co-applicants can be entered, NWO offers applicants who take parental leave during the assessment period due to the arrival of a child, the possibility to make use of the 'Compensation scheme for parental leave'. This scheme applies to this Call for SEP candidates. For more information, please see [Compensation-scheme-parental-leave](#).

If an applicant wants to make use of this compensation scheme, then a written request for this, supported by reasons, should be submitted to NWO via the contact person for this funding round. With this request, the applicant should provide all information that NWO needs to take a decision, including information from which it is clear that the applicant is hindered from providing input due to childcare leave.

3.5 Conditions on granting

The [NWO Grant Rules 2017](#) are applicable in so far as this Call for proposals does not deviate from them.

3.5.1 Compliance with the National Knowledge Security Guidelines

World-class science can benefit from international cooperation. The National Knowledge Security Guidelines (hereafter: the Guidelines) helps knowledge institutions to ensure that international cooperation can take place securely. Knowledge security concerns the undesirable transfer of sensitive knowledge and technology that compromises national security; the covert influence of state actors on education and research, which jeopardises academic freedom and social safety; and ethical issues that may arise in cooperation with countries that do not respect fundamental rights.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their project complies and will continue to comply with the Guidelines. By submitting an application, the applicant commits to the recommendations stipulated in these Guidelines. In the event of a suspected breach of the Guidelines in an application submitted to NWO for project funding, or in a project funded by NWO, NWO may ask the applicant to provide a risk assessment demonstrating that the recommendations in the Guidelines have been taken into consideration. If the applicant fails to comply with NWO's request, or if the risk assessment is in

apparent breach of the Guidelines, this may affect NWO's grant award or decision-making process. NWO may also include further conditions in the award letter if appropriate.

The National Knowledge Security Guidelines can be found on the central government website at: [Home | National Contact Point for Knowledge Security \(loketkennisveiligheid.nl\)](#).

3.5.2 Data management

The results of scientific research must be replicable, verifiable and falsifiable. In the digital age, this means that, in addition to publications, research data must also be publicly accessible insofar as this is possible. NWO expects that research data resulting from NWO-funded projects will be made publicly available, as much as possible, for reuse by other researchers. "As open as possible, as closed as necessary" is the applicable principle in this respect. Researchers, at very least, are expected to make the data and/or non-numerical results that underlie the conclusions of the published work resulting from the project publicly available at the same time as the work's publication. Any costs incurred for this can be included in the project budget. Researchers should explain how data emerging from the project will be dealt with based on the data management section in the proposal and the data management plan that is drawn up after funding is awarded.

Data management Section

The data management section is part of the proposal. Researchers are asked before the start of the research to consider how the data collected will be ordered and categorised so that this can be made publicly available. Measures will often already need to be taken, both during data generation and as part of analysing the data, to make its subsequent storage and dissemination possible. If it is not possible to make all data from the project publicly available, for example due to reasons of privacy, ethics or valorisation, then the applicant is obliged to list the reasons for this in the data management section.

The data management section in the proposal is not evaluated and will therefore not be weighed in the decision whether to award funding. However, the committee can issue advice with respect to the data management section.

3.5.3 Scientific integrity

In accordance with the NWO Grant Rules 2017, the project that NWO funds must be carried out in accordance with the nationally and internationally accepted standards for scientific conduct as stated in the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (2018). By submitting the proposal, the applicant commits to this code. In the case of a (possible) violation of these standards during a project funded by NWO, the applicant should immediately inform NWO of this and should submit all relevant documents to NWO. More information about the code of conduct and the policy regarding research integrity can be found on the website: [Scientific integrity | NWO](#).

3.5.4 Ethical statement or licence

The applicant is responsible for determining whether an ethical statement or licence is needed for the realisation of the proposed project. The applicant should ensure that this is obtained from the relevant institution or ethics committee on time. The absence or presence of an ethical statement or licence at the time of the application process has no effect on the assessment of the application. If the project is awarded funding, then the grant is issued under the condition that the necessary ethical statement or licence is obtained before the latest start date for the project. The project cannot start until NWO has received a copy of the ethical statement or licence.

As stipulated in the 2017 NWO Grant Rules, researchers funded by NWO have to act in accordance with the nationally and internationally accepted standards of scientific activity, as set out in the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. In order to guide research activities in – and with partners from – developing countries, Senior Experts funded in this call also have to adhere to the TRUST Code - A Global Code of Conduct for Equitable Research Partnerships. In case research is conducted in fragile states, it is advised to consult the Security Guidelines for field research in complex, remote and hazardous places.

Any research proposal that raises ethical issues must be carefully considered in advance. The applicant needs to assess what ethical challenges will be met in the proposed assignment, consider how these will be addressed, and how ethical clearance will be obtained. Laws and regulations concerning ethical issues in the respective developing countries must be adhered to if required and applicable. Applicants must subscribe to and comply with the prevailing codes.

For complex questions related to ethical issues, NWO reserves the right to consult an external adviser. If after consulting the applicant, NWO is of the opinion that an ethical assessment is needed for the application, then the applicant is obliged to take the necessary measures for such an assessment. If the applicant fails to obtain the necessary statement of approval from an ethics review committee then the grant shall be immediately withdrawn

3.5.5 Nagoya Protocol

The Nagoya Protocol ensures an honest and reasonable distribution of benefits emerging from the use of genetic resources (Access and Benefit Sharing; ABS). Researchers who make use of genetic sources from the Netherlands or abroad for their research should familiarise themselves with the Nagoya Protocol (ABS Focal Point - ABS Focal Point). NWO assumes that researchers will take all necessary actions with respect to the Nagoya Protocol.

3.5.6 Co-funding

- Co-financing by private and/or public parties is not a requirement for this call, but if available, can take the form of in-kind or in-cash co-financing, with a maximum of 50% of the total project budget.
- It is possible for contributions to be partially in-kind and partially in-cash. The amounts of co-financing specified in the budget should correspond to the amount of co-financing specified in the declaration of co-funding. Declarations of co-funding are unconditional and do not contain opt-out clauses;
- After a SEP assignment has been awarded funding, NWO will invoice the private or public party that has pledged an in-cash contribution if that in-cash contribution to the NWO budget is equal to or exceeds € 5,000. After the contribution has been received, the money will be awarded to the Senior Expert. It is the responsibility of the Senior Expert's Dutch research organisation to invoice cash co-funding organisations who are contributing less than € 5,000.

4 Assessment procedure

This chapter first describes the assessment according to the DORA principles (Section 4.1) and the course of the assessment procedure (Section 4.2). Second, it states the criteria that the assessment committee will use to assess your application (Section 4.3).

The NWO Code for Dealing with Personal Interests applies to all persons and NWO employees involved in the assessment and/or decision-making process ([Code for Dealing with Personal Interests | NWO](#)).

NWO strives to achieve an inclusive culture where there is no place for conscious or unconscious barriers due to cultural, ethnic or religious background, gender, sexual orientation, health or age ([Diversity and inclusion | NWO](#)). NWO encourages members of an assessment committee to be actively aware of implicit associations and to try to minimise these. NWO will provide them with information about concrete ways of improving the assessment of an application.

4.1 The San Francisco Declaration (DORA)

NWO is a signatory to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA). DORA is a worldwide initiative that aims to improve the way research and researchers are assessed. DORA contains recommendations for research funders, research institutions, scientific journals and other parties.

DORA aims to reduce the uncritical use of bibliometric indicators and obviate unconscious bias in the assessment of research and researchers. DORA's overarching philosophy is that research should be evaluated on its own merits rather than on the basis of surrogate measures, such as the journal in which the research is published.

When assessing the scientific track record of applicants, NWO makes use of a broad definition of scientific output.

NWO requests committee members not to rely on indicators such as the Journal Impact Factor or the h-index when assessing applications. Applicants are not allowed to mention these in their applications. You are, however, allowed to list other scientific products besides publications, such as datasets, patents, software and code, et cetera.

For more information on how NWO is implementing the principles of DORA, see [DORA | NWO](#).

4.2 Procedure

The application procedure consists of the following steps:

- submission of the proposal;
- admissibility of the proposal;
- pre-assessment by committee
- rebuttal;
- assessment committee meeting;
- decision-making.

An external, independent assessment committee will be assigned for this Call for SEP candidates, consisting of representatives from e.g. science, policy and practice with knowledge of the field and CGIAR.

The task of the assessment committee is to assess the applications and the relevant documents that are submitted, in conjunction with each other and with regard to both the respective merits of each application and the selection criteria outlined in this Call for proposals.

Due to the expertise present in the assessment committee, NWO has decided with regard to the assessment of these applications to exercise the option outlined in Article 2.2.4, paragraph 2, of the NWO Grant Rules 2017, to assess all applications without involving referees.

4.2.1 Submission of a proposal

For the submission of the proposal, a standard form is available on the funding page of this Call for SEP candidates on the NWO website. When you write your proposal, you must adhere to the questions stated on this form and the procedure given in the explanatory notes. You must also adhere to the conditions for the maximum number of words and pages.

Your complete application form must have been received before the deadline via ISAAC (see Section 1.3). After this deadline, you can no longer submit a proposal. After submitting the proposal, the applicant will receive a confirmation of receipt.

4.2.2 Admissibility of the proposal

As soon as possible after you have submitted your proposal, you will hear from NWO whether or not your proposal will be taken into consideration. NWO will determine this based on several administrative-technical criteria (see the formal conditions for submission, Section 3.4). NWO can only take your proposal into consideration if it meets these conditions.

Please bear in mind that within two weeks after the submission deadline, NWO may approach you with any possible administrative corrections that need to be made so that your proposal can (still) meet the conditions for submission. You will be given the opportunity to make the corrections, and you will be given five working days to do this. If needed, a second opportunity may be granted with a maximum of two working days.

4.2.3 Pre-advice assessment committee

After this, your proposal will be submitted for comments to several members of the assessment committee (the pre-advisors). The pre-advisors will provide a written substantive and reasoned response to the proposal. They will formulate these comments based on the substantive assessment criteria (see Section 4.3.1). The pre-advisors will not include scores in their written response.

4.2.4 Rebuttal

The applicant subsequently receives the anonymised pre-advice. You then have the opportunity to formulate a rebuttal. You will be given ten working days to submit your rebuttal via ISAAC. If you decide to withdraw the proposal, then you should do this as quickly as possible by sending an email stating this to the office and withdrawing the proposal in ISAAC. If NWO receives your rebuttal after the deadline, then it will not be included in the rest of the procedure.

4.2.5 Meeting of the assessment committee

The committee will make its own assessment based on the available material. Although the pre-advice will 'guide' the final assessment to a large extent, it will not be blindly accepted without question by the committee. The committee will consider and compare the arguments of the pre-advisors (also amongst each other) and examine whether the rebuttal contains a well-formulated response to the critical comments from the pre-advice.

Following the discussion, the assessment committee draws up a written recommendation addressed to the NWO Executive Board about the quality and ranking of the proposals. This recommendation is based on the assessment criteria. The proposal must receive an overall qualification of at least "excellent/very good/good" to be eligible for funding. The proposal must also receive at least the qualification "excellent/very good/good" for each of the individual assessment criteria.

For more information about the qualifications, see [Applying for funding, how does it work? | NWO](#).

If, after the discussion of the proposals, two or more of the proposals cannot be distinguished from each other based on their weighted total score, then this will result in an ex aequo situation (see the paragraph about ex aequo).

4.2.6 Ex aequo

NWO understands ex aequo to be a situation in which two or more proposals based on their weighted score cannot be distinguished from each other. An ex aequo situation is relevant with respect to the borders of the available budget or the selection borders. The existence of an ex aequo situation is determined as follows. The starting point in this process is the ranking drawn up by the assessment committee, with the final scores rounded down to two decimal points. The reference score here is the score of the lowest-ranked proposal within the borders of the available budget or the selection borders. All proposals with a score that is within 0.05 or less of the reference score will be considered. In this way, the proposals that are equal within a score of 0.1 will be selected. If an ex aequo situation occurs at the borders of the available budget or the selection borders, then in order to achieve a balanced distribution of proposals, the proposal linked to the most underrepresented CGIAR Research Initiative, Impact Platform or to the PP4I unit amongst the proposals that have been ranked above the ex aequo situation will be ranked highest. If the proposals subsequently still remain tied, then the assessment committee, with the help of an (anonymous) majority vote, will determine the ranking (in accordance with Article 2.2.7, third paragraph, sub a, part iv of the NWO Grant Rules 2017). If this vote also fails to provide a resolution, or if it is deemed to be undesirable to vote, then the ex aequo situation will be sent onto the decision-making body.

4.2.7 Decision-making

Finally, the NWO Executive Board will assess the procedure followed as well as the advice from the assessment committee. They will subsequently determine the final qualifications and make a decision over awarding or rejecting the proposals. The NWO Executive Board's decision will be based upon the advice by the assessment committee and will depend on the available call budget. The NWO Executive Board can deviate from the advice of the assessment committee when prompted by the availability of resources. This could be the case when following the selection of proposals for funding, remaining funds for this call would not be sufficient for funding the next proposal in line, but would allow for a next fundable one thereafter in the ranking.

4.2.8 Timetable

Below, you will find the timetable for this Call for proposals. During the current procedure, NWO might find it necessary to make further changes to the timetable for this Call for proposals. You will be informed about this in time. NWO will also inform you when online information or matchmaking sessions will be organised.

Proposals	
May 28, 2024 14:00:00 hours CEST	Deadline submission of documents for checking potential Senior Experts from organisations not listed in 3.1
June 11, 2024 14:00:00 CEST	Deadline proposals
July 1, 2024	Pre-advisor consultation
Early September 2024	Applicants can submit a rebuttal
Late September 2024	Assessment committee meeting
Late October 2024	Decision by the NWO Executive Board

4.3 Criteria

4.3.1 Substantive assessment criteria

The applications submitted within this Call for proposals will be substantially assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Appropriateness of the Senior Expert to the SEP II (25%)
 2. Level of alignment to the selected CGIAR RI, IAP or PP4I unit (25%)
 3. Added value of the proposed time and tasks to the Netherlands - CGIAR Strategic Partnership (25%)
 4. Value for Money: relation between budget and tasks (25%)
1. Appropriateness of the Senior Expert to the SEP II:
 - Potential to create added value for advancing knowledge and enhancing innovation for global food and nutrition security related to the selected RI, IAP, or PP4I unit, after completion of his/her PhD, MSc, MA, this is demonstrated through relevant working experience, e.g.:
 - high quality outputs related to the topic of interest for this application (NWO makes use of a broad definition of scientific output, for more information see 4.1 DORA);
 - experience with initiating new competitive projects related to the topic of interest for this application;
 - inspiring/supervising/guiding a team (of researchers), especially early career;
 - establishing (international) collaboration and networks including with societal stakeholders (public, private, civil society);
 - experience in knowledge sharing and enhancing knowledge utilisation.
 2. Level of alignment to the selected CGIAR Research Initiative, Impact Platform or to the PP4I unit.
 - Alignment of proposed tasks, for which funding is requested, with one of the pre-selected RIs, IAPs or the PP4I unit;
 - Alignment of proposed tasks, for which funding is requested, with the Theory of Change of the selected RIs, IAPs, or PP4I unit.
 3. Added value of the time and tasks to the NL-CGIAR Strategic Partnership:
 - The extent to which the expert is able to leverage Dutch knowledge and expertise to strengthen the selected RI, IAP or PP4I unit;
 - The extent to which the activities performed by the expert create added value and mutual benefits for CGIAR and Dutch knowledge institutions;
 - The probability that the activities performed by the expert lead to collaboration with CGIAR counterparts and collaborators, with special attention to NARES partners.
 - The probability that the activities performed by the expert will contribute to the broader CGIAR impact and innovation strategy
 4. Value for Money: relation between budget and tasks:
 - The importance and the quality of the proposed assignment (and associated outcomes) justify the amount of resource require
 - The proposed assignment can be undertaken in an efficient and effective way and is the applicant is only requesting resources that are essential to the completion of the project
 - Strategic use of resources and potential for mutual benefits between the Dutch Research Organisations and CGIAR

5 Obligations for grant recipients

This chapter details the various obligations that - in addition to the conditions stated in Section 3.5 - apply after funds have been awarded.

5.1 Additional terms and conditions

The assignment has to start no later than three months after receiving the award letter from NWO. If the assignment fails to start within three months, NWO may withdraw the funding.

Changes in the project

In case substantial changes in the work plan are necessary during the lifetime of the project, for example because of changes in the portfolio of Research Initiatives in the next CGIAR business cycle (2025-2027), this needs to be requested and assessed by NWO before any changes can be implemented.

Joint activities

To facilitate impact of the Senior Expert assignments, NWO and the Netherlands Food Partnership will set-up a diverse set of activities to be developed in close cooperation with the CGIAR System Organization and the Senior Experts. Topics can concern cross-cutting issues such as gender, enabling and scaling, system approach, co-creation, working with the private sector (PPPs), as well as issues that are brought forward by the Senior Experts, project partners, MoFA, MoA, CGIAR and/or other relevant stakeholders. The Senior Experts are expected to play an active role (co-organising, contributing, and participating) in these joint activities upon invitation. Senior experts are expected to contribute to activities that enhance (understanding of) the overall results of the programme, such as a synthesis study or external evaluation.

Annual report(s)

Annually, the Senior Expert must submit a written report (in English) to inform NWO of the overall assignment progress, experiences and output.

Final report and final accountability to NWO

A substantive final report should be submitted within three months after the end of the assignment's runtime, detailing the assignment and the achieved results, as well as a reflection on the project's Impact Plan and its indicators.

Simultaneously, the Senior Expert and the controller/financial manager of the Senior Expert's institution should submit a signed financial end report, organised according to the budget lines of the approved NWO budget. The report should detail, among others, the effective duration (period) and size (FTE) of the assignment and if applicable small staff appointed to the project. The realised in-cash and in-kind co-funding should also be accounted for.

If the Senior Expert is not based at a knowledge institution that is subject to the education accountants' protocol of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, an external audit report must also be submitted.

NWO reserves the right to externally evaluate projects financed under this call. The project ends with the issuing of the grant settlement decision. This decision is taken after approval of the final document(s) by NWO.

The Senior Expert will receive instructions and a format for this report in advance. Formats for the various reports will be made available in ISAAC, the NWO electronic uploading system, to be accessed via www.isaac.nwo.nl. You will also receive a request to submit a report via email.

Outputs

In addition, if your assignment within the SEP call leads to outputs, you are requested to submit this to NWO electronically, through the ISAAC system.

NWO is not only interested in scientific output, such as scientific articles and book chapters, but also in other more popular output, such as conference papers, policy briefs, news articles, training and workshop reports, et cetera.

When publishing the results of the subsidised research, the support by NWO should be mentioned.

5.1.1 Data management

After a proposal has been awarded funding, the researcher should elaborate the data management section into a data management plan. For this, applicants can make use of the advice from the referees and committee. The applicant must describe in the plan whether existing data will be used, or whether new data will be collected or generated, and how this data will be made FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable. Before submission, the data management plan should be checked by a data steward or similar officer of the organisation where the project will be realised. The plan should be submitted to NWO via ISAAC within 2 months after the proposal has been awarded funding. NWO will check the plan as quickly as possible. Approval of the data management plan by NWO is a condition for disbursement of the funding. The plan can be adjusted during the research.

More information about the data management protocol of NWO can be found at: [Research data management | NWO](#). In case neither data collection nor use is part of the planned assignment please indicate so in the data management plan.

5.1.2 Intellectual property

With respect to intellectual property (IP), the NWO IP policy applies. This can be found in Chapter 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2017.

Applicants must carry out a project funded by NWO during the time that they work for the knowledge institution. If an applicant or a researcher funded by NWO is appointed by more than one employer, then the other employer should relinquish any possible IP rights that emerge from the project of the applicant.

5.1.3 Socially responsible licensing

The knowledge that emerges from the project could be suitable for use in society. When agreements about licensing and/or the transfer of research results developed under this Call for proposals are made, due consideration should be given to the ten principles for socially responsible licensing, as stated in the NFU factsheet "[19.4511 Ten principles for Socially Responsible Licensing v19-12-2019.pdf \(nfu.nl\)](#)".

5.1.4 Open Access

As a signatory to the Berlin Declaration (2003) and a member of cOAlition S (2018), NWO is committed to making the results of the research it funds openly accessible via the internet (Open Access). By doing this, NWO gives substance to the ambitions of the Dutch government to make all publicly funded research available in Open Access form. Scientific publications arising from projects awarded on the basis of this Call for proposals must therefore be made available in Open Access form in accordance with the Open Access Policy.

Scientific articles

Scientific articles must be made available in Open Access form immediately at the time of publication (without embargo) via one of the following routes:

- publication in a fully Open Access journal or platform registered in the DOAJ;
- publication in a subscription journal and the immediate deposition of at least the author accepted manuscript of the article in an Open Access repository registered in Open DOAR;
- publication in a journal for which a transformative Open Access agreement exists between UNL and a publisher. For further information, see [Open Access](#) |.

Books

Different requirements apply to scholarly books, book chapters and edited collections. See the Open Access Policy Framework at [Open Science](#) | [NWO](#).

CC BY licence

To ensure the widest possible dissemination of publications, at least a Creative Commons (CC BY) licence must be applied. Alternatively – in case of substantial interest – the author may request to publish under a CC BY-ND licence. For books, book chapters and collected volumes, all CC BY licence options are allowed.

Costs

Costs for publication in fully Open Access journals can be budgeted in the application using the budget module for “material costs”. Costs for publications in hybrid journals are not eligible for reimbursement by NWO. For Open Access books, a separate NWO Open Access Books Fund is available.

For more detailed information about NWO’s Open Access policy, see [Open Science](#) | [NWO](#).

6 Contact and other information

6.1 Contact

6.1.1 Specific questions

For specific questions about the Senior Expert Programme and this Call for SEP candidates, please contact:

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6.1.2 Technical questions about the web application ISAAC

For technical questions about the use of ISAAC, please contact the ISAAC helpdesk. Please read the manual first before consulting the helpdesk. The ISAAC helpdesk can be contacted from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 17:00 hours on +31 (0)70 34 40 600. However, you can also submit your question by email to isaac.helpdesk@nwo.nl. You will then receive an answer within two working days.

6.2 Other information

NWO processes data from applicants received in the context of this Call in accordance with the NWO Privacy Statement, [Privacy Statement | NWO](#).

NWO might approach applicants for an evaluation of the procedure and/or research programme.

7 Annexes:

7.1 Explanation of budget modules

The rates for all budget modules are incorporated in the budget template that accompanies the application form. The available budget modules are further explained below. The funding of a proposal must be justified in terms of the resources needed to achieve the objectives of the assignment. The funding requested should therefore be realistically adjusted to the actual needs of the assignment, taking into account any other funds available.

Subsidy can be requested to cover between at least 20% and a maximum of 50% (corresponding to 0.2 and 0.5 fte) of the gross salary costs of the Senior Expert for the period that the Senior Expert (additionally) works for the CGIAR RI, Platform or PP4I unit at a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 4 years.

NWO will apply a mandatory one-off indexing of the salary⁶ costs with respect to:

- I. UNL rates: for proposals submitted before 1 July and that are awarded funding after 1 July;
- II. NFU rates: for proposals submitted before 1 August that are awarded funding after 1 August;
- III. HOT rates: for proposals submitted before 1 January that are awarded funding after 1 January.

The mandatory one-off indexing does not affect the level of the grant ceiling or the maximum amount of the grant awarded for each proposal. Both the level of the grant ceiling and the maximum amount of the grant awarded will remain unchanged during the assessment procedure. The mandatory one-off indexing will be applied after the decision-making process about awarding or rejecting proposals is completed.

For the calculation you should use the number of productive hours stated in the valid volume of the *Handleiding Overheidstarieven*.

Explanation of budget module Material

A maximum of €40,000 material budget can be applied for per year of the assignment. This means a maximum of €160,000 can be requested for an assignment of 4 years. The material budget that can be applied for is specified according to the three categories below:

Project-related goods/services

- consumables (e.g. glassware, chemicals, cryogenic fluids, etc.);
- measurement and calculation time (e.g. access to supercomputer, etc.);
- costs for acquiring or using data collections (e.g. from Statistics Netherlands [CBS]), for which the total amount may not be more than €25,000 per proposal;
- access to large national and international facilities (e.g. cleanroom, synchrotron, etc.);
- work by third parties (e.g. web designers, laboratory analyses, data collection, citizen science, etc.);
- personnel costs for a small assignment (max. 0.2FTE for 12 months) of CGIAR or local partner staff to the SEP assignment.⁷

Travel and accommodation costs

- travel and accommodation costs for the Senior Expert in so far as these are directly related to the SEP-assignment activities;

⁶ 1 July, 1 August and 1 January are the dates on which the relevant rates are generally adjusted, in the case of indexation the date of actual annual adjustment will be taken into account.

⁷ For personnel outside the Netherlands, the local rates are reimbursed. These rates are capped at a maximum equal to the UNL rates corrected by the NWO Country correction coefficients (CCC) table.

- travel and accommodation costs for (international) partners in so far as these concern direct costs emerging from the international collaboration that cannot be covered in another manner;
- conference attendance for the Senior Expert.

Implementation costs

- costs for Open Access publishing (solely in full gold Open Access journals, registered in the “Directory of Open Access Journals” <https://doaj.org/>);
- costs data management;
- costs involved in applying for licences (e.g. for animal experiments);
- audit costs (only for institutions that are not subject to the education accountants protocol of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science), maximum €5,000 per proposal; for assignments with a duration of three years or less, a maximum of €2,500 per proposal applies.

Costs that cannot be applied for are:

- basic facilities within the institution (e.g. laptops, office furniture, etc.);
- maintenance and insurance costs.

If the maximum amount of material costs is not sufficient for realising the assignment, then this amount may be deviated from, if a clear justification is provided in the proposal. This is subject to approval by NWO.

Citizen science

Involving citizens (citizen science) can contribute to the quality of the research. With the help of citizens, data and insights can be acquired that would not otherwise be available for research. NWO also funds citizen science. Applicants can use the budget module “material, project-related goods/services, work by third parties” to request a remuneration for the involvement of citizens in projects. The budget module offers a possibility and is not a requirement. Applicants are free to decide whether it is worthwhile involving citizens in the project and what exactly they use this budget for (for example, reimbursement of expenses of citizens, skills training for citizens or technical devices for the participating citizen).

Explanation of budget module Knowledge utilisation

The aim of this budget module is to enable Senior Experts to share their knowledge and expertise, and contribute to capacity strengthening.⁸ A maximum of €50,000 euro, can be requested under this call as funding for knowledge utilisation costs.

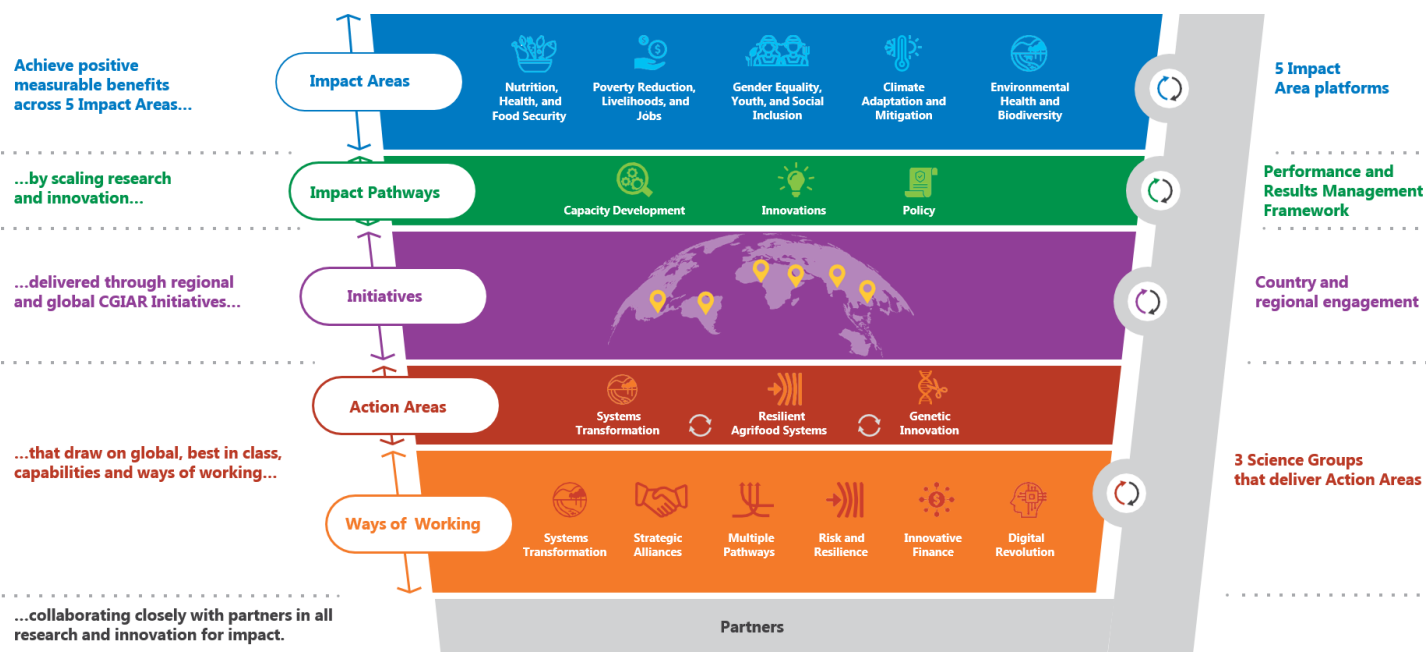
As knowledge utilisation takes many different forms in different scientific fields, the applicant needs to specify the required costs, e.g. costs of producing a teaching package, developing training courses, organising capacity strengthening activities, developing science communication materials, video’s, (digital) platforms such as websites and applications, organising (inter)national workshops/symposia/scientific meetings, conducting a feasibility study into potential applications, or filing a patent application. The budget cannot be used for structural costs but should be task-oriented. The budget applied for should be adequately specified in the proposal.

If the maximum amount of knowledge utilisation costs is not sufficient for realising the assignment, then this amount may be deviated from, if a clear justification is provided in the proposal. This is subject to approval by NWO. Senior Experts are strongly encouraged to include activities that promote knowledge transfer in their assignment.

NWO will not award any funding to applicants that have affiliations to any of the persons or groups that fall under national or international sanction legislation and rules. The EU Sanctions Map ([EU Sanctions Map](#)) is guiding in this respect.

⁸ In this budget module, the definition for “knowledge transfer” as used by the European Commission in the Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (PbEU, 2014, C198) applies.

7.2 The CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy



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