

CGIAR Accelerator & Asset Criteria

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Criteria ¹	QoR4D Elements	Alignment with Proposal Template
1. Clearly defined challenge that addresses Impact Areas, is a high priority in the targeted geographies, is well aligned to the 2030 Research Strategy, multi-funder priorities, and is well informed by ongoing and previous research and Impact Area Platforms and lessons from the 22-24 Portfolio Initiatives.	Relevance, Effectiveness	2, 3
2. Evidence that the Accelerator/Asset is demand driven through codesign with key stakeholders and partners (NARES, universities, governments, farmers, private sector, funders) and collaborators within and outside CGIAR. ²	Relevance, Legitimacy, Effectiveness	2, 3, 7
3. Analysis of comparative advantage of CGIAR in delivering key outputs and outcomes necessary for impact and how this has created opportunities for new partnerships.	Legitimacy, Effectiveness	4
4. Research questions, where applicable, address well defined knowledge gaps and emerging megatrends, with a particular emphasis on climate change, and are supported by underlying hypotheses.	Relevance, Credibility	2, 6
5. Theory of Change with intended outputs, outcomes, and impacts at scale clearly described. Assumptions are documented, causal linkages are clear, especially the role of partners in driving impact through inclusive innovation, and all indicators made explicit.	Effectiveness, Relevance	5
5.a When relevant Areas of Work 1 Areas of Work 2 Areas of Work 3 Areas of Work 4	Effectiveness, Relevance	6
6. The scope of work, approach and broad methodologies are fit-for-purpose, feasible, and innovative.	Relevance, Effectiveness	Partly in 6
7. Anticipated outputs (knowledge, technical, or institutional advances, capacity development, technologies or products) are clearly described.	Credibility, Effectiveness	6, 10
8. Evidence that the Accelerator/Asset has close linkages and joint work with Science Programs that will contribute to impact at scale.	Effectiveness, Credibility, Relevance,	7, 8, 10

¹ Review of appendices are not required to assess proposal and are supporting materials.

² The types, range, and roles of partners needs to be fully explained. For example, partners involved in research implementation may be different to those partners needed for delivery of outcomes and scaling of impacts and they will have different roles in codesign and codelivery. How these partners have been included in the Initiative design process needs to be described with evidence of their support.

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9. A risk framework that details main program risks and mitigation actions, including intended and unintended consequences of technologies/innovations for natural resources, GHG emissions, and social and economic aspects.	Credibility, Legitimacy, Relevance	13
10. MELIA approach that supports effective adaptive management and learning. Lessons are used to proactively to reflect on and adapt the Theory of Change. Impact assessment strategy outlined.	Credibility, Effectiveness, Legitimacy	9, 10