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Subject: Inputs OEWG on Data - CGIAR

Dear CFS Secretariat and the open-ended working group (OEWG) on Data,

After review of the CFS report, the CGIAR Digital & Data team proposes the following themes become an explicit part of the planning and policy discussions to come:

Data interoperability is mentioned in the context of FAIR principles (making data findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable) but we'd like to underline that building data interoperability requires focused technical engagement and community building. Data interoperability will be fundamental for leveraging data and digital innovation for food security and nutrition, and this will require working across research domains, communities, systems, and standards. How can we develop enabling policies for data interoperability in the agrifood sector?

Data agency--how we build and support the agency of data holders and subjects-- could be more explicit and could merit a specific technical stream and some notes on good practice for consideration by policy makers.

Testing and Learning is implied in multiple parts of the report, such as in piloting the implementation of a data trust. It merits examination how do we elevate testing and learning itself as a point of policy and process related to, at a minimum:

- data trusts,
- emergent technologies,
- information systems for leveraging data,
- development of research methods, and
- mechanisms of governance that can be consultative **and** remain biased toward action.