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| Applicant: | | Expert name: | |
| PhD project title: | | | |
| German supervisor: | | | |
| University: | | | |
| CGIAR++ supervisor: | | | |
| Hosting Centre: | | | |
| Hosting project: | | | |
| | | Preliminary score | Expert recommendation |
| Total application score | | 5500 | highly recommended |
| | | | 11000 |

| | | Explanation or Selection | Yes/No | |
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| Application documents | | | | |
| 1 | Candidate's application documents | incomplete / evaluation impossible | No | ... |
| 2 | | eligible for PhD program | Yes | ... |
| 3 | CGIAR++ hosting agreement | submitted and signed by Centre Management | Yes | ... |
| 4 | Budget requested within the limits of the call | Stipend max 36 x 1.500 | Yes | ... |
| 5 | | Research Funds max 25.000 | Yes | ... |
| 6 | CGIAR++ financial or in kind commitment documented | | Yes | ... |
| 7 | German University financial or in kind contribution documented | | Yes | ... |
| 8 | open access publications budgeted | | Yes | ... |

| | | | Points | Score |
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| PhD-candidate | | | | 2000 of 2000 |
| 9 | Applicants MSc studies completed | among the 10% best | 300 | ... |
| 10 | Motivation letter | inspiring | 100 | ... |
| 11 | | career aspiration in R4D | 100 | ... |
| 12 | | career aspiration SDG related | 100 | ... |
| 13 | | Develops a vision of the real world changes intended / required | 100 | ... |
| 14 | Candidates career potential | excellent | 300 | ... |
| 15 | University professor recommendation | submitted and emphatic | 300 | ... |
| 16 | CGIAR++ supervisor recommendation | submitted and emphatic | 300 | ... |
| 17 | Candidate has given his MSc studies a focus on R4D / SDG related research | | 100 | ... |
| 18 | Candidate has previous exposure to RESEARCH 4D (CGIAR++ involvement / internship / else) | | 100 | ... |
| 19 | Candidate has previous exposure to SDG related work (NGO / Development Service / Extension Service / Else) | | 100 | ... |
| 20 | Candidate has additional relevant professional exposure | | 100 | ... |

| | | | Points | Score |
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| Team eligibility and project adequacy | | | | 1500 of 1500 |
| 21 | Professor at German university | entitled accept PhD candidates | Yes | ... |
| 22 | CGIAR++ supervisor | holds PhD degree | Yes | ... |
| 23 | Professor and CGIAR++ supervisor have complementary competences | | 100 | ... |
| 24 | Team members know each other | all | 300 | ... |
| 25 | Team appears to have developed the proposal together | | 100 | ... |
| 26 | German Professor | excellent | 250 | ... |
| 27 | CGIAR++ supervisor | excellent | 250 | ... |
| 28 | Hosting CGIAR++ project has funding until / beyond March 2025 | | 100 | ... |
| 29 | Hosting CGIAR++ project has the necessary infrastructure to support the PhD Project | | 100 | ... |
| 30 | Hosting CGIAR++ project has relevant links to the focus SDGs of the call (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 17) | | 100 | ... |
| 31 | Hosting CGIAR++ project is a large multinational / multi-donor CGIAR++ activity (CRP / strategic project / One CG / Else) | | 100 | ... |
| 32 | Hosting CGIAR++ project has already existing German R4D collaboration | | 100 | ... |

| | | | Points | Score |
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| Relevance and quality of the PhD proposal | | | | 2000 of 2000 |
| 33 | PhD proposal is innovative and cutting edge science | excellent | 200 | ... |
| 34 | Research gap is clearly stated and relates to the focus SDGs of the call (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 17) | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 35 | PhD proposal has a strong thematic link to the hosting CGIAR++ project | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 36 | PhD proposal adds a new methodic or strategic component to the hosting CGIAR++ project | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 37 | Objectives / hypotheses / research questions are | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 38 | Materials and methods are clearly described and suited to achieve the objectives | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 39 | The references are adequate and reflect the current state of knowledge | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 40 | Time frame is | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 41 | Proposal has potential for creating impact on scale | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 42 | Proposal addresses gender issues | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 43 | The budget allocations show synergies between the hosting project and the PhD project | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 44 | Budget items are justified and reflect the tasks / activities | excellent | 150 | ... |
| 45 | The PhD project potential to publish at least 3 papers is | excellent | 150 | ... |