

# Transforming Agri-food Systems to Achieve Healthy Diets for All

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## Outline:

- **Challenges:**
  - *Why Agri-Food Systems Need to Be Transformed*
- **Opportunities:**
  - *What Science Can Offer to Address these Challenges*
- **The CGIAR partnership:**
  - *Our Contribution to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Targets*

# What are the challenges going forward?

- **Poor diets** are now the #1 cause of ill health globally, overtaking smoking, with 800 million hungry people, 2 billion malnourished people, 159 million stunted children and 2 billion people overweight or obese, causing rapid increases in diabetes in India and heart disease in China. Three quarters of all overweight children live in Africa and Asia.
- **Planetary ill health.** The food system is the primary driver, and responsible for soil degradation on 25% of cropped land, deforestation and loss of biodiversity, water scarcity, pollution of lakes and seas, and circa 25% of all greenhouse gas emissions
- **Massive un(der)employment** for young people in rural areas, with employment in the agri-food system, on farms or in the food value chain, as the only realistic option for 60% of African next generation youth, requiring over 200 million jobs

## Simply put:

- The food we produce and eat is not healthy enough, and the global food system is vulnerable
- The planet is not healthy as a result of the food we produce
- Agri-Food Systems need a **radical overhaul** to provide healthy diets from sustainable food systems **urgently**



**Traditional focus:** Increased production calories from staple foods to reduce hunger.

*FAO: Produce 60% more food by 2050 to feed growing and richer population*



# 2014 GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX BY SEVERITY



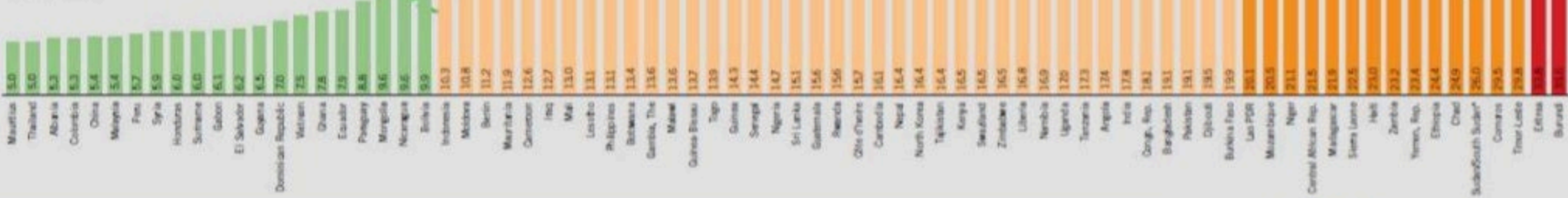
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- Alarming 20.0-29.9
- Serious 10.0-19.9
- Moderate 5.0-9.9
- Low < 4.9
- No data
- Industrialized country

Note: For the 2014 GHI, data on the proportion of undernourished are for 2011-2013, data on child underweight are for the latest year in the period 2009-2013 for which data are available, and data on child mortality are for 2012. GHI scores were not calculated for countries for which data were not available and for certain countries with very small populations.

\* The 2014 GHI score could only be calculated for former Sudan as one entity, because separate undernourishment estimates for 2011-2013 were not available for South Sudan, which became independent in 2011, and present-day Sudan.

The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the headquarters of Concern Worldwide.

Source: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) 2014 Global Hunger Index (GHI) Report. "Measuring World Hunger: The Challenge of Undernourishment, Child Underweight, and Child Mortality." IFPRI, 2014. Washington, DC, and Dublin: International Food Policy Research Institute, Concern Worldwide.



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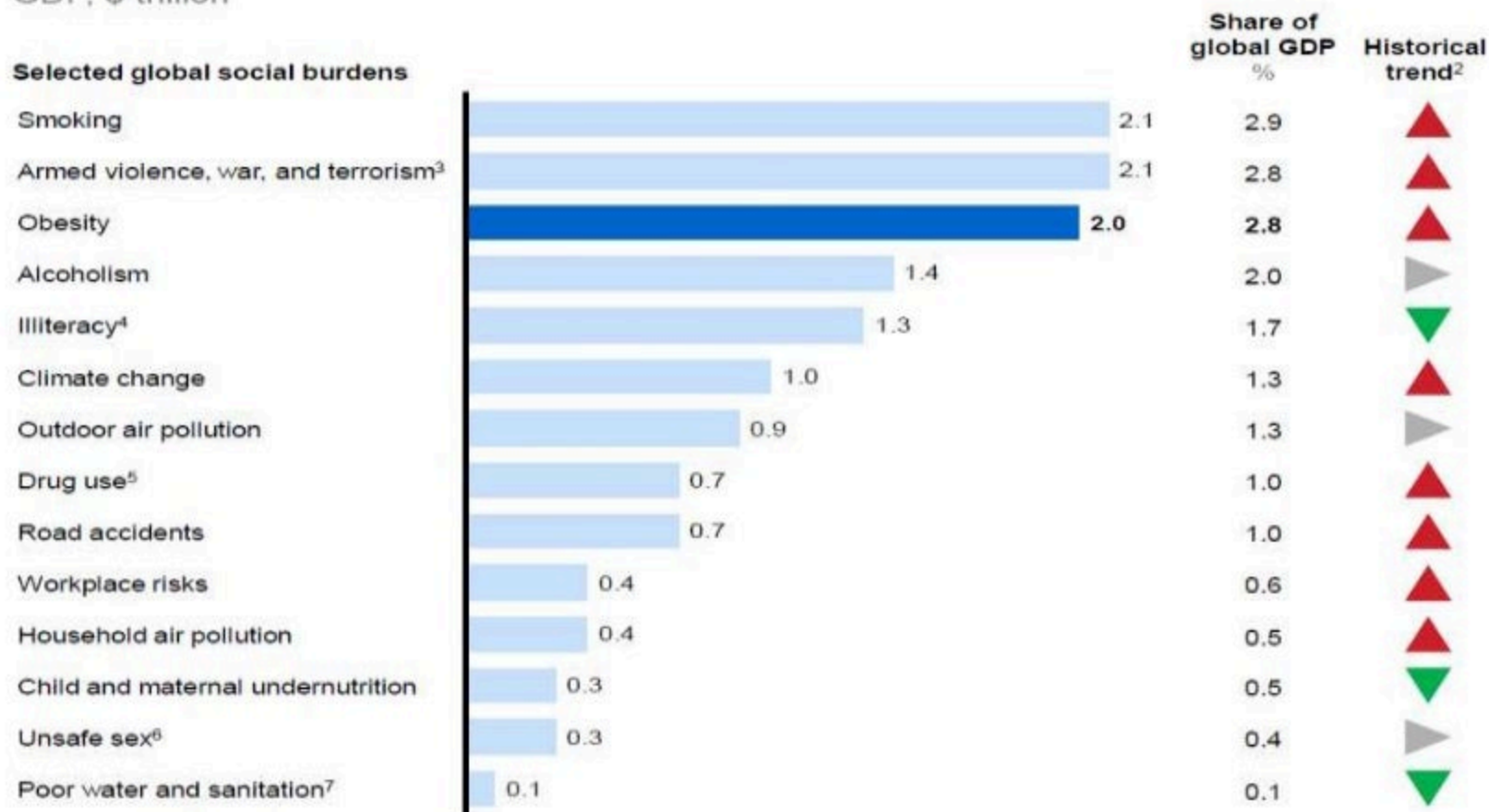
# There are 2 Billion people malnourished and 2 Billion people overweight and obese

## Exhibit E1

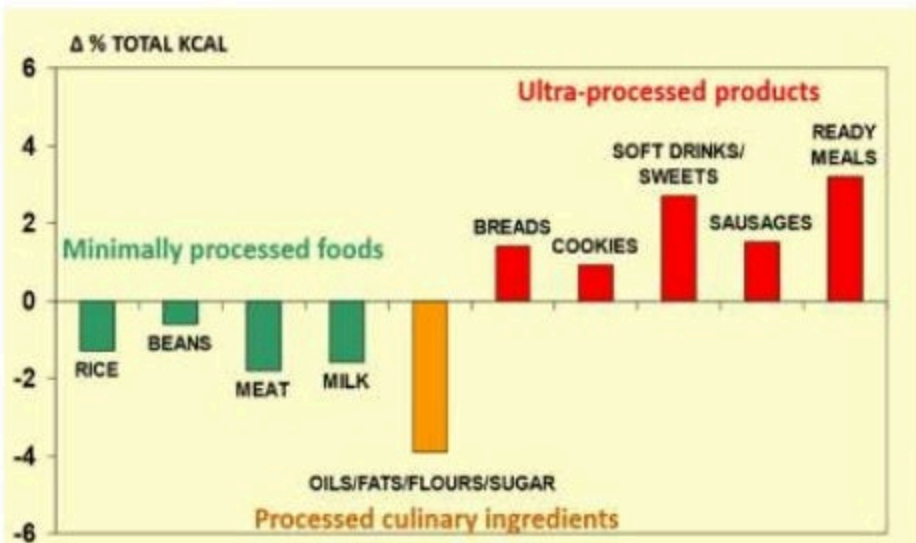
### Obesity is one of the top three global social burdens generated by human beings

Estimated annual global direct economic impact and investment to mitigate selected global burdens, 2012<sup>1</sup>

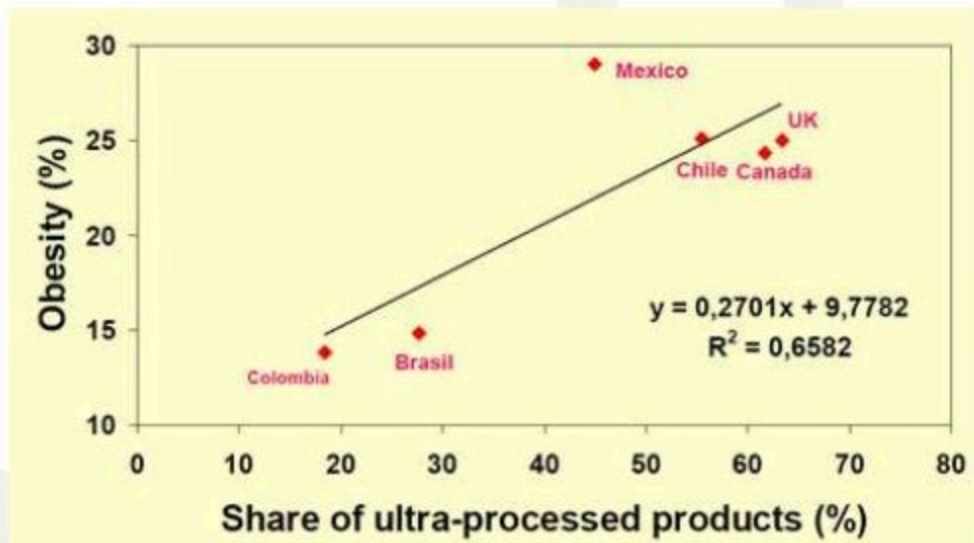
GDP, \$ trillion



# There has been a shift towards obesity and non communicable diseases



Source: Updated from Monteiro et al 2011 *Public Health Nut* 14(1): 5-13



Prevalence of obesity among adult increased from 12% to 17%.

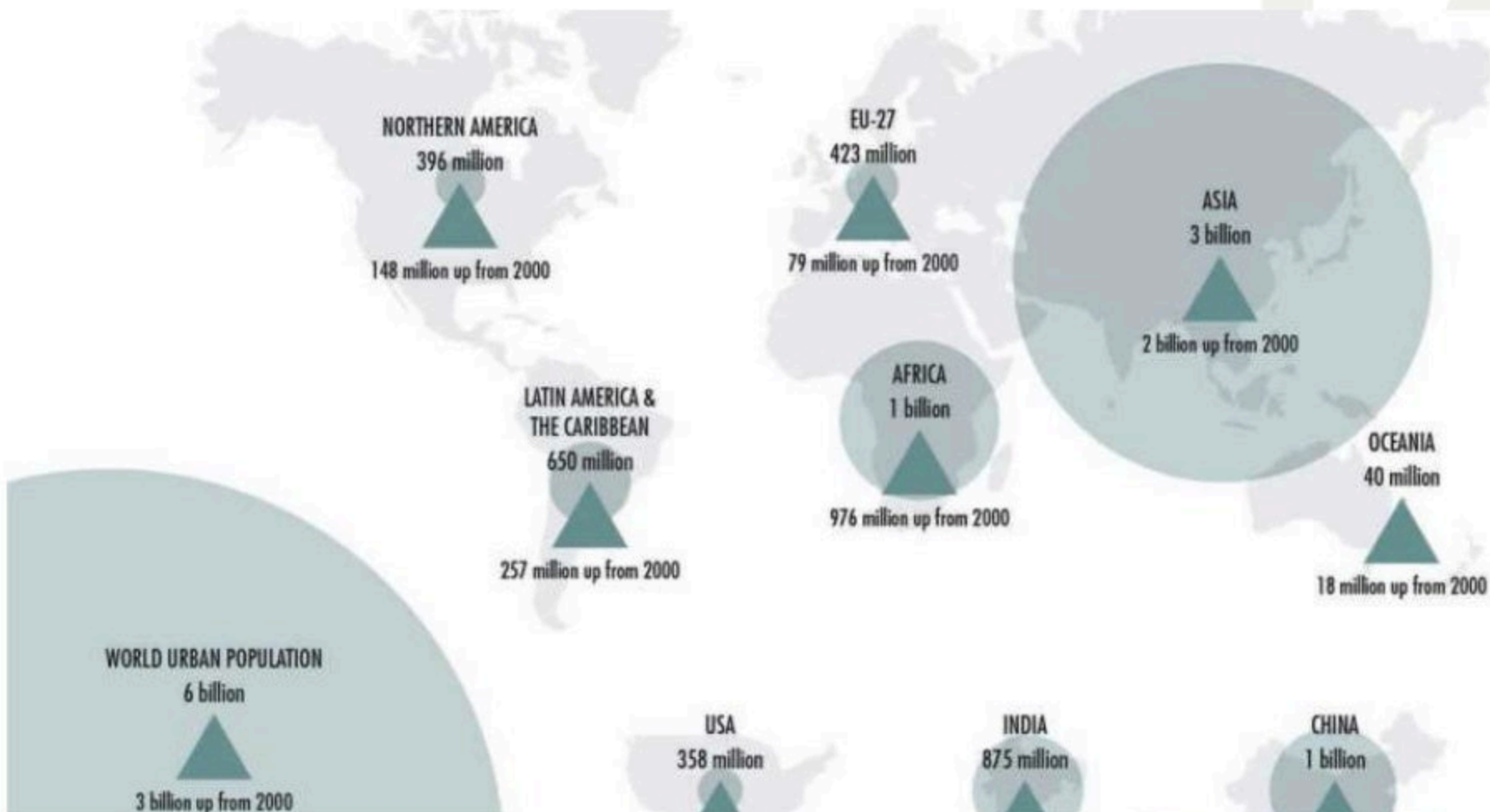
Brazil, from 2006 to 2012:  
 Ultra processed products in household diets: from 20% to 28% (32% in urban areas)  
 Cooking ingredients: from 37% to 32%.

Source: Monteiro et al. 2011; Martins et al. 2013



# The urban population is rising

2050 projections:



# Nourishing the world's cities

Global food security will become primarily an urban challenge in the future. However, the current international food security agenda is mostly rural-oriented and still focuses more on food availability than on food access and nutrition.

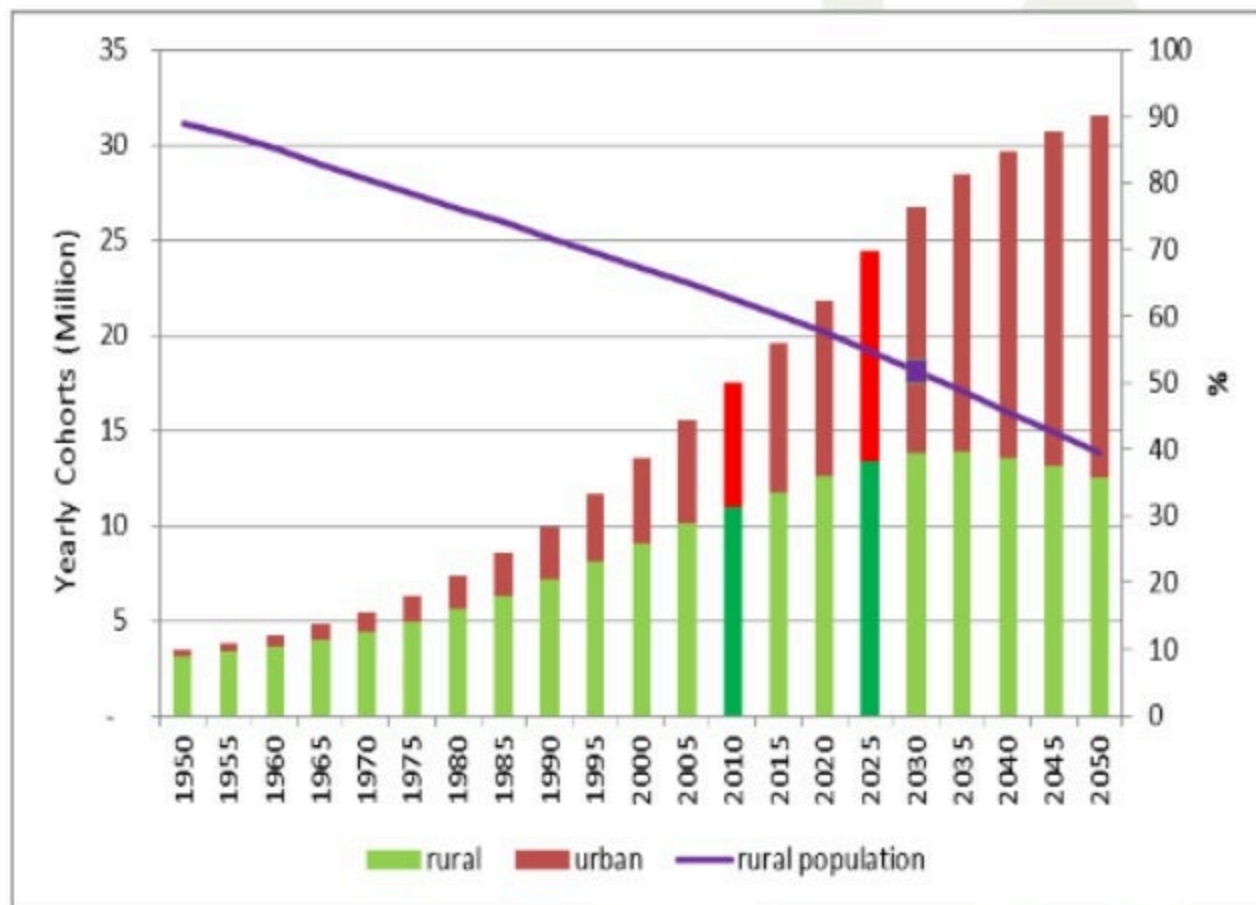
- Food deserts
- Urban food security indicators
- Informal economy
- Rural-urban linkages



# Meeting the needs of women farmers & generating employment for youth

**Youth and agriculture:**  
key challenges and  
concrete solutions

Youth employment in  
agriculture is especially  
relevant in Africa, south of  
the Sahara



# Trends and Patterns in Food consumption

## Increasing homogeneity in global food supplies and the implications for food security

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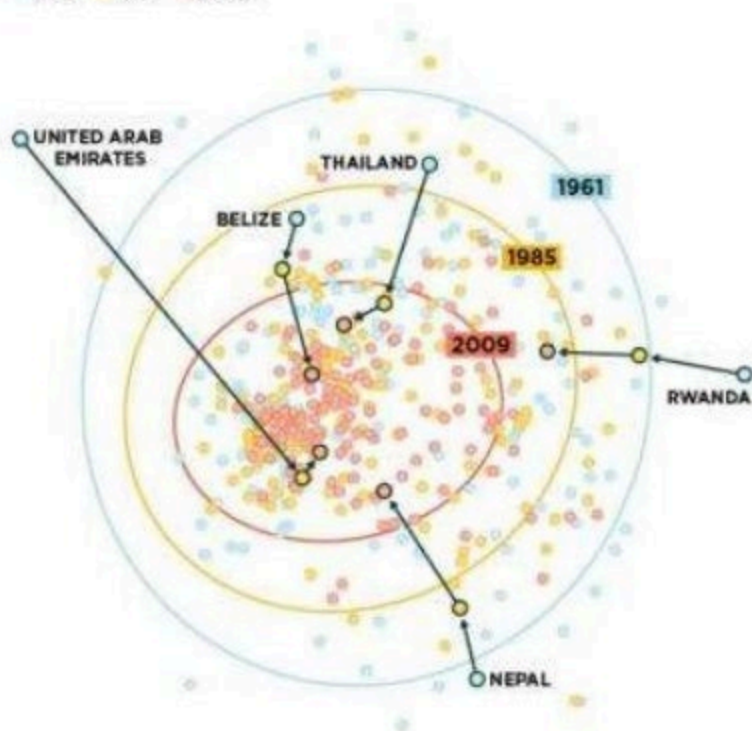
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# Convergence of global diets & a need for diet diversity

A study of the world's countries finds that over the last 50 years, diets have become ever more similar.

Each country's food supply composition in contribution to calories in:

1961 1985 2009

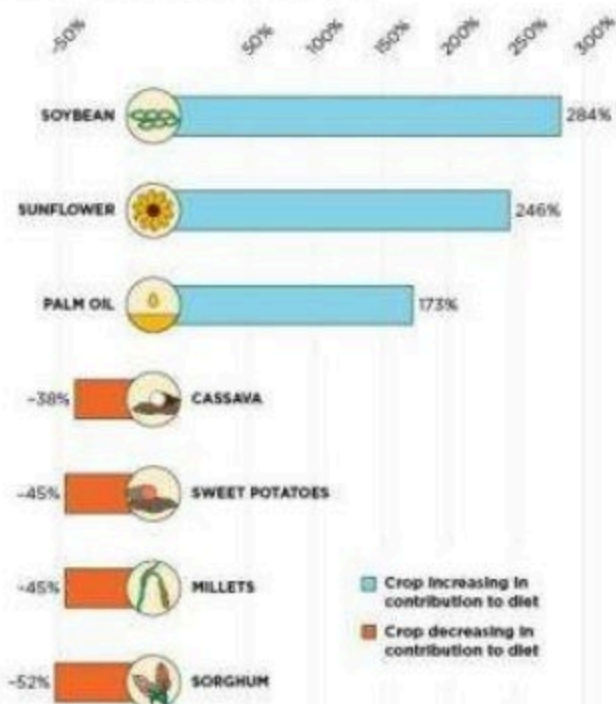


Source: Khoury et al. 2014. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.

Over the last 50 years, the global diet has shifted dramatically, including greater amounts of major oil crops and lesser quantities of regionally important staples.

Average change in the calories from crops in national diets worldwide, 1961-2009

Percent change in calorie contribution to diet



Source: Khoury et al. 2014. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.

# Shifts and homogenisation of global diets

Diets in developing countries increasingly comprise major globalized crops.

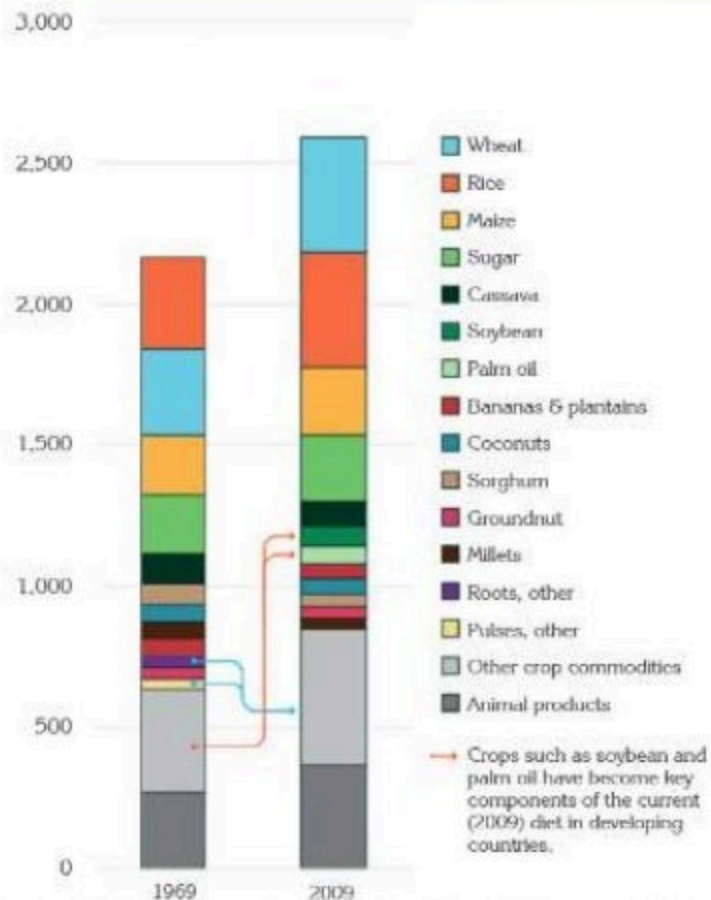


Figure 1. Contribution of crops to mean food supplies in developing countries for calories (kcal/capita/day), 1969 and 2009.

Source: Adapted from Khoury et al. 2014.

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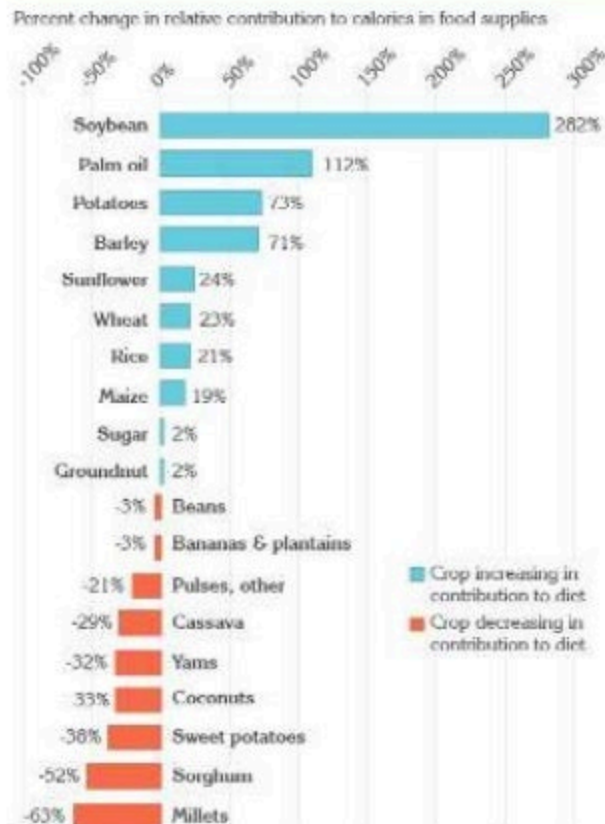
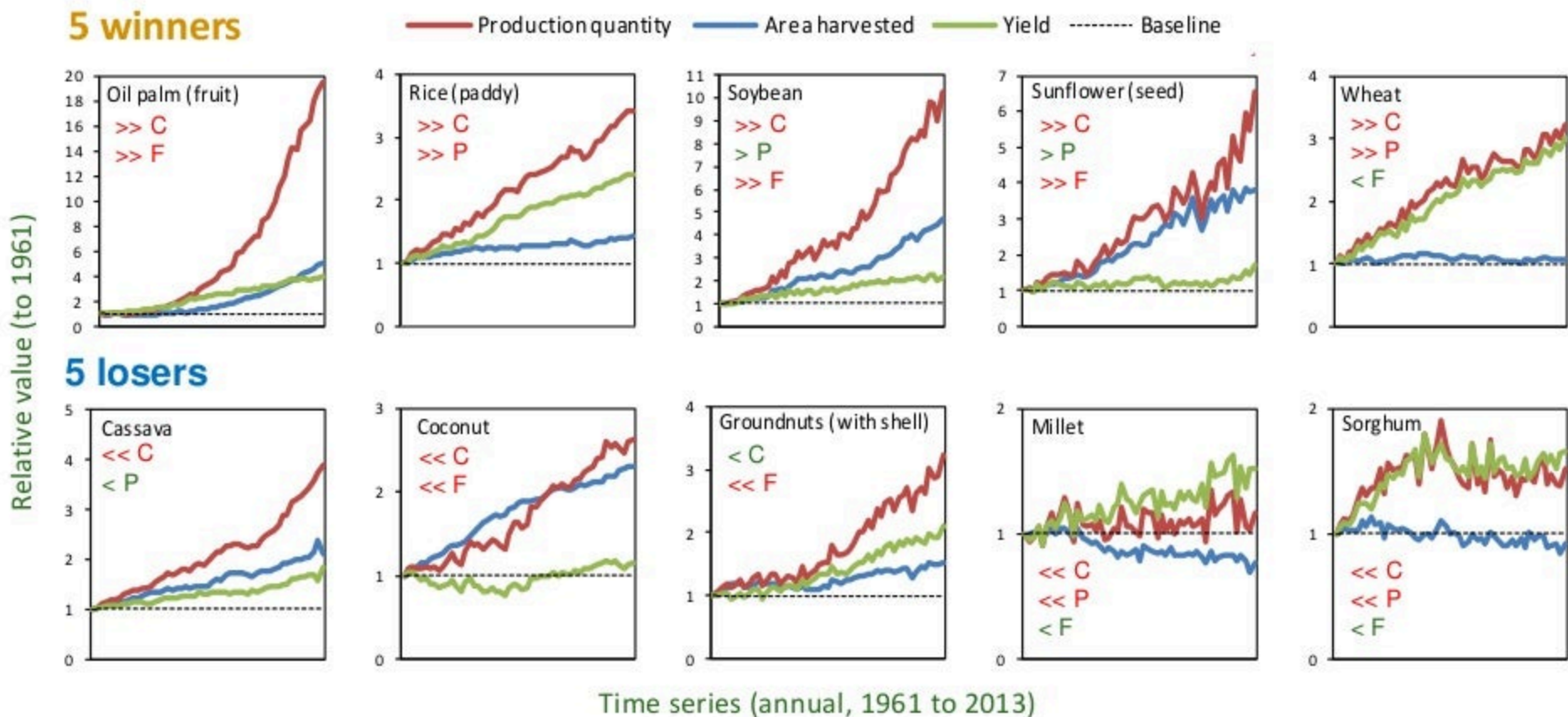


Figure 2. Median change in the relative contribution to calories from crops of interest to CGIAR in national diets in developing countries, 1969-2009.

Source: Adapted from Khoury et al. 2014.

# Production trends for 'winner' and 'loser' crops

Khoury et al. 2014



Source of production data 1961 to 2013: FAOSTAT

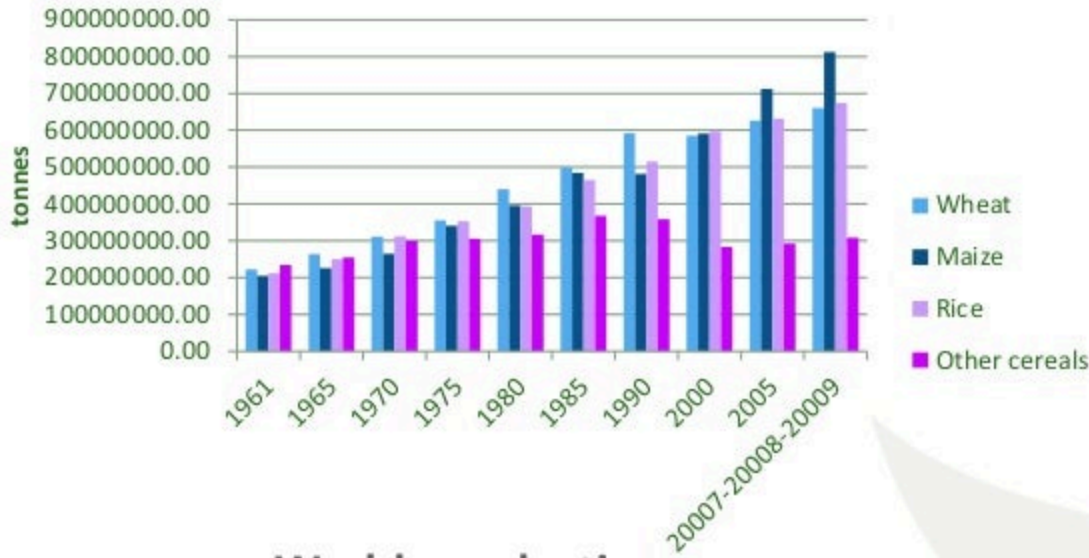
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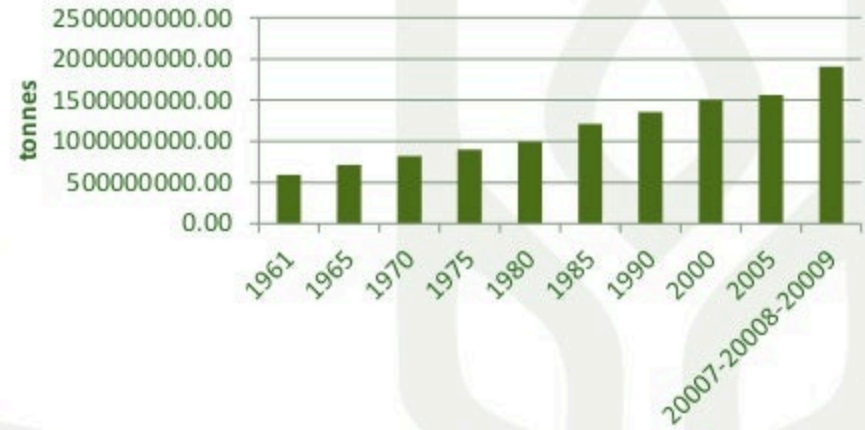
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# Evolution of agricultural production

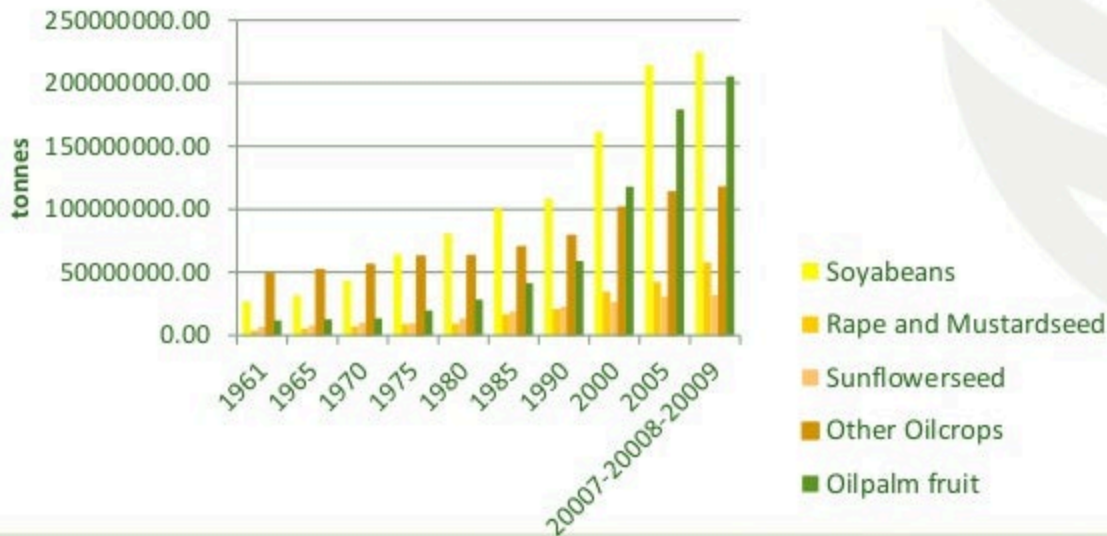
## World, production



## World, production sugar plants and products



## World, production



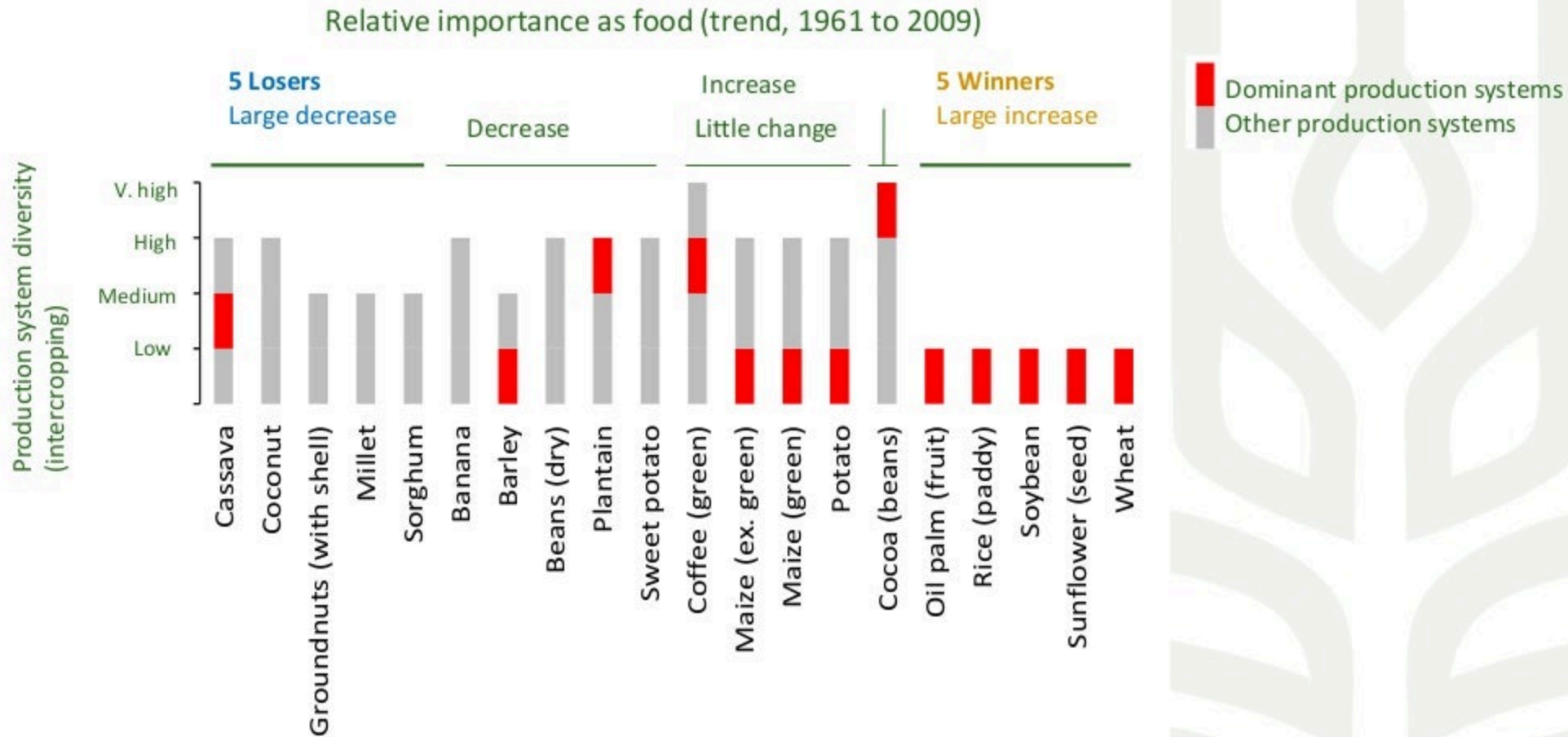
**Maize: nearly X4**  
**Sugar: more than X3**  
**Soyabean: more than X8**  
**Oilpalm fruit: more than X17**

Source: Agrimonde-Terra



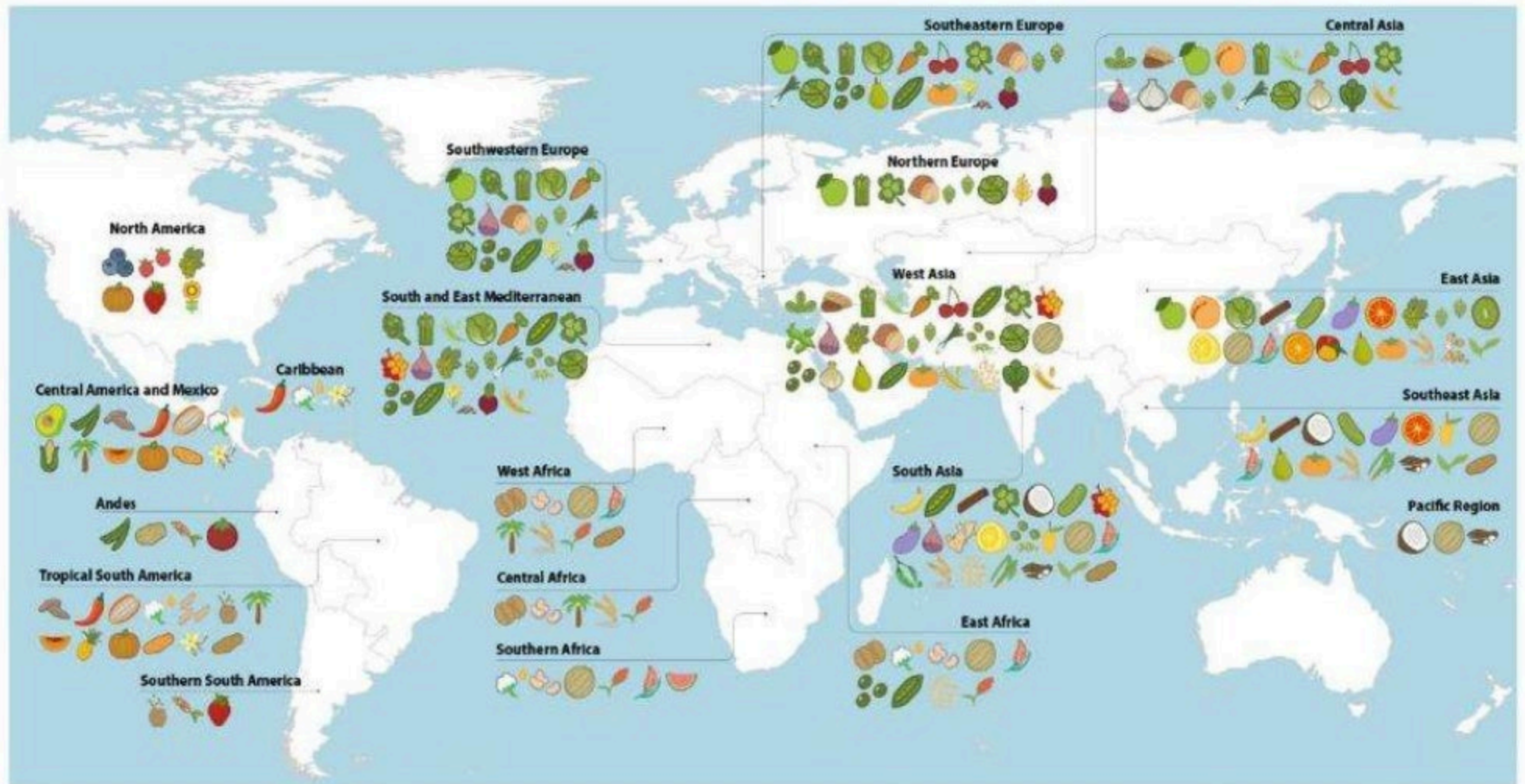
# Production systems for 'winner' and 'loser' crops

Khoury et al. 2014



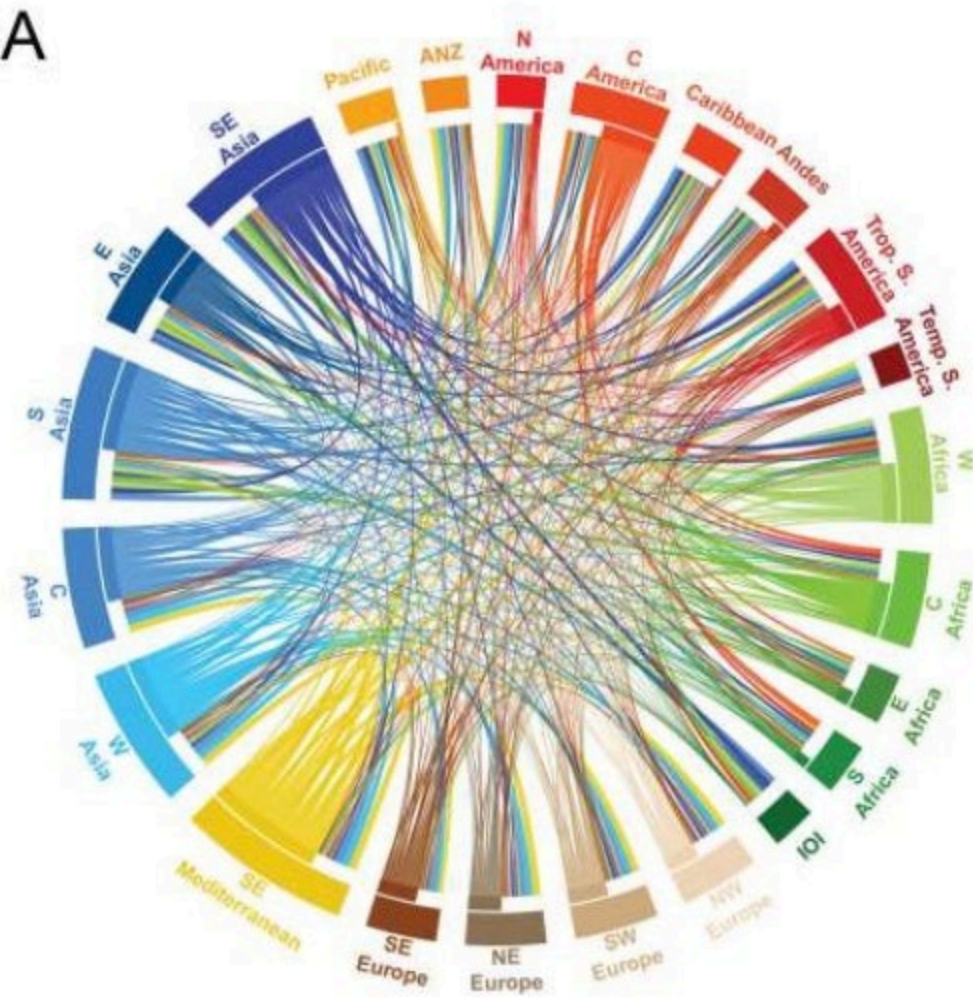
- Winner crops are often grown in monoculture or close to monoculture systems
- The implications of their increased success as foods are serious for biodiversity when based on area expansion and when grown in biodiversity rich areas (e.g., soybean, oil palm)

# WHERE OUR FOOD CROPS COME FROM *Global interdependence on plant genetic resources*

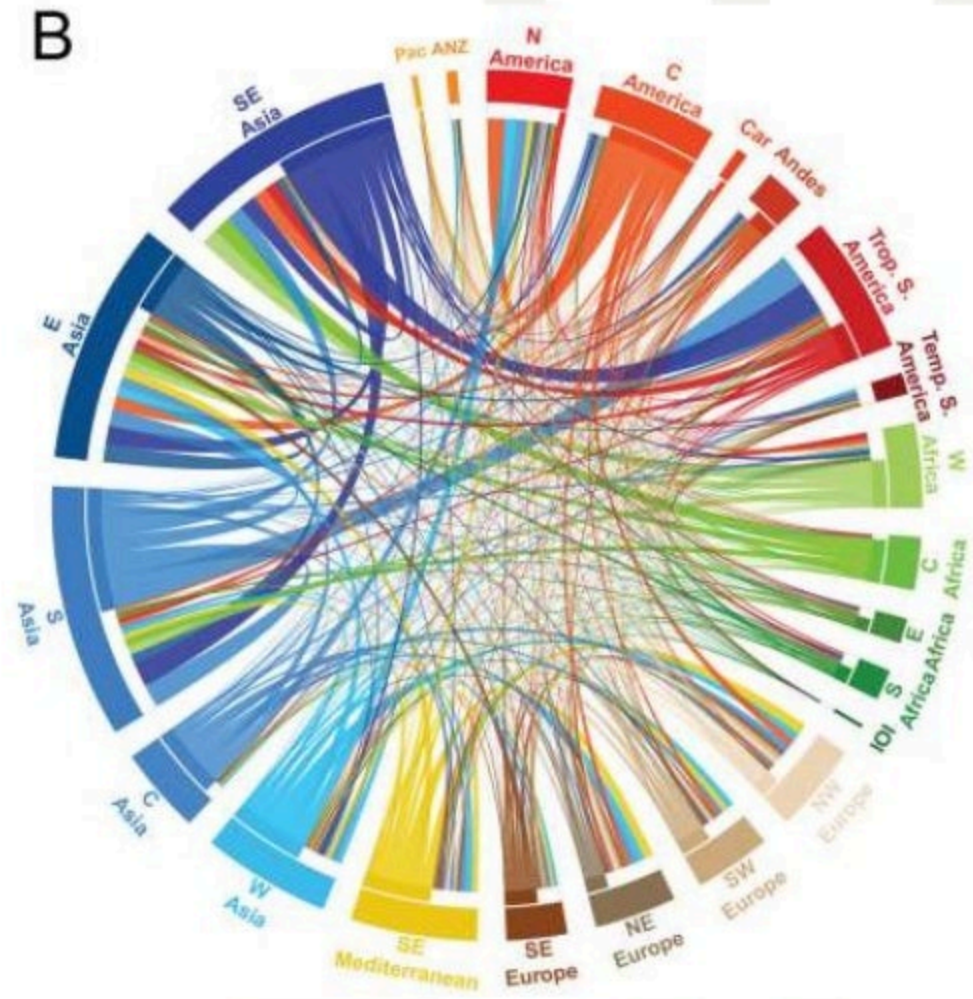


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| Alfalfa             | Beans              | Clover         | Eggplants  | Hops           | Melons               | Pears               | Rice         | Sunflower      |
| Almonds             | Blueberries        | Cocoa beans    | Faba beans | Kiwi           | Millet               | Peas                | Rye          | Sweet potatoes |
| Apples              | Cabbages           | Coconuts       | Figs       | Leeks          | Oats                 | Pigeonpeas          | Sesame       | Taro           |
| Apricots            | Carrots            | Coffee         | Garlic     | Lemons & limes | Olives               | Pineapples          | Sorghum      | Tea            |
| Artichokes          | Cassava            | Cottonseed oil | Ginger     | Lentils        | Onions               | Plums               | Soybean      | Tomatoes       |
| Asparagus           | Cherries           | Cowpeas        | Grapefruit | Lettuce        | Oranges              | Potatoes            | Spinach      | Vanilla        |
| Avocados            | Chickpeas          | Cranberries    | Grapes     | Maize          | Papayas              | Pumpkins            | Strawberries | Watermelons    |
| Bananas & plantains | Chillies & peppers | Cucumbers      | Groundnut  | Mangoes        | Papayas              | Quinoa              | Sugar beet   | Wheat          |
| Barley              | Cinnamon           | Dates          | Hazelnuts  | Mate           | Peaches & nectarines | Rape & mustard seed | Sugarcane    | Yams           |

Countries are highly interdependent in regard to the primary regions of diversity of crops that are important in their food systems.



(A) calories in national food supplies



B) production quantity in national production systems.

# Global Arable Land and Population

In the future, a larger fraction of agricultural production **will need to move through trade** because the world's population distribution by region is not the same as the distribution of arable land.



Source: UN data from Global Harvest Initiative GAP Report (2011).

# Global homogenization of food and interdependence-need for resilience


Main trade flows of corn, wheat, soybean complex and palm oil



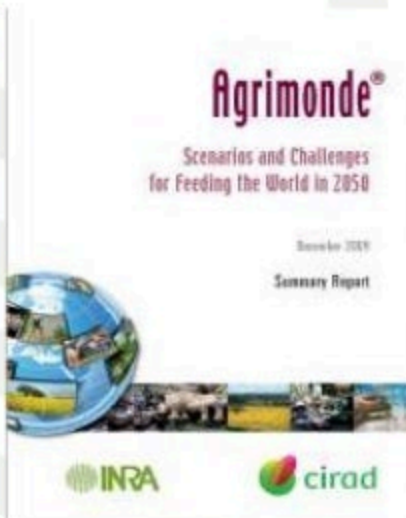
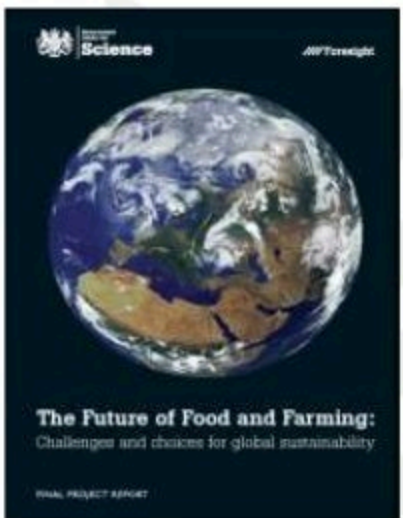
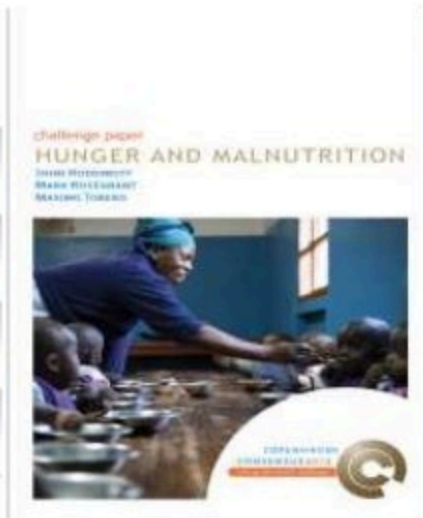
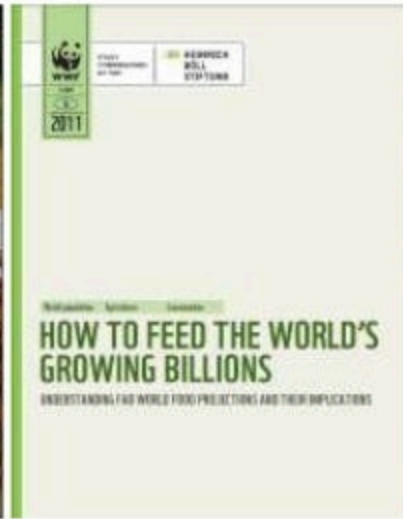
# What if trade of agricultural products collapses

A world map with glowing yellow arcs representing trade routes. The arcs are thick and have a soft glow, connecting various parts of the globe. The background is a dark blue map of the world.

The last thirty years have been marked by increased liberalisation and globalisation, yet a number of uncertainties could profoundly stop or reverse this trend

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- A world map with glowing yellow arcs representing trade routes. The arcs are thick and have a soft glow, connecting various parts of the globe. The background is a dark blue map of the world.
- governance local/global
  - international negotiations
  - food quality and safety standards
  - regulations
  - climate change
  - trade, value chains, food access

# Extensive reviews of food system challenges



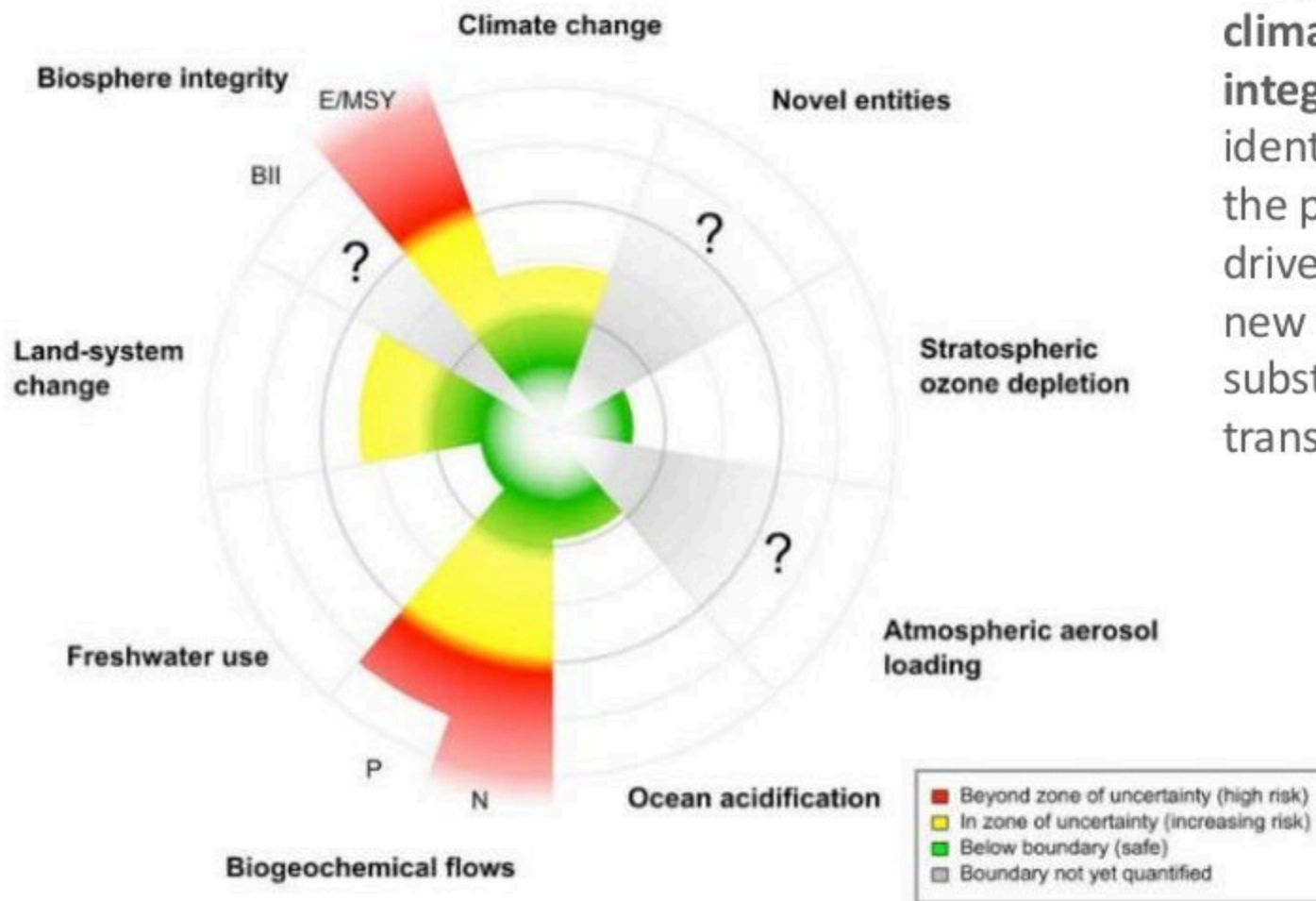
# Food System Foresight challenges:

- Highlight the complexity of food systems
- Still strong focus on production and the main challenges for the agricultural system
- Focus on defining key actions for sustainable intensification
- *Everything* is important – difficult to prioritize
- ***Shows need to increase focus on: (1) nutrition and health; (2) food value chains; & (3) food loss and waste***





# The world risks exceeding planetary safe boundaries

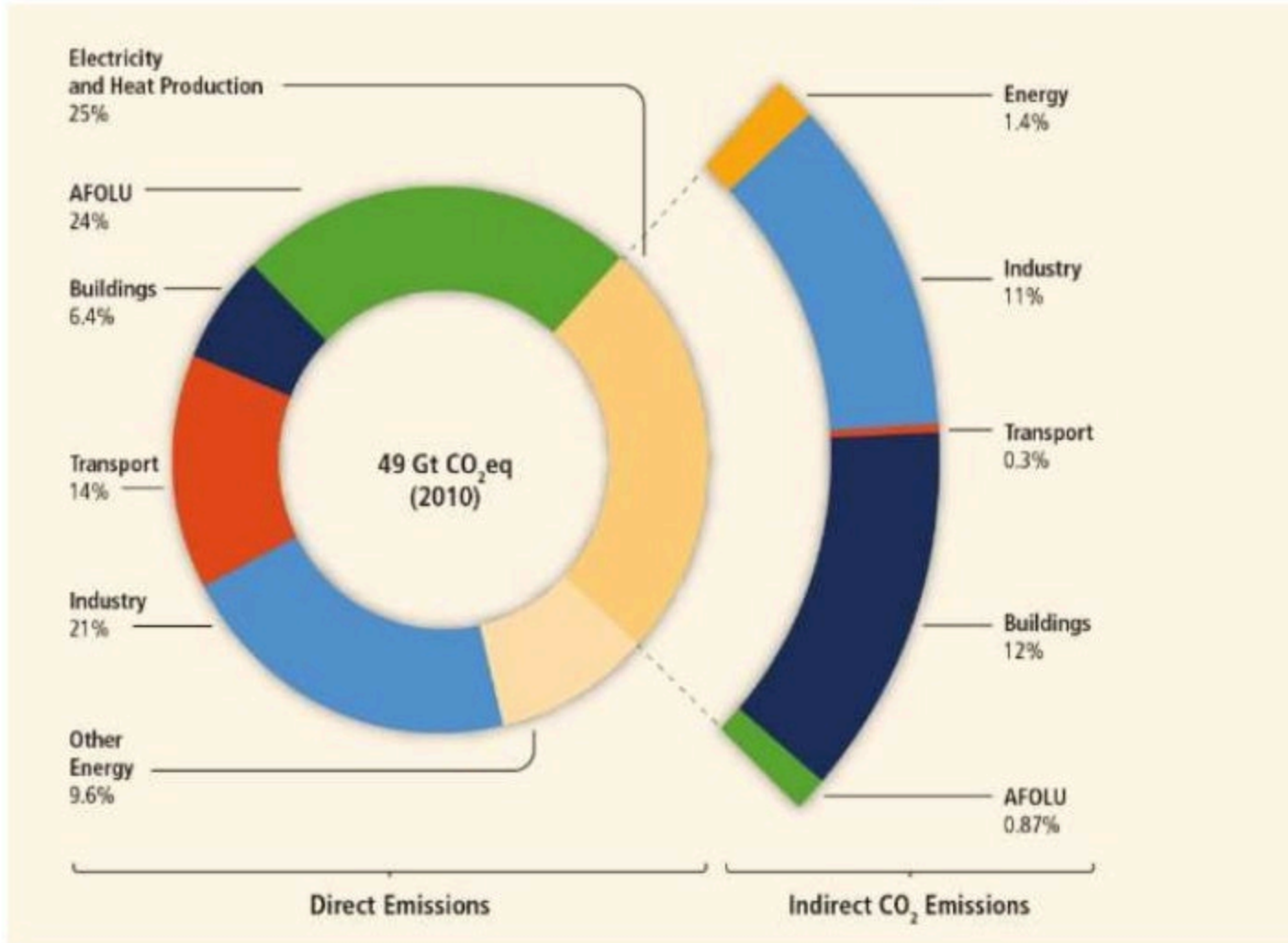


“Two core boundaries — **climate change & biosphere integrity**— have been identified, each of which has the potential on its own to drive the Earth System into a new state should they be substantially and persistently transgressed.”

Stephen et al. (2015) Planetary boundaries: Guiding human development on a changing planet. [sciencemag.org/content/early/recent/15](https://www.sciencemag.org/content/early/recent/15)  
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# Agriculture as driver of climate change

Agriculture-related activities are 19-29% of global greenhouse gas emissions (2010)



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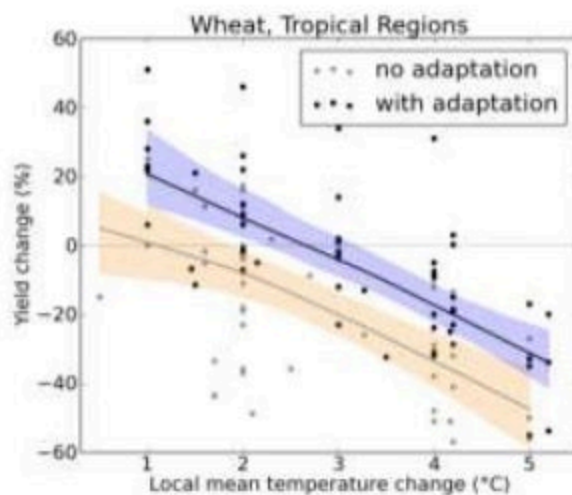
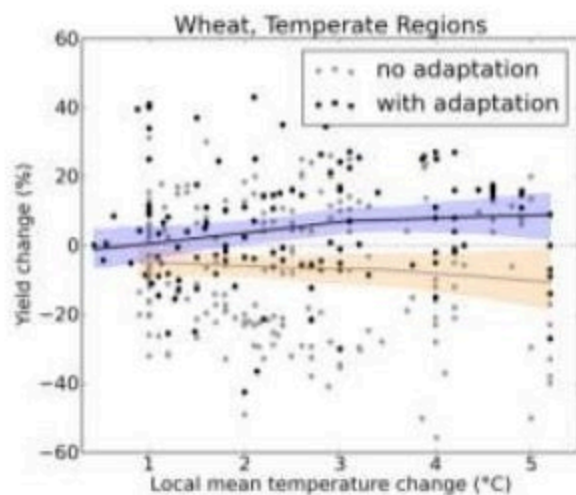
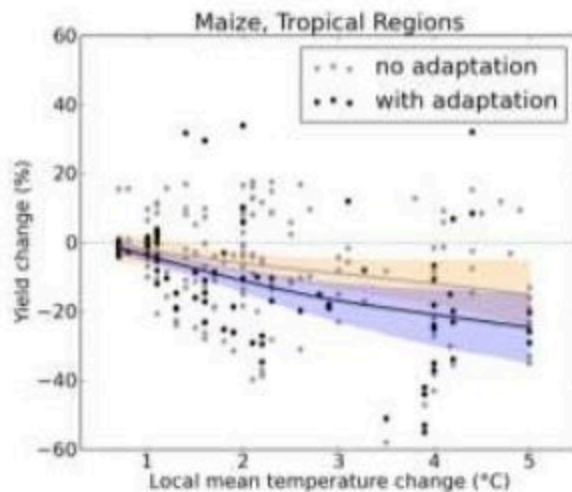
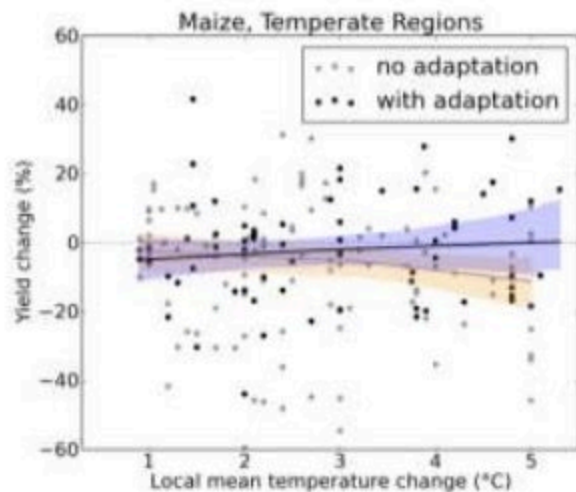
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Source: IPCC WGIII



# Agriculture is sensitive to climate change

Global wheat and maize yields: response to warming



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## In summary: Agri-Food System Challenges

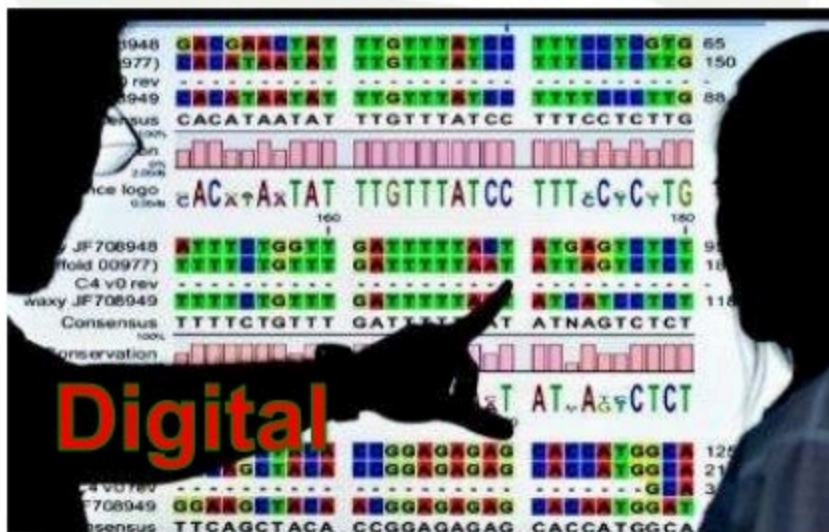
1. Diets are not healthy – particularly for the urban poor
2. Total production is currently sufficient – but access / availability is not – and up to a third of total food produced is lost / wasted
3. Global diets increasingly homogenized – and increasingly processed
4. Agri-food systems are globally interdependent and vulnerable to shocks – food safety, climate change (floods / droughts), food price volatility
5. Agri-food systems are primary driver of planetary ill health: climate, water, soils, bio-geo-chemical cycles

# Daunting challenges - impressive opportunities:

- The *life science revolution* is changing our understanding of the fundamental biology of plants, animals and people. It has already transformed medicine and is just now reaching agriculture.
- *Big data* approaches are critically transforming the retail end of food value chains
- *Open access* to agriculture and nutrition related publications and data will increase access and accelerate agri-food system innovation, and the potential for impact
- Renewed policy focus on the central role of the *Bio-economy* in the broader sense



# Building on Biodiversity: genetic resources for the future of humanity



# What's So Special About New Seed Varieties?

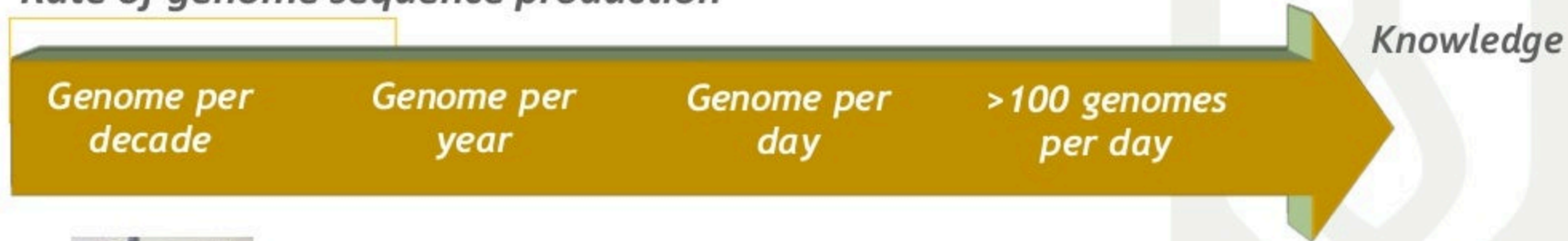
## They are like vaccines



- Innovation captured in a small seed/propagule package:
  - Yield
  - Land use efficiency
  - Water use efficiency
  - Nutrient use efficiency
  - Resistance to pest and diseases
- Widest reach and impact of technologies: Global Public Good at scale
- Represents long-term mission driven research
- Infrastructure & capability
- Delivers multiple benefits
- Products & knowledge

# Cheap high-throughput sequencing is revolutionizing biology – and only just hitting agri-food sciences

## Rate of genome sequence production



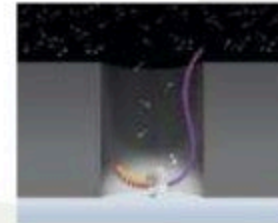
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2001-2007



- Roche 454
- Illumina
- SOLiD (Life Technologies)
- Helicos
- Pacific Biosciences

2007-2014



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- Helicos
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- Oxford Nanopore (Illumina)
- Ion Torrent

2014-2020



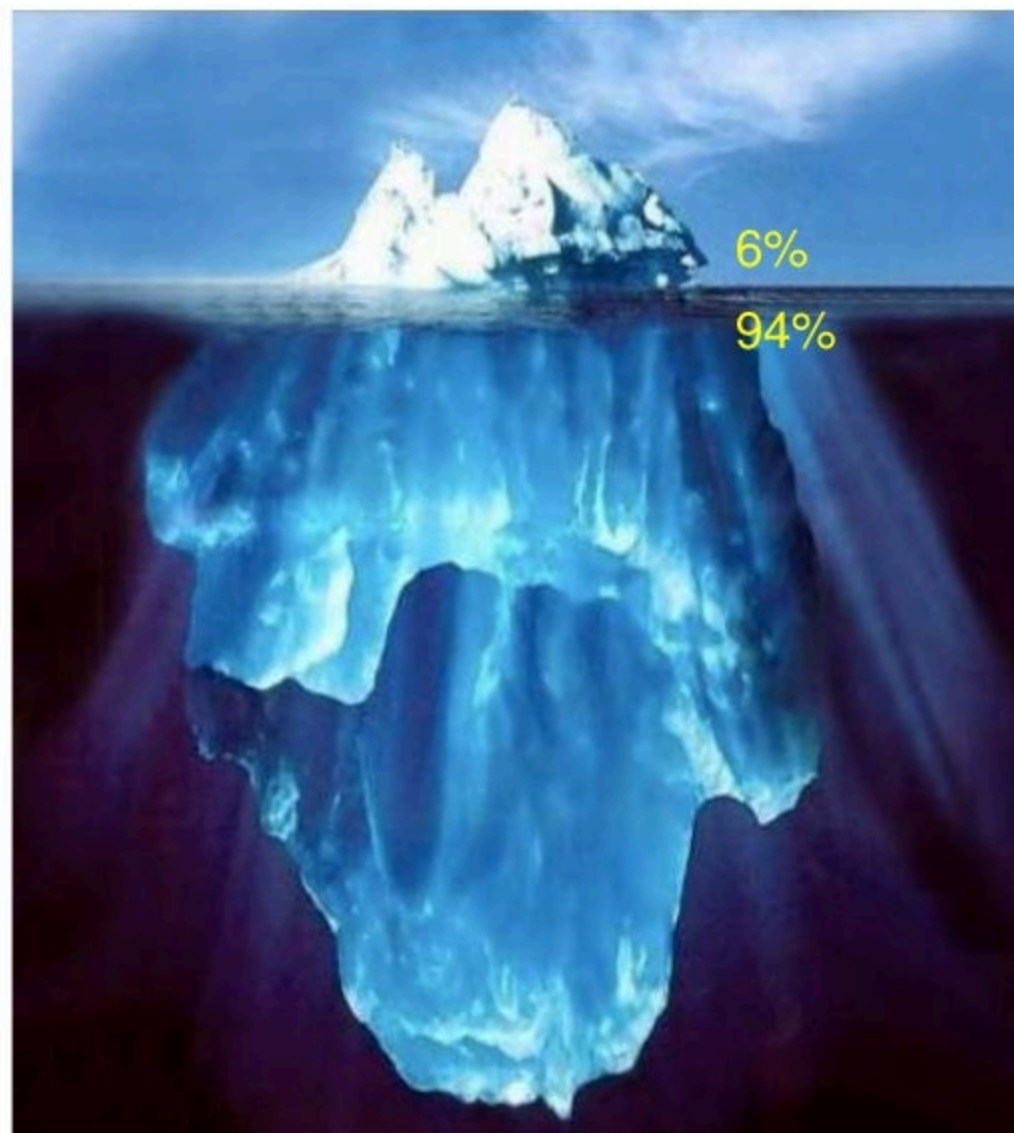
## Rate of novel gene & allele discovery

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# Crop diversity in CGIAR collections



738,000 accessions

702,934 seed

31,681 tissue culture

27,763 whole plants

## RESPONDING TO USERS

### EVERY YEAR:

~ 2000 requests

~ 130,000 samples distributed

> 100 countries worldwide

# Genome editing-game changer

GE is the process of precise editing genome

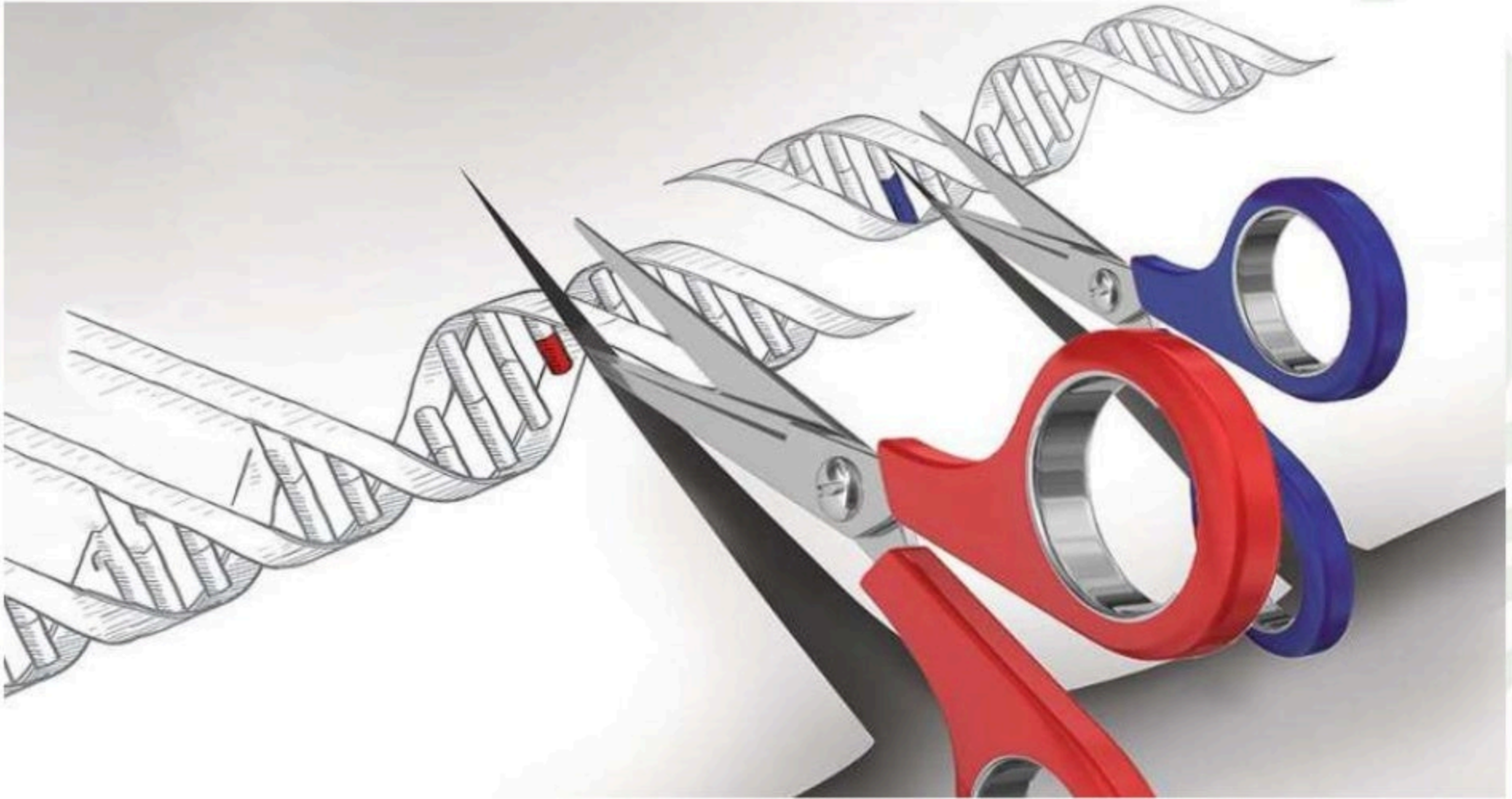


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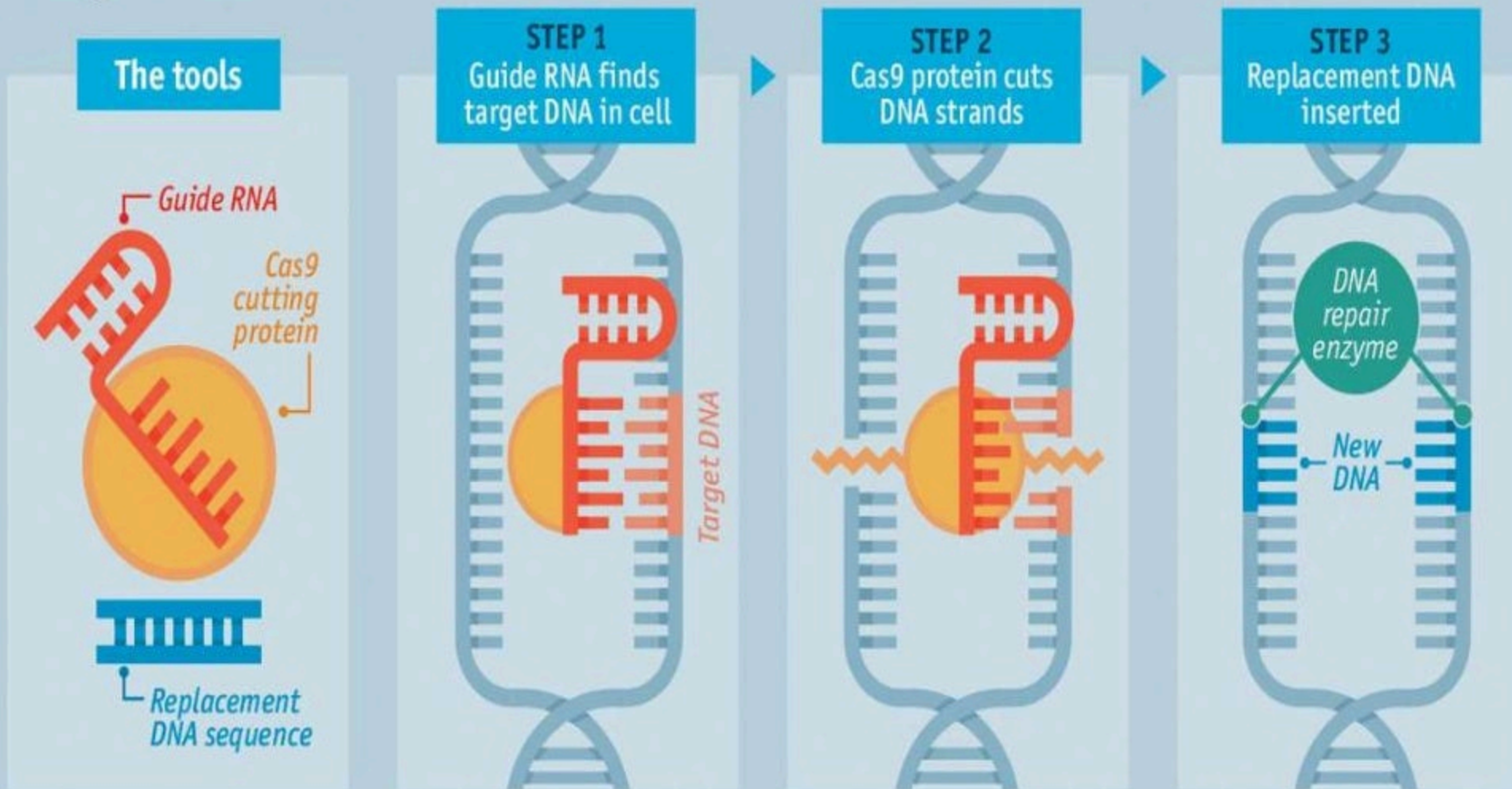
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# Software for the Genome

It is now easy to edit the genomes of crops, animals and humans



# Using CRISPR



Source: *The Economist*

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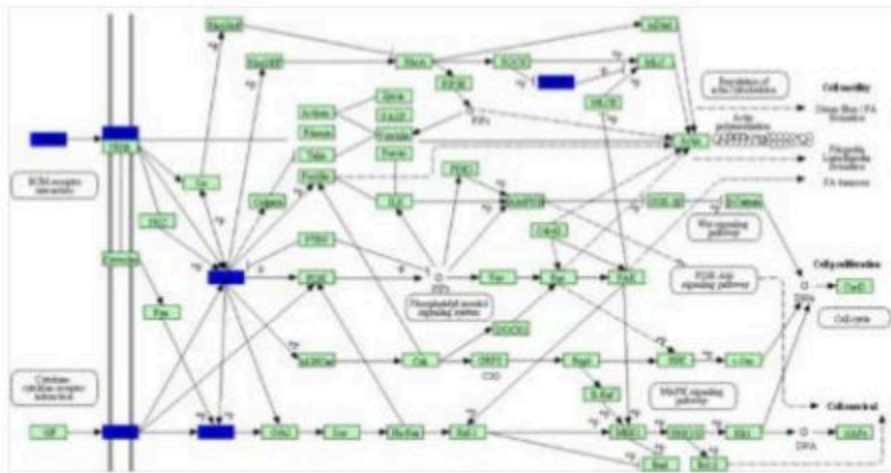


# New tools allow us to look in new places for sources of variation – including wildlife



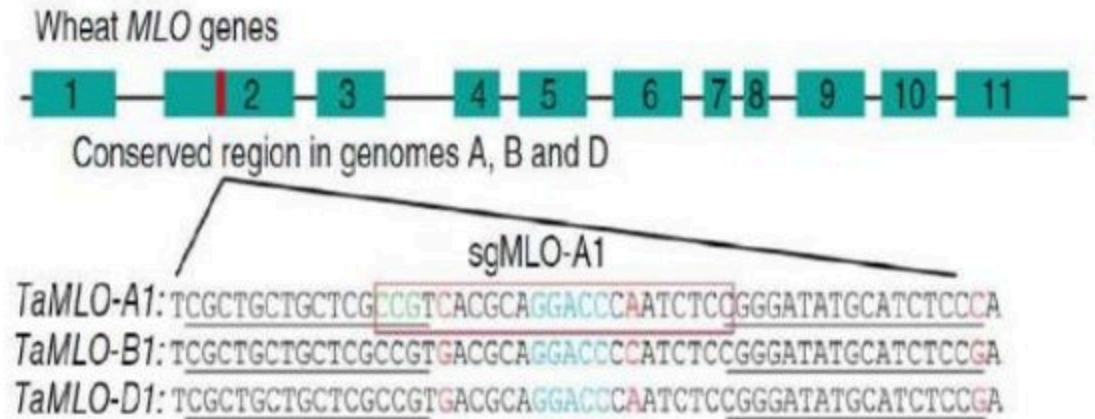
“Traditional” linkage mapping requires crosses – so initial discovery is limited to variants within a species

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Cow Boran	KFITRRPSLKTLLQEKGLIKDQIFGSHLHTLCER EKSTVPRFVKQCI EAVEK
Human	KFISRRPSLKTLLQEKGLIKDQIFGSHLHTVCER EHSVVPWFVKQCI EAVEK
Pig	KFITRRPSLKTLLQEKGLIKDQIFGSHLHTVCER ENSTVPRFVKQCI EAVEK
Chicken	KFISRRPSLKTLLQEKGLIKDQIFGSHLHLVCE HENSTVPPQFVRQCI KAVER
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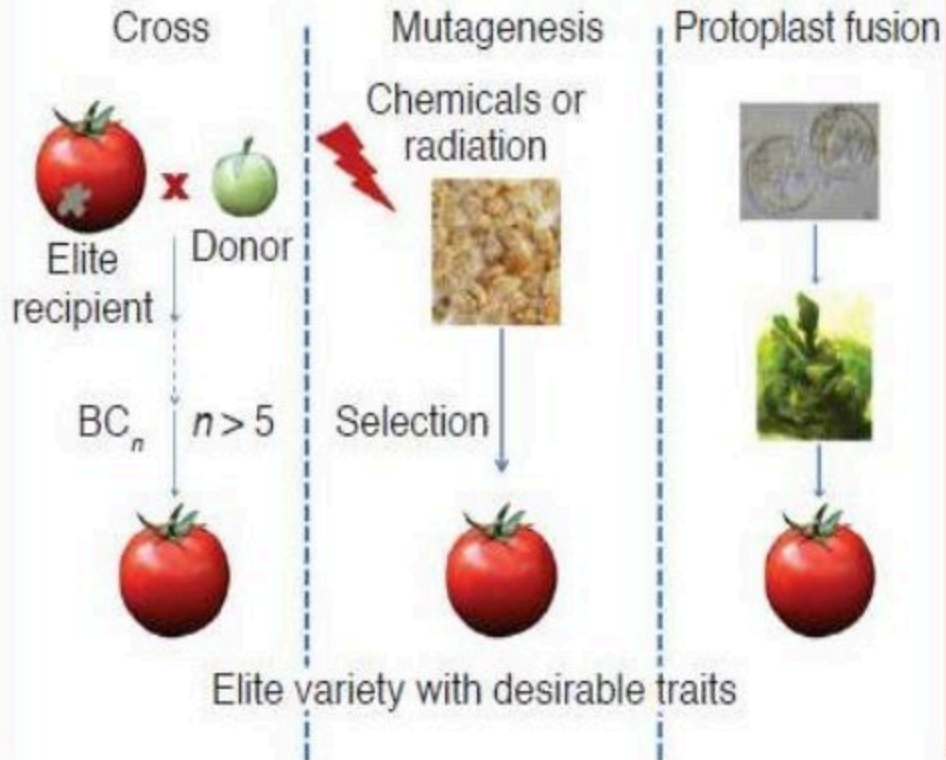


Comparative gene network and sequence analysis allows to ask new kinds of questions about genomes: eg “what is different about this (group of) species compared to all other mammals”

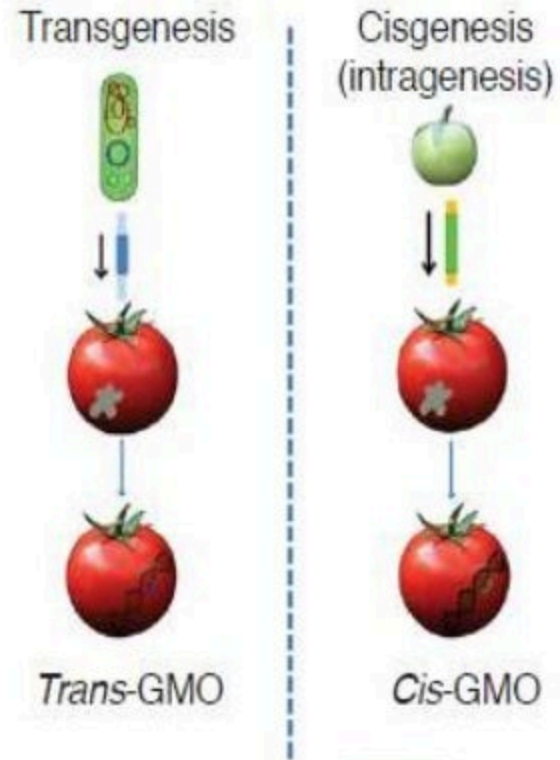
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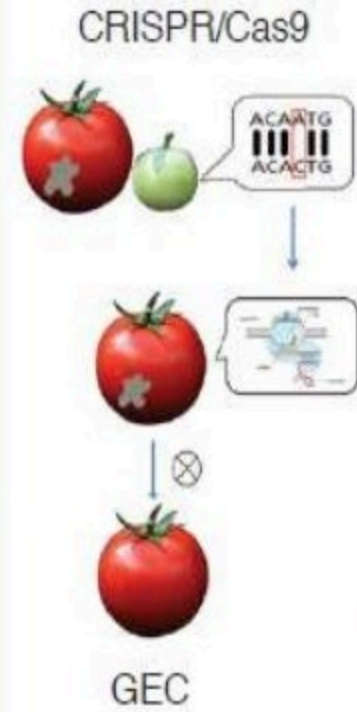
## Conventional breeding



## Genetic modification



## Genome editing



# Research agenda for nutrition sensitive food systems

**HEALTHY FOOD FOR A HEALTHY WORLD:**  
LEVERAGING AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO IMPROVE GLOBAL NUTRITION

Douglas Beegler and Rafi Glickman, co-chairs

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## Production diversity and dietary diversity in smallholder farm households

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Undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies remain problems of significant magnitude in large parts of the developing world. Improved nutrition requires not only better access to food for poor population segments, but also higher dietary quality and diversity. Because many of the poor and undernourished people are smallholder farmers, diversifying production on these smallholder farms is widely promoted as a useful approach to improve dietary diversity. However, empirical evidence on the link between production and consumption diversity is scarce. Here, this issue is addressed with household-level data from Indonesia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Malawi. Regression models show that on-farm production diversity is positively associated with dietary diversity in some situations, but not in all. When production diversity is already high, the association is not significant or even turns negative, because of farmers' income benefits from specialization. Analysis of other factors reveals that market access has positive effects on dietary diversity, which are larger than those of increased production diversity. Market transactions tend to reduce the role of farm diversity for household nutrition. These results suggest that increasing on-farm diversity is not always the most effective way to improve dietary diversity in smallholder households and should not be considered a goal in itself. Additional research is needed to better understand how agriculture and food systems can be made more nutrition-sensitive in particular situations.

**nutrition-sensitive food systems | smallholder farmers | food security | Africa | Asia**

**H**unger and malnutrition are complex global problems. Despite improvements in food and nutrition security over the last few decades, the prevalence of undernutrition remains high, especially in Africa and Asia (1–3). Close to 800 million people are still classified as chronically hungry, meaning that they do not have sufficient access to calories (4). An estimated 2 billion people suffer from micronutrient deficiencies, mostly due to low intakes of vitamins and minerals such as iron and zinc (5). Nutritional deficiencies are responsible for a large health burden in terms of low productivity, impaired physical and mental human development, susceptibility to various diseases, and premature deaths (5). Nutritional deficiencies are not only the result of low food quantities consumed, but also of poor dietary quality and diversity. In fact, the level of dietary diversity was shown to be a good indicator of people's broader nutritional status in many situations (6–12). More diverse diets tend to be associated also with lower rates of overweight and obesity—either nutritional problems of rising magnitude in many parts of the world (13). Increasing dietary diversity is therefore an important strategy to improve nutrition and health. This implies that agricultural production also needs to be diversified, so that a wide range of different types of foods are available and accessible also to poor population segments (14). Over the last few years, agricultural modernization has contributed to narrowing global production patterns with a focus on a limited number of major crop plants (15).

In Africa and Asia, the majority of the undernourished people live in rural areas. Many of them are smallholder farmers (16). Against this background, further diversifying production on these smallholder farms is often promoted as a useful approach to

improve dietary diversity and nutrition (17–20). Several recent development initiatives have promoted smallholder diversification through introducing additional crop and livestock species with the intention to improve household nutrition (21, 22). Because farm diversity can help to increase agroecosystem resilience, this approach is also welcome from an environmental perspective (23, 24, 25). But is there really such a direct link between production diversity on the farm and consumption diversity in the farm household? What are other factors that influence the relationship and dietary diversity in smallholder farm households more generally? These are under-researched questions of relevance for improving agriculture and nutrition in the small farm sector (26, 26). Here, we address these questions empirically with data from several developing countries.

A positive relationship between farm production diversity and dietary diversity is plausible, because much of what smallholder farmers produce is consumed at home (27). However, assuming that all smallholders are pure subsistence farmers and do not sell and buy any food is too simplistic. Taking into account market transactions, the relationship between production diversity and dietary diversity becomes more complex. Instead of producing everything at home, households can buy food diversity in the market when they generate sufficient income (17). Farm diversification may contribute to increase profits and thereby open up a certain point, but beyond that point further diversification may reduce household income due to farmers' losses from specialization (28). Because lower household income tend to be associated with lower dietary quality, the relationship between production and consumption diversity may even turn negative in some situations. Beyond farming, the majority of smallholder households in developing countries also have off-farm income sources (29), further adding to the complexity. When relying on markets, nutrition effects in farm households will also depend on how well the market function and

### Significance

Given that hunger and malnutrition are still widespread problems in many developing countries, the question of how to reach agriculture and food systems more nutrition-sensitive is of high relevance for research and policy. Many of the undernourished people in Africa and Asia are smallholder subsistence farmers. Diversifying production on these farms is often promoted as a promising strategy to improve dietary quality and diversity. This hypothesis is tested with data from smallholder farm households in Indonesia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Malawi. Higher farm production diversity significantly contributes to dietary diversity in some situations, but not in all. Improving small farmers' access to markets seems to be a more effective strategy to improve nutrition than promoting production diversity on subsistence farms.

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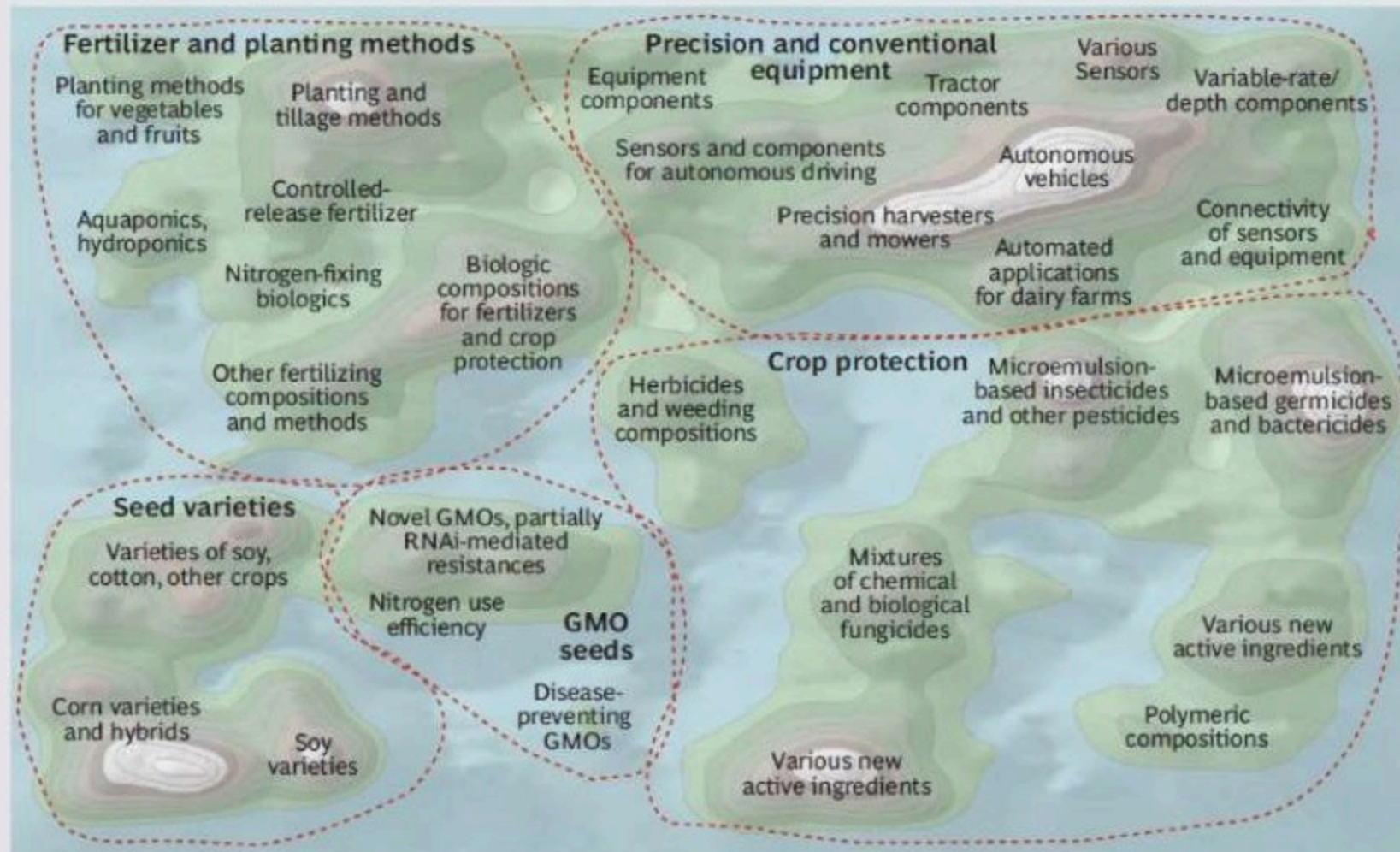
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# Private sector innovation focus

EXHIBIT 4 | Agriculture Patents Registered Worldwide from 2010 Through 2014



Sources: Thomson Innovation; BCG analysis.

Note: Analysis based on approximately 16,000 Derwent World Patents Index patent families registered from 2010 through 2014.

# In summary: Agri-Food Science Opportunities

1. Life science revolution is changing the way ag research does business – speeding up innovation cycle
2. The exciting new science is bringing a new generation of young scientists to agri-food science
3. Science is increasingly transdisciplinary, systems / value chain focused – linking ag – food – health - environment
4. Big Data and ICT revolution is changing precision agriculture and ability to study systems – natural resources as well as food systems
5. Renewed “political” interest in bio-economy – with merging agendas on agri-food, development, environment

# What is CGIAR?

**CGIAR** is the only worldwide research partnership addressing agricultural research for development, whose work contributes to the global efforts to tackle poverty, food and nutrition insecurity, and environmental degradation.



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## Our Vision

A world free of poverty, hunger and environmental degradation.

## Our Mission

To advance agri-food science and innovation to enable poor people, especially poor women, to increase agricultural productivity and resilience, share in economic growth, feed themselves and their families better, and conserve natural resources in the face of climate change and other threats.



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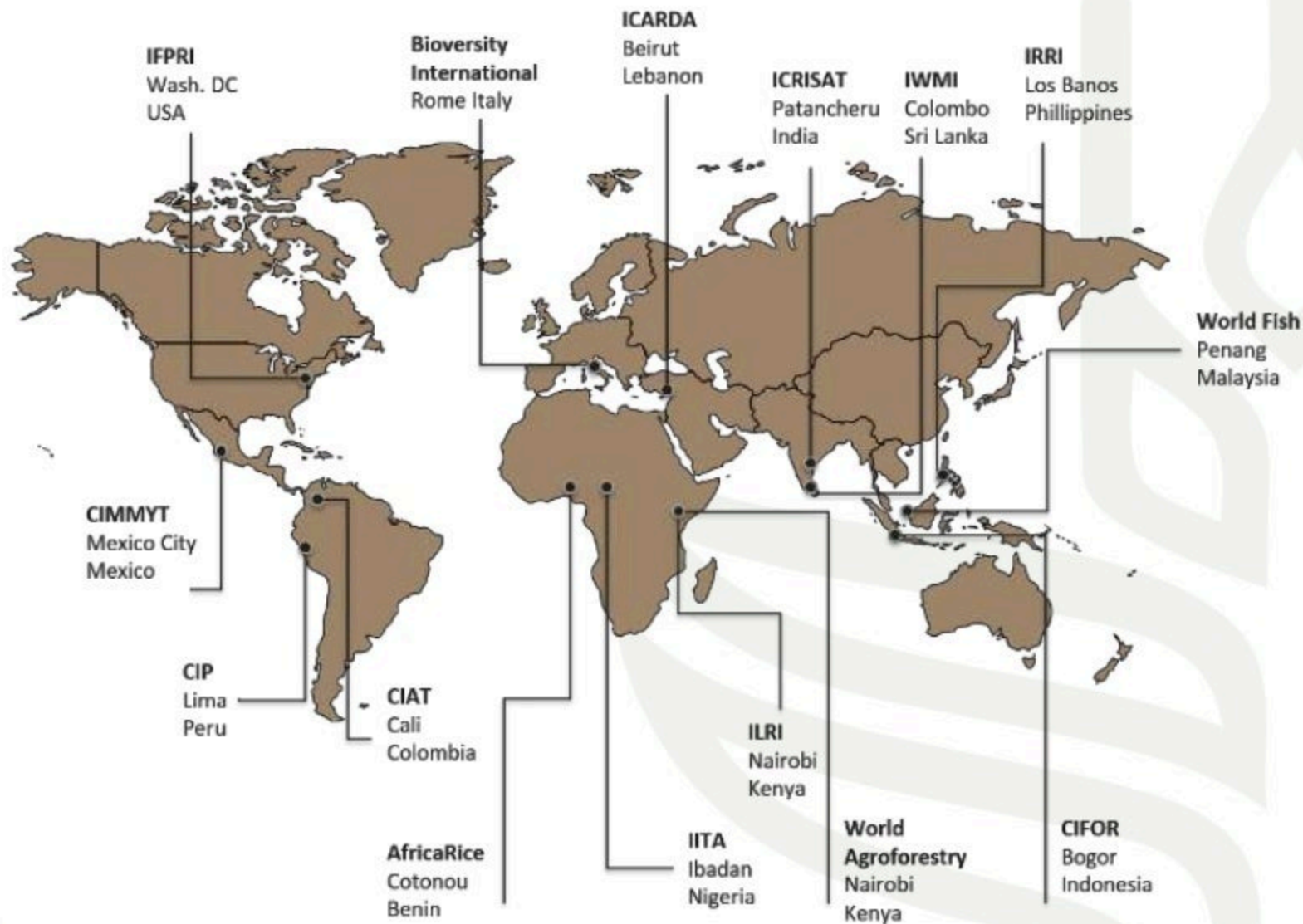
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## CGIAR key facts:

- Annual turnover of US\$1 billion in public funding provided by broad range of key development donors
- 15 non-profit research Centers with some 10 thousand world class scientists and support staff on the ground in over 70 countries
- Unique in public sector to work from discovery to translational research and have a product development capacity; reaching millions of farmers through work with development partners
- CGIAR genebanks safeguard the world's largest germplasm collections for staple food crops, that provide over 90% of all recorded transfers under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources



# CGIAR Centers



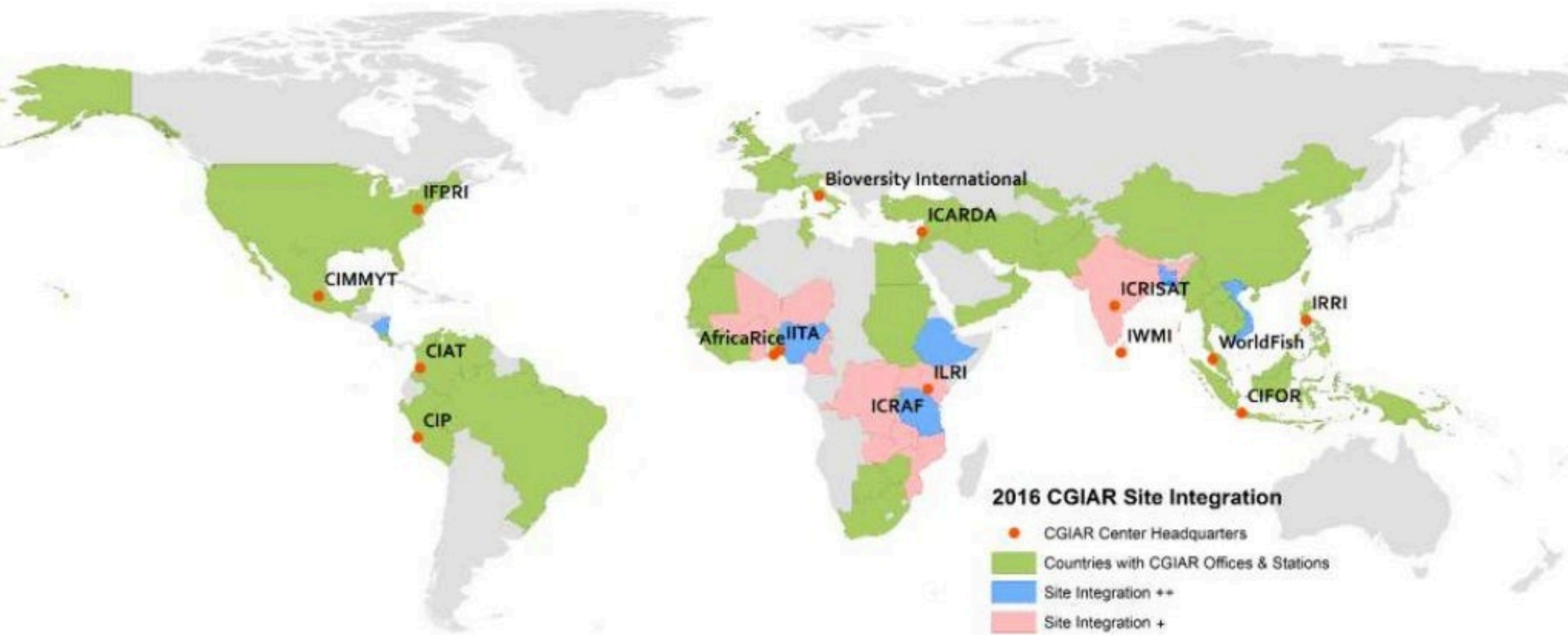
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# Where do we work?

CGIAR has a dedicated staff of 10,000 people in 71 countries with a major presence in 20-odd countries beyond the HQ countries of centers



(Map courtesy of IFPRI)

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# The “second generation” CGIAR Strategy 2016–2030:

- Guides the development and implementation of an ambitious portfolio of “second-generation” CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs)
- Focuses on selected grand challenges, and is articulated in 3 strategic goals, or System Level Outcomes (SLOs), which by 2030 will contribute significantly to the achievement of key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Highlights a return on investment evaluated at US\$17 for every US\$1 put into CGIAR over its lifetime





# System Level Outcome (SLO) 1:

## Reduced Poverty



## 2030 Targets

- 350 million more farm households have adopted improved varieties, breeds or trees, and/or improved management practices
- 100 million people, of which 50% are women, assisted to exit poverty

This outcome contributes directly to the achievement of the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



**1** NO POVERTY



**2** ZERO HUNGER



**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



# System Level Outcome (SLO) 2

## Improved Food & Nutrition Security for Health



### 2030 Targets

- Increase the yield increase rate of major food staples from current <math><2.0</math> to 2.5%/yr.
- 150 million more people, of which 50% are women, meeting minimum dietary energy requirements
- 500 million more people, of which 50% are women, without deficiencies of one or more of the following essential micronutrients
- 33% reduction in women of reproductive age who are consuming less than the adequate number of food groups

This outcome contributes directly to the achievement of the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



**1** NO POVERTY



**2** ZERO HUNGER



**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



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# System Level Outcome (SLO) 3

## Improved Natural Resource Systems & Ecosystem Services



## 2030 Targets

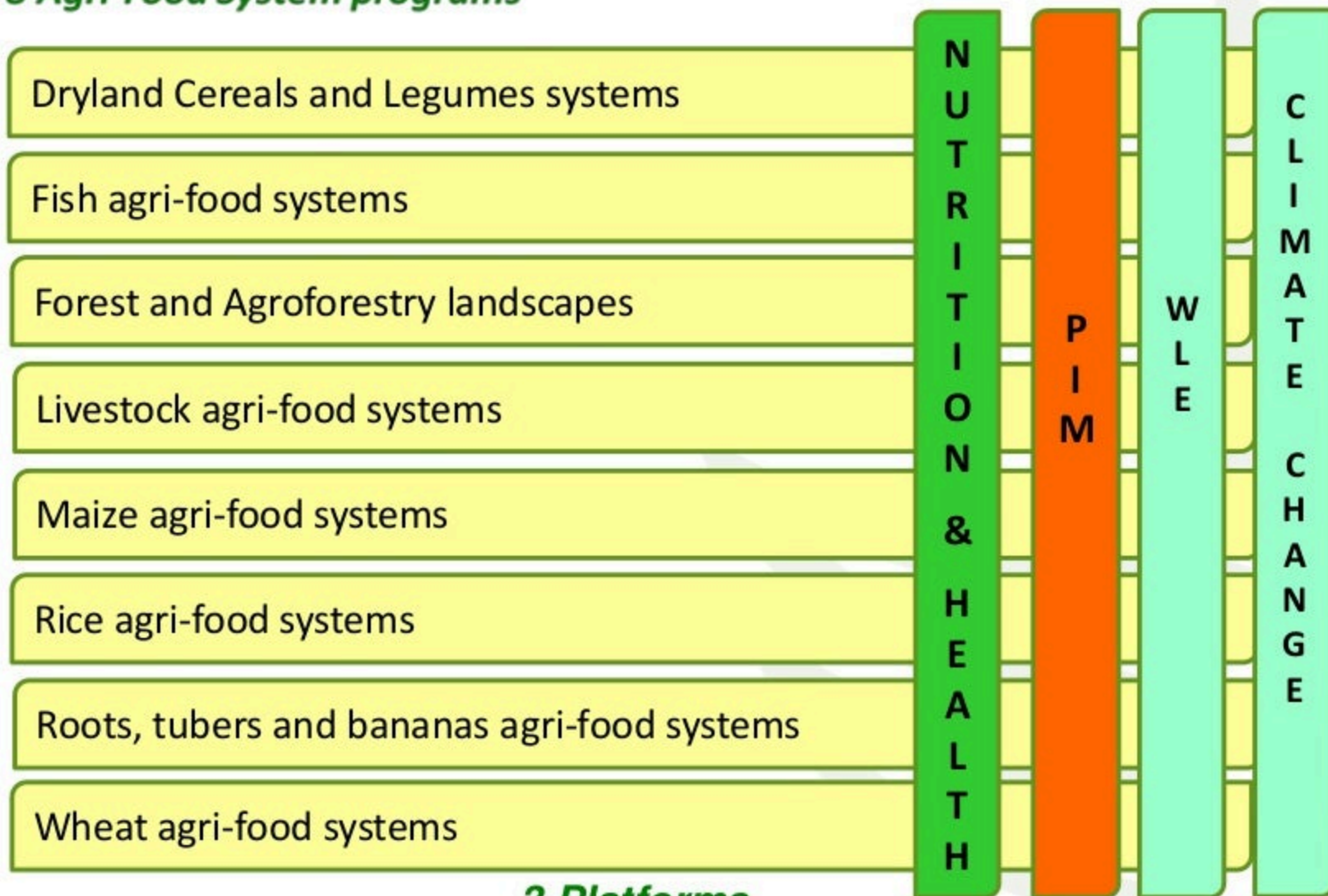
- 20% increase in water and nutrient (inorganic, biological) use efficiency in agro-ecosystems, including through recycling and reuse
- Reduce agriculturally-related greenhouse gas emissions by 0.8 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>-e yr<sup>-1</sup> (15%) compared with a business as usual scenario in 2030
- 190 million hectares (ha) degraded land restored
- 7.5 million ha of forest saved from deforestation

This outcome contributes directly to the achievement of the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



# Portfolio of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation CGIAR research programs

## 8 Agri-Food System programs



4 Global Integrating programs

## 3 Platforms

Genebanks

Genetic Gains

Big data & ICT

# New CGIAR technologies already in the field:

- **Scuba rice**, which can survive under water for two weeks, is protecting the harvests, incomes, and food security more than 5 million farmers in Asia.
- New high-yielding, and more nutritious – **biofortified - varieties** of foods such as maize, cassava, beans, pearl millet, rice, beans and orange sweet potato are targeted to reach 50 million consumers by 2018.
- **AFLASAFE** reduces aflatoxin contamination in African farmers fields by up to 90% - a product that has 4 atoxigenic strains of the fungus developed by CGIAR with USDA.
- Index-based crop and livestock **drought insurance** and seasonal weather forecasts now benefit millions of poor rural households in Africa and Asia.
- **Wheat stem rust -Ug99- resistant varieties** have been made available, preventing disaster at a scale affecting many millions of people. **Maize lethal necrosis resistant varieties** have been developed through rapid cycling (4 years).
- **Agroforestry**: unfertilized maize yields under Faidherbia trees average **4.1** tonnes per hectare, compared to **1.3** tonnes; in Niger, more than 1.2 million households have regenerated 200 million fertilizer trees on their sorghum and millet fields across 5 million hectares.
- **Brachiaria forages** with Biological Nitrification Inhibition capacity have reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved nitrogen efficiency on 500 thousand hectares.

## CGIAR discovery research now in the lab:

- **C4 Rice**: targets introduction of more efficient photosynthesis in rice that would yield up to 50% more grain than current varieties, and double water-use efficiency, and increase nitrogen-use efficiency by 30%
- Massive **high-throughput sequencing of all 167 thousand accessions** in CGIAR's maize and wheat genebanks targets breakthroughs in understanding genetic diversity at molecular level for the whole collection, with over 60 thousand accessions already sequenced and in genotyping analysis
- Discovery of **naturally transgenic sweet potatoes** that contain genes of *Agrobacterium*



# Managing & Sustaining Crop Collections (eg ICRISAT, India)




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# Platform for Managing & Sustaining Crop Collections



The screenshot shows the website for the Global Crop Diversity Trust. The header includes the logo and navigation links: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, WHY IT MATTERS, EMPLOYMENT, and DONATE. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links for PRIORITY CROPS, IDENTIFYING NEEDS, SAVING, USING, SVALBARD GLOBAL SEED VAULT, and CONSERVING FOREVER. The main content area features a large image of a seed bank aisle with two workers in blue coats. To the left of the image is a text block about the conservation of plant genetic resources. To the right is a 'BLOG' section with two entries, each with a 'READ MORE' link. Below the image is a caption about the complexity of genebank work. At the bottom right of the page is a 'CROP TOPICS' section with a small image of a person.

**GLOBAL CROP DIVERSITY TRUST**  
A Partnership for Food Security

PRESS RELEASES | SEARCH

WHO WE ARE | WHAT WE DO | WHY IT MATTERS | EMPLOYMENT | DONATE

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MANAGING GENEBANKS | GENEBANKS | LONG TERM GRANTS

**Managing Genebanks**

**RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR Managing and Sustaining Crop Collections**  
CGIAR

Conservation and availability of plant genetic resources is an absolutely prerequisite for achieving such higher order goals such as food security and poverty alleviation. The objectives of this program is to ensure the foundation of crop improvement, that is crop diversity, is safeguarded forever.

While many think that the work of genebanks simply involves putting seeds in cold storage, the reality is much more complex.

**CGIAR Research Program for Managing and Sustaining Crop Collections**

**BLOG**

**CROP BLOG** 19 November 2013 [POST](#)  
[checkin the collection](#) We use 43 machines to freeze but only 17 to mill. 89.2% of all statistics are made up on the spot. You can probably think of... [WRITE](#)

**CROP BLOG** 15 October 2013 [Marie's Corner: The Fall Report](#) The last Marie's Corner was published in the beginning of August. It is my pleasure to present a few highlights of our work in August and September.... [MORE](#)

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**CROP TOPICS**

Source: <http://www.croptrust.org/content/managing-genebanks/>

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# Global Stewardship of Plant Genetic Resources



International Treaty  
on Plant Genetic Resources for Food  
and Agriculture



CGIAR have committed to PGRFA  
being made available in the  
**multilateral system of access and  
benefit sharing**

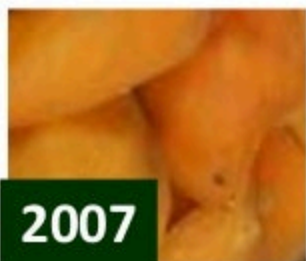
and managed according to  
FAO Genebank Standards

# Percentage wheat germplasm originating from CGIAR genebanks



# Nutrient dense food through “bio-fortification” – increasing Micro-nutrient content of staple foods

Goal: delivery-at-scale to 50 million people by 2018



2007

**Sweet Potato**  
Provitamin A  
Uganda  
Mozambique



2011

**Cassava**  
Provitamin A  
DR Congo, Nigeria



2012

**Beans**  
Iron (Zinc)  
DR Congo, Rwanda



2012

**Maize**  
Provitamin A  
Zambia



2012

**Pearl Millet**  
Iron (Zinc)  
India



2013

**Rice**  
Zinc  
Bangladesh,  
India



2013

**Wheat**  
Zinc  
India,  
Pakistan

2003

2008

2013

Discovery

Development

Delivery



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# Beans that Can Beat the Heat

Thirty elite lines show tolerance to temperatures  
4 degrees centigrade above the crop's normal "comfort zone"

*"A couple of years ago, when climate change experts warned that rising temperatures could devastate bean production, we were asked how this would affect the spread of high-iron beans."*

*"Now, I'm confident we can deliver more iron-rich beans that are also heat tolerant, offering even greater benefits than expected, because these beans can be grown more widely."*

S. Beebe



Reached about  
150 media outlets

Tweeted by  
Bill Gates



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# **Brachiaria-tropical grass species bred to reduce nitrogen emissions from soil.**



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# Climate Smart Agriculture, 4p1000:

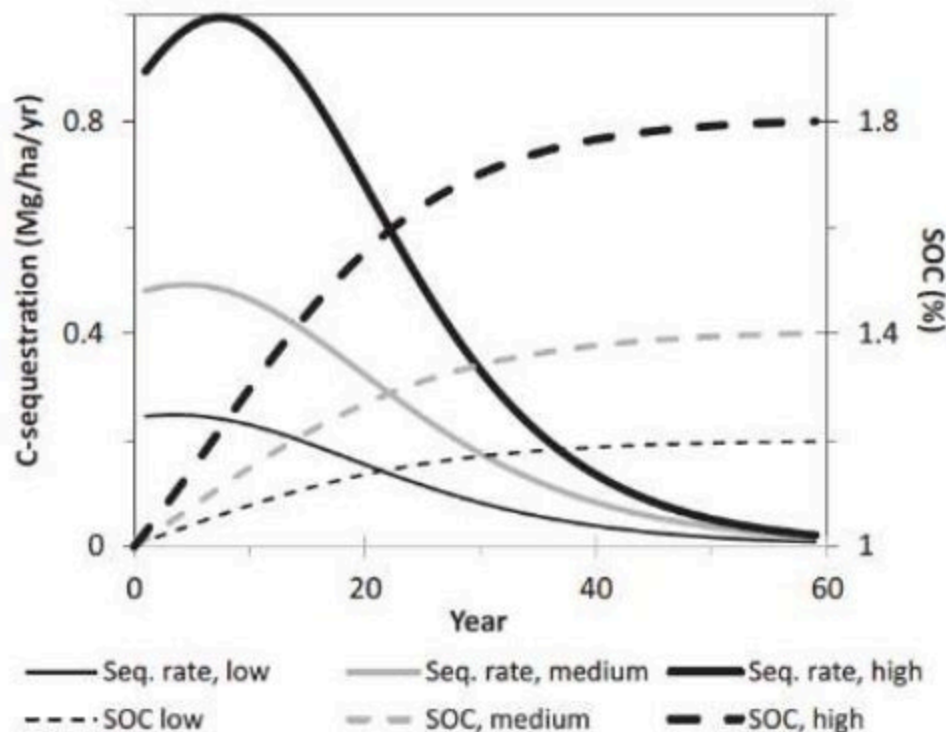
A global research initiative led by France



**Stéphane Le Foll,**  
*Spokesperson of the French Government,  
French Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Forestry*

*In March 2015, Stéphane Le Foll announced the establishment of an international research programme, the “**Quatre pour Mille**”, which aims to develop agricultural research to improve organic matter stocks in soil by four parts per 1000 (0.4%) per year*

# Soil carbon sequestration: scientific questions



- A steady yearly sequestration rate only realistic in the first years (probably below 0.4%)
- Mitigation effect limited in time
- More lasting impact is on resilience and food security
- But gives a positive role for agriculture in GHG reduction while increasing adaptation and food security

Sommer & Bossio, 2014

## A sister development initiative on Climate-Smart Agriculture led by CGIAR



- Design, test and implement CSA solutions at scale
- Leading to enhanced soil carbon sequestration
- 5-6 emerging and least developed countries eligible to GCF funding
- 200m\$ in 5 years



# Can Agri-Food Systems be Transformed to Provide Healthy Diets for all?

1. Agri-food system perspective to address complex issues:
  - Value chain approach from farm inputs to food safety
  - Increased focus on food waste and loss
  - Focus on role of women as well as employment for next generation
2. Break through silos of Agriculture, Health and Environment
3. Speeding up Genetic Gain: seize opportunities in Genomics revolution, linked to genetic resources, modernized breeding programs, big data
4. Increase private sector collaboration and focus on comparative strength
5. Eco-system services approach to sustainability at landscape scale
6. Urgent food system transformation requires scaling up the pace of innovation
  - which will need increased investments in research, the driver of innovation

