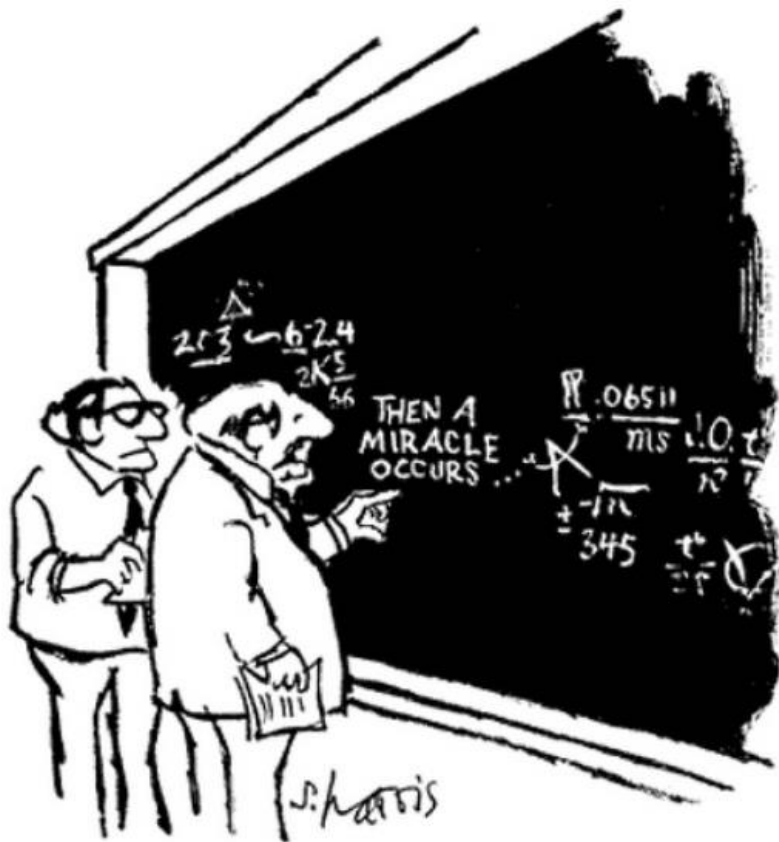


Are we (CGIAR) fit to strengthening policy dialogues at the S-P interfase?



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

- Wrong incentives
- Not in scientists' training
- Different pace of work between scientists and decision makers
- Need for sustained consultations with policymakers, stakeholders, and advocates
- Lack of resources to invest in building and nurturing relationships and to engage in communications campaigns
- Lack of skills to communicate science effectively to non-academic actors

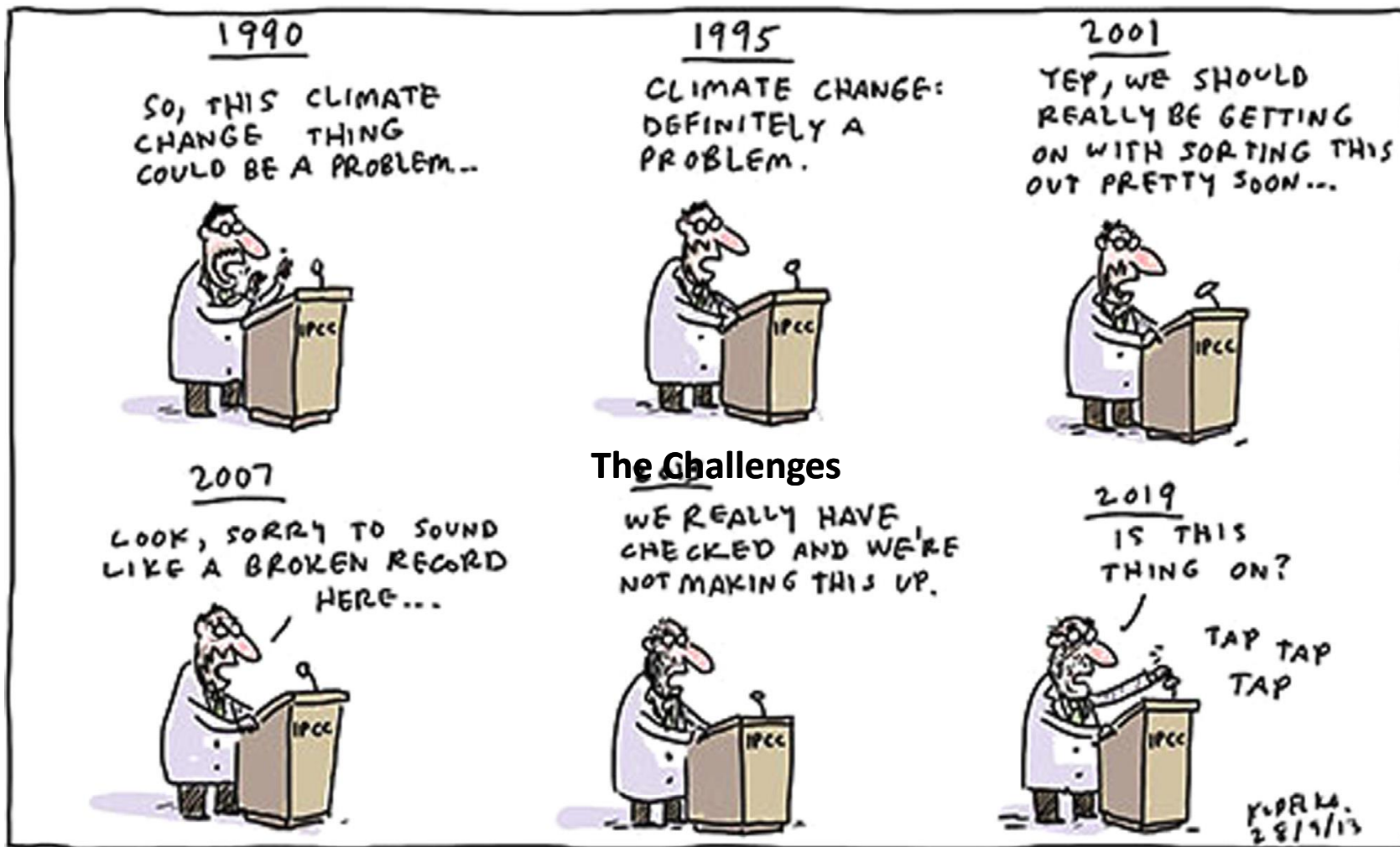
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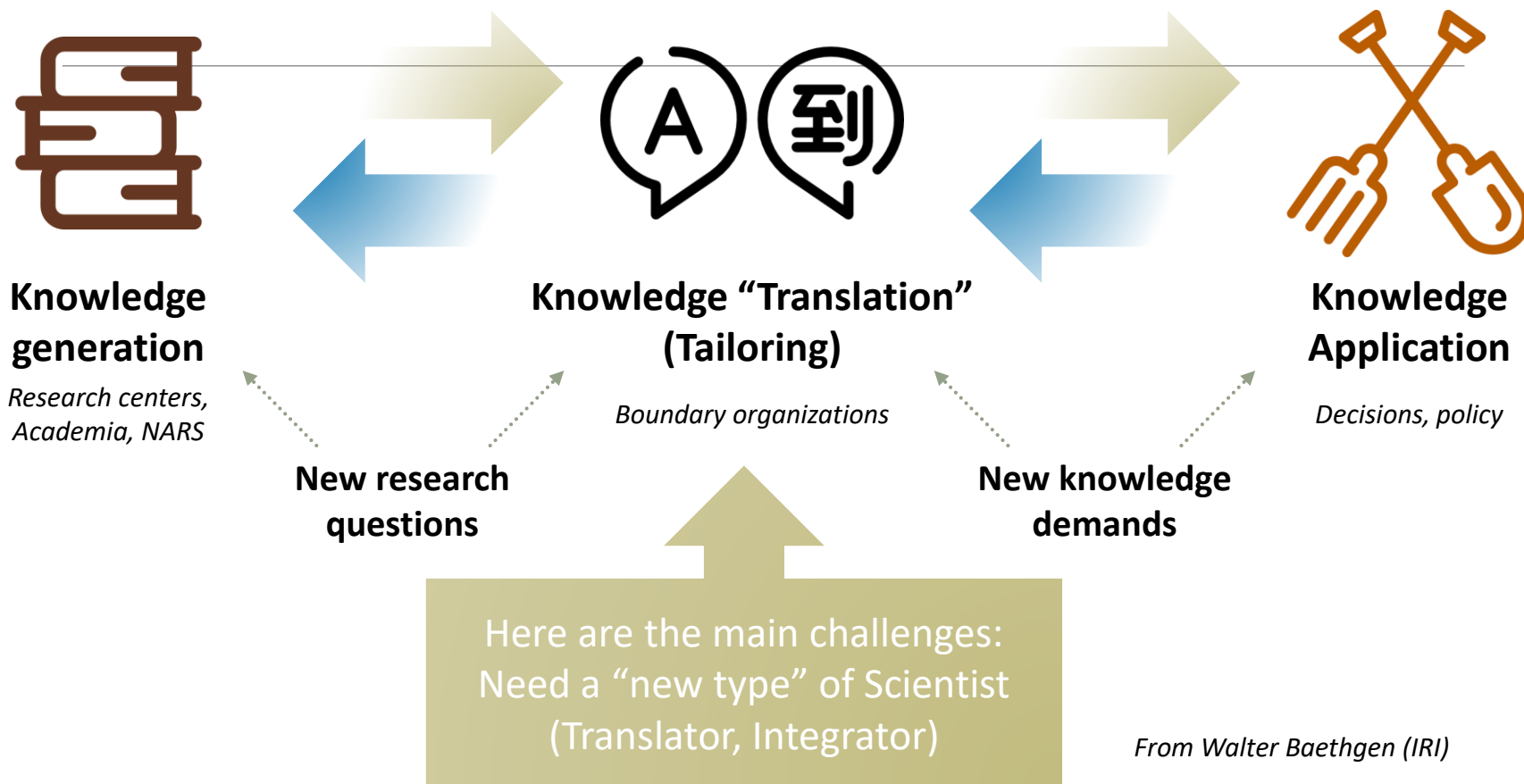
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Capturing synergies between
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Scientists have a hard time communicating at the S-P 'interfase'...!!!



How do we integrate (translate, facilitate) the Ag Science Policy Interface?



A good example of an effective S-P interface: CIAT's Climate Policy Hub

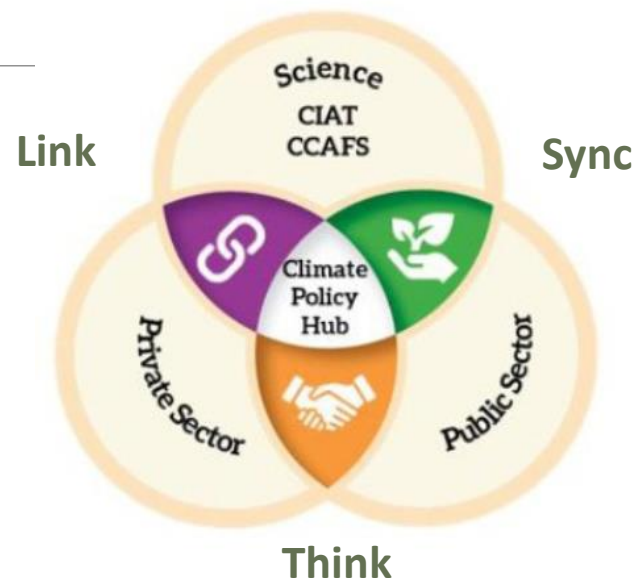
Credibility of research is important BUT legitimacy and relevance are as important to have impact on decision making

Process matters almost as much as output

- ✓ Building long term trust and relationships
- ✓ Timing is key but difficult to influence
- ✓ Define from beginning how and by whom the output will be used and integrated in decision making
- ✓ Strategically maintain institutional memory

Complexity with multiple processes, overlapping policies, competing objectives and information overload

- ✓ Stock-taking/synthesis is essential along with innovative partnerships



CIAT's Climate Policy Hub

Modest thoughts on the S-P interfase in the CGIAR

If we don't **internalize key policy issues at research design** we are bound to suffer lack of policy relevance and/or development impact!

It's great to look for synergies & trade-offs between SDGs and SLOs but we should also **seek synergies between CG Centers and CRPs!** CG is too small to tackle an ambitious (aspirational) global SDG agenda... let's improve foresight, design, prioritization, indicators and communications!

Improve **connections with civil society, private sector, development agencies and governments.** Still lots of policy distortions, bad policy design, sectoral & thematic fragmentation, lack of policy priorities and indicators to measure accomplishments of investing scarce public resources.

Increase **CGIAR presence at the highest level of dialogue** to interfase with decision makers; still fragmented w/o a single voice on key themes.