Win More, Lose Less: Capturing Synergies Between SDGs Through Agricultural Research

Implications for CGIAR and Way Forward
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- Mainstreaming CGIAR vision with global vision

  - Evolution of **seamless relevant systems** for global agricultural growth and development

  - Re-define your **functional system** across commodity platforms

  - **Resource efficiency use** – value for money and sustainability

  - Transform into more **integrative approach** to cover players outside the agricultural confines

  - Structurally **more inclusive system** – docking well beyond the current CG networks

  - If well articulated – it should be compulsively moving research to support **agribusiness** and **commercialization** (more private sector engagement)
Implications - 2

- Reflects a stronger appropriate R4D paradigm

- Accomplishing More with others (Partnerships) – speed

- Be clear on areas of interventions: refocusing on strengths and comparative advantage

- Better balance in research portfolio – based on what we are “Winning more” and managing better to “lose less”

- Informed and systematic leveraging - SDG interactions: Moving away from monolithic systems

- Improved gap analysis: the complex web of the SDG interactions in equally diverse metrics of the environment
Salient Facts

- A lot of technologies not in scope within “subsistence farming” frame work – Needs a rethink!
- Strengthening business into research – not just demand driven, but equally affordable
- Ideas aren’t just enough; must be tested with stakeholders
- Research pipeline and delivery pathways though linked are distinct (with different partnerships)
- Needs assessment are better with beneficiaries and not by CG
- The private sector is key and best suited to work with DAs frame setting
- SHF not necessarily synonymous with subsistence agriculture
Way Forward

- Research on synergies of SDGs to maximize or optimize impacts – including cost analysis.
- **Downstream research critical** for effective delivery of technologies.
- Stronger **balance** in upstream and downstream research – support systems research for delivery and impact.
- **Scalability** and **replicability** of technologies – bigger impact.
- Development Agencies (DAs) and their networks **integrated** with CG research pipeline systematically with clear roles – complementation and not competition.
- **Aligning** research agenda with sovereign country plans.
- Diversify **crop portfolio** for nutrition security.
- Moving up the **value chain** to achieve SDGs.