



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

Implications for CGIAR and Way Forward



Implications for CGIAR



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)



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- ❖ 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 down stream 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