

Information item: Commission on Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (SAI)

Purpose: *For the Board's information (no action or discussion requested)*

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The CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) has initiated an international Commission on Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (SAI), focusing on *'Promoting innovation for transformative change in SAI'*.

Many specific SAI innovations have been proposed, but few have been widely scaled up. The Commission aims to review approaches to innovation in SAI and identify transformative options relevant to different contexts that can respond to the urgent and unprecedented global challenges.

Whilst funding is coming from WLE, the intention is to evolve this into a CGIAR-wide initiative. The Commission will bring in and target an audience broader than CGIAR, but will also produce analysis that should be a useful input into the design of the 2022-25 CGIAR Research Portfolio. For example, the Commission Secretariat is currently undertaking a landscape analysis of the main global reports and initiatives relevant to SAI and their recommendations, which could be of interest to the Research Strategy process.

The Commission will be active over a time-bound two-year period 2020-2021. The Chair (Ruben Echeverría) is now in place and Commissioners are currently being recruited. The Commission can keep SMB informed of progress.