2. SPOTLIGHT session: One CGIAR gaining traction globally

Highlights from the launch of the 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy (SRG Rec1) and CGIAR @50 at the Climate Action Summit and wider global stage

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OPINION: Today’s climate and food crises can only be solved in tandem

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Ending global hunger need not cost the earth – if we invest now

We can create a brighter future if we invest in agricultural innovation. Image: REUTERS/Rezak De Chowdhury

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- The COVID-19 crisis has left up to 150 million additional people facing hunger this year.
- Even before the pandemic, a quarter of children under the age of five were stunted due to...
Honoring and celebrating a legacy of CGIAR research and partnership

CGIAR’s 50 years of innovations that changed the world

**Innovations for a climate crisis**
For 50 years, CGIAR innovations have helped to reduce poverty and hunger worldwide...

**Innovations for gender equality**
Women play multiple roles in the task of feeding the world. Yet their realities are often overlooked.
As the CGIAR System launches its new ambitious 10-year Strategy to accelerate climate solutions for food, land, and water systems, the current level of investment in CGIAR research isn’t even half of what it needs to be.

Let me start by congratulating CGIAR on launching this Strategy and its contributions to food systems and commitments to climate change. We look forward to working with you to ensure this becomes a reality.

Our work with CGIAR will help make food systems more resilient and less vulnerable to shocks. This partnership will help us carry on saving lives and changing lives so more people have the opportunity to prosper and be self-sufficient.

Agnes Kalibata, the UN’s Food Systems Chief, on How Science Can Transform Farming to Help Save the Planet.

CGIAR puts climate change at the heart of new research strategy.
Campaign in 2021: to amplify impact areas and leverage political support at key “drumbeat” moments - major emphasis on UNFSS & COP26
“To young girls, I would advise them to look at their passions, what they really like because that would be planning to their strength.”
- Leah Symekher, Capacity Development Manager, CGIAR - ILRI

“Set your goals, very clear, and go for it. Do not allow everybody to distract you, if it’s your dream, you’ll be able.”
- Maria Andrade, CGIAR - CIP

“I want to encourage young girls who are interested in science to not underestimate their matters in science skills. These both things make you a better scientist and we do really need that.”
- Laura Meinzen-Dick, PhD, CGIAR - IFPRI
Sita Kumari, farmer, uses mobile phone apps to enhance her yields and get access to market and labor. The technology assists farmers in remote areas, who would otherwise have limited access to information on market prices and services.