Reflections from CGIAR's Executive Managing Director

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Reflections from the first six months: Dec 2023 – May 2024

These six months have been humbling and inspiring. Our teams worldwide are building science that improves our planet and the lives of all people.

Key reflections:

• On the ground, the ‘One CGIAR’ vision and the spirit of the IFA are reflected in growing collaboration and integration.
• There is strong leadership and staff support for our integrated partnership.
• Excellence in CGIAR research, innovations, and scaling can be found across the Partnership, in all Centers, irrespective of size.
• Very positive engagements with partners with many opportunities for closer collaboration.

In summary: our reform journey has reached a point of maturity, providing us with a strong foundation for an ambitious, new Portfolio supported by growing funding and partnerships.

Our role as leaders is simple – to enable them.
COP28 was a landmark moment for CGIAR with $890M in pledges.

CGIAR pivotally positioned with a Presidency session on the Emirates Declaration, science roundtable with Bill Gates and the inaugural food & agriculture pavilion hosting 80+ events.

- 160+ coordinated delegation
- raising the profile of our work and impact
- tracking and informing negotiations
- nurturing partnerships
- 200+ events with RBAs and partners
- 20+ high-level meetings
- 130+ pieces of coverage in global media
- 3,000+ partners engaged via email updates
- 1.4m views on social media
- 98,000+ views of video series
CGIAR Centers visited in the first 3-months: On-ground the ‘One CGIAR’ vision and the spirit of the IFA was visible in strong collaboration and integration.
Solidifying our commitment to our Partners
CGIAR's leadership's strategic priorities are to move from reform to an operating business model

CGIAR's community has come together in a spirit of unity and shared purpose, moving us from a period of reform to one of strategic growth.

Across regions, we see the integrated partnership strongly visible on the ground.

The new leadership team is focused on establishing our post-reform era operating model. Our priorities are in this direction.
CGIAR – Network of Networks of Networks
Democratizing knowledge & innovation in alignment to SDG-17

>3,000+ partners, including:
- governments,
- universities,
- national agricultural research centers,
- private sector,
- foundations,
- global non-profits, &
- grassroots NGOs
... across 90 countries, delivering impact in all regions

Europe

Asia

North America

Central America

South America

Africa

Australia and Oceania
Breeding For Tomorrow
Sustainable Farming
Sustainable Animal and Aquatic Foods
Multi-Functional Landscapes
Better Nutrition
Food Frontiers and Security
Policy Innovation
Climate Action

Five Impact Areas

Science Portfolio is being setup to be an annual $2B portfolio

Five Impact Areas
Eight Science programs
Scaling for Impact with Partners
Partners in Research and Scaling Accelerators
Assets: Genebanks, Knowledge....
We are building key assets through our work

A global study has been launched to study our current assets and build the business case for growing these assets, as well as identifying areas within our work that are proving to be relevant and substantial future assets.

This study focuses on:

• Which assets should be maintained to deliver on the CGIAR 2030 research strategy?
• What is the cost of upgrading and maintaining these assets?
• Where do we see redundancies in the asset base that need to be fixed?
• Where do we opportunities and capabilities to build new assets?
Our collective journey is possible with commitment, collaboration and financial support of our funders and System Council

Progress and pathway to $2bn / year

- Since 2018, overall funding has grown at an **average of 7% / year**
- To reach the investment case target of $4bn in 2025—27 / $1.4bn in 2027, growth needs to pick up to 8.5%—10%
- Sustained 10% growth needed to reach 2bn / year by 2030
- Meeting targets needs both bilateral and pooled to grow, as well as new sources of funding
CGIAR SCIENCE WEEK
1-5 July, Nairobi | Kenya

Reimagine a sustainable and healthy future for people and planet
Programme

• At the UN Campus in Nairobi
• Co-hosted by KALRO
• Plenary: 1-3 July – 8 sessions – 60 speakers confirmed so far

More information online: https://www.cgiar.org/science-week/

Registration
3,000+ online
1,400+ in-person
(900+ non-CGIAR)
increasing every day

Worldwide Interest
(30,000+ web views)
Other Activities

• 13 x 2-hour Consultation Sessions on the new portfolio – 1-5 July

• 110 Side-Events including Science Talks, Research Workshops and Innovation Showcases

• Exhibition Area: All Centers + Impact Areas Booths

• Field visits to CGIAR and partner labs and research stations to see science in action 30 June – 6 July: Kapiti Plains Research Station, Kiboko Faw Screening Facility, Muguga station, KALTO industrial research institute, etc.
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