

# One CGIAR:

A more unified and impactful partner to unlock the potential of agricultural innovations and accelerate achievement of SDGs

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# Global recognition for role of CGIAR in transforming food systems





We commit to leveraging the power of national and multilateral research institutions, such as the One CGIAR ... This is critical to generate knowledge, strengthen innovation systems, and ensure partnerships accelerate the pace and scale of innovation required to make food systems resilient and stable ...

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**Donors show** support for One CGIAR at COP26 with pledges dedicated to helping smallholder farmers adapt to climate change-induced loss and damage



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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.

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8th UN Secretary-General, Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-Moon Centre for Global Citizens Now more than ever, we need your efforts to **support demand-driven innovations** such as those **championed by CGIAR**.



### What Is One CGIAR?



# A more unified and integrated CGIAR

Bringing together its capabilities, knowledge, assets, people and global presence, aiming for greater integration in the face of the interdependent challenges facing today's world



### Mission

Emphasizing a systems approach, addressing climate change, delivering multiple benefits



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To deliver science and innovation that advance transformation of food, land and water systems in a climate crisis.

#### Impact

CGIAR is targeting multiple SDG benefits across five Impact Areas, with collective global targets for transformation of food, land and water systems across local, regional and global levels.

### New Research and Innovation Strategy:

A stronger, more relevant science agenda for today's dynamic world





#### **3 Action Areas:**

(1) Systems Transformation (2) Resilient Agrifood Systems (3) Genetic Innovation

#### 5 Impact Areas:

(1) Nutrition, health and food security (2) Poverty reduction, livelihoods and jobs (3) Gender equality, youth and inclusion (4) Climate adaptation and mitigation (5) Environmental health and biodiversity

#### **3 Impact Pathways:**

(1)Science-based innovation (2) Targeted capacity development (3) Advice on policy

6 Regions - including East and Southern Africa (ESA)

#### **One CGIAR in the ESA region**



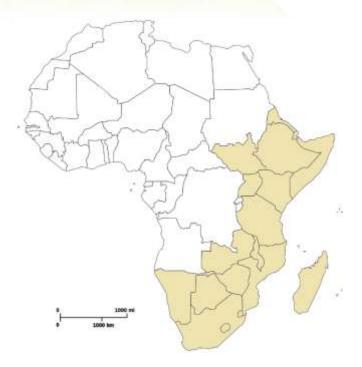
- CGIAR has a long and successful partnership in ESA with ASARECA and CCARDESA, national agricultural research and extension systems since the 1970s
- Collaborative efforts have contributed immensely to enhancing food and nutrition security in ESA region and will be consolidated through new engagement mode



## CGIAR

### More systematic engagement with partners in ESA

- With One CGIAR, we will be better engaged and aligned with partners to identify joint priorities and activities
- A new dedicated capacity has been put in place to improve our engagement with partners
- Single focal point leadership established to:
  - Engage with partners around all CGIAR activity and to monitor strategic partnership issues
  - Ensure co-development of country strategic frameworks, based on alignment of our respective capacities, resources and funder interests



#### **East and Southern Africa**

Agriculture has great potential as a driver of economic growth but is held back by sensitivity to climate change.

#### Multiple benefits at the country level



Greater utility and impacts to countries and regions

Enhanced relevance and responsiveness of CGIAR research to country & regional priorities, needs and circumstances

Greater efficiency in co-developing solutions complementing resources available at the country level Bigger impacts through transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches

Lower transaction costs on partners and strengthened in-country research collaboration

### Addressing key regional priorities in ESA



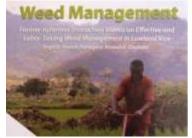
Scalable and investment-worthy	Integrated economic, production, food
climate-smart sustainable	safety and nutrition-enhancing
intensification solutions	interventions
Vision-led intersectoral capacity	Multi-stakeholder coordination,
strengthening, coordination, and	blended finance, empowerment of
policy coherence	women and youth

### Innovations for ESA: Innovative agricultural extension and advisory service approaches





RiceAdvice app for advice on rice management. 0.5 t to 2.3 t/ha higher yield; US\$100 to 200/ha more profit.



WeedManager app for advice on weed management practices in rice



PigSmart Ecosystem digital platform for improving small scale pig production



Tumaini app for identification of major banana diseases



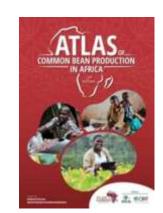
Rooted apical cuttings for greater volumes of quality potato seed at a faster pace



High yielding, disease resistant East African highland cooking bananas (NARITA s)



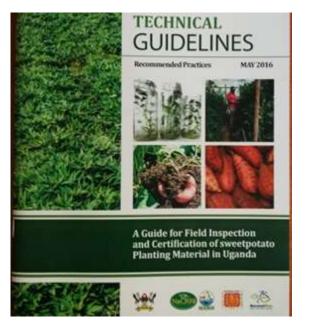
Sweet-potato triple seed method enables early planting



Atlas of common bean production in Africa version 2.0

### **Innovations for ESA: Towards professionalization**







Initial guidelines for Quality Declared planting material (QDS) documented (FAO, 2010) as a quality assurance scheme less demanding than quality control system but implemented in situations where resources are limited. Technical & Facilitator's Manual



- Smart-valleys: Trainer-facilitator's manual
- Technical manual: Curriculum for Participatory Learning and Action Research (PLAR) for Integrated Rice Management (IRM) in Inland Valleys of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Facilitator's Manual: Curriculum for PLAR for
- IRM in Inland Valleys of Sub-Saharan



#### **Innovations for ESA: Agro-industrialization**



Mastercard Farmer Network (MFN): digital marketplace to link smallholder farmers to reliable markets & buyers to sustainable sources of quality produce. It ensures fair prices for both the



REMUGOL: Webbased platform that links rice value chain actors and facilitates access to the market.

# Innovations for ESA: Harnessing agripreneurship opportunities for youth and women





Youth engagement in Agribusiness through mechanized technologies



**Community Seedbanks** 



Promotion of Orange-fleshed sweetpotato for food security & nutrition



Improved ambient storage



Business opportunities for youth and women in vine multiplication

### Research and innovation deliverables in the ESA region

A research-for-development agenda aligned with stakeholder needs and priorities

Delivery of climate information services and climate-smart sustainable intensification technologies to help the region to address future uncertainties

Regional scaling hub on climate-smart technologies and practices; capacity strengthening; policy implementation

Agribusiness SME incubators and accelerators providing business support and technical assistance

Technical options for diversification of agricultural production systems and nutritionsensitive policy orientation and institutional innovations

#### **Next steps: CGIAR Investment Prospectus**

2030 Research and Innovation Strategy will be delivered through a portfolio of CGIAR Initiatives that are:

**Demand-driven** 

**Rigorous and coherent** 

Systems-oriented and integrated

Accountable

Focused on innovation & scaling

At various levels:

Interconnected systems transformation initiative

**Regional integrated initiatives** 

Farming system initiatives

Thematic initiatives

#### Conclusion



We thank the organizers of the 5th Africa-wide Agricultural Extension Week for giving us this opportunity for consolidating our partnership with AFAAS as we initiate the new One CGIAR research and innovation strategy.

AFAAS is certainly a key partner in research for development work and we want to strongly recognize this across One CGIAR.

We also thank our funders, ASARECA, CCARDESA, national agricultural research institutes, universities, development partners, farmers' associations in the ESA region for their continued support and partnership.

We commit to strengthening our relationships in the future under a more integrated approach that can scale up impact, enabling the region to emerge strongly from COVID-19 and other challenges.



## **THANK YOU**