One CGIAR in Africa

Delivering science and innovation that advance transformation of food, land and water systems in a climate crisis
One CGIAR’s Vision and Mission

Vision
A world with sustainable and resilient food, land, and water systems that deliver diverse, healthy, safe, sufficient, and affordable diets, and ensure improved livelihoods and greater social equality, within planetary and regional environmental boundaries.

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

CGIAR research and innovation will:

- Achieve positive measurable benefits across 5 Impact Areas...
- ...by scaling research and innovation...
- ...delivered through regional and global CGIAR Initiatives...
- ...that draw on global, best in class, capabilities and ways of working...
- ...collaborating closely with partners in all research and innovation for impact.
To achieve its mission, CGIAR will design its work with partners to realize multiple benefits and transformative change across five SDG-focused Impact Areas: (i) Nutrition, health, and food security; (ii) Poverty reduction, livelihoods, and jobs; (iii) Gender equality, youth, and social inclusion; (iv) Climate adaptation and mitigation; and (v) Environmental health and biodiversity. Recognizing the need to accelerate global progress towards the SDGs, CGIAR will invest in technological and institutional innovations, partnerships, capacity development, and policy engagement across all five Impact Areas.

CGIAR will strive for impact at scale globally and regionally by organizing along three Action Areas in which accelerated innovation is required to create sustainable and resilient food, land, and water systems and to meet SDG targets. The Action Areas are: (1) Systems Transformation; (2) Resilient Agrifood Systems; and (3) Genetic Innovation.

The 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy sets the stage for doing business differently to ensure that research provides real solutions for development. CGIAR will change the way it works, following seven new implementation approaches:

1. Embracing a **systems transformation approach**, seeking **multiple benefits** across five SDG-linked Impact Areas
2. Leveraging **ambitious partnerships for change** in which CGIAR is strategically positioned
3. Positioning **regions, countries, and landscapes** as central dimensions of partnership, worldview, and impact
4. Generating scientific evidence on **multiple transformation pathways**
5. Targeting **risk-management** and **resilience** as critical qualities for food, land, and water systems
6. Harnessing **innovative finance** to leverage and deliver research through new investment and funding models
7. Making the **digital revolution** central to our way of working.
The One CGIAR focus in Africa

CGIAR will work in Africa with partners to address the climate crisis in three major regions, aiming to position regions, countries, and landscapes as central dimensions of partnership, worldview, and impact.

Central and West Asia and North Africa (CWANA)

This region is the most water-stressed in the world, with annual average rainfall between 100mm-400mm.

Climatic risks to water are the main constraint to agriculture-led development, in both highlands and major deltas like the Nile.

West and Central Africa (WCA)

In wetter coastal and forested areas, hotter growing season temperatures and shorter rainy seasons are the key climate threats.

In the drier Sahel, more frequent and severe droughts, including withering dry spells within growing seasons, are driving changes in livelihoods. For example, crop farmers switch to livestock or migrate to urban areas.

East and Southern Africa (ESA)

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

The region faces a geographic patchwork of climate challenges, including shorter and more unreliable growing seasons, particularly in the more arid south.
One CGIAR’s regional and country focus for Africa

The new One CGIAR engagement model is based on a strategic country framework and stronger country relationships to support of national priorities and partnership management with key regional bodies.

Continued and strategic partnership with ESA, WCA and CWANA

✓ Programmatic focus coupled with a strong presence and engagement in regions and countries.

Prioritization of stakeholder demand and alignment to regions’ priorities

✓ Clear processes for identifying and including stakeholder demand and priorities in One CGIAR work.
✓ Close collaboration with regional partners who represent Investment Advisory Groups.
✓ Collaborative elaboration of country and regional strategic frameworks to inform and align research, innovation and engagement activities between One CGIAR and the regions.
✓ Creation of partnerships to implement One CGIAR’s new Initiatives.

Dedicated positions and people to interact with regional stakeholders in a strengthened and coordinated way

✓ Regional groups dedicated to ESA, WCA and CWANA led by a Regional Director and Country Program Managers.
✓ Leaders will participate in key dialogues, represent One CGIAR, manage relationships, and coordinate projects and initiatives to assure alignment with regional priorities.

Commitment to engagement and partnership with ESA, WCA and CWANA

✓ Through strategic engagement and communication with key regional and country stakeholders to raise awareness and identify partnership opportunities with One CGIAR.