

Insights from SCAR foresight exercise

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SCAR foresights and global change

- 1° foresight: managing adaptation
- 2° foresight: uncertainty and knowledge
- 3° foresight: scarcity and behavioral change





The geology of the planet

Welcome to the Anthropocene

Humans have changed the way the world works. Now they have to change the way they think about it, too

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Two narratives

Productivity

Sufficiency



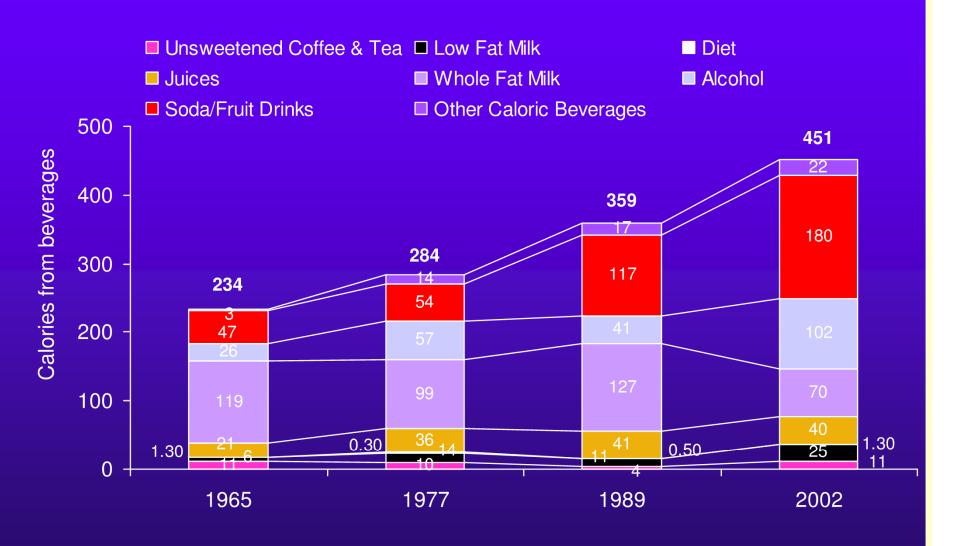


Problem definitions

Productivity	Sufficiency
Expected production not sufficient	Overconsumption and waste
Productivity gap	Inappropriate technologies
Barriers to adoption	Inequality of access to resources



Per Capita Change in Calories from Beverages Between 1965 and 2002





Implications

Productivity

Doubling production

High-tech innovation

Locking-out technologies

Sufficiency

 Reducing consumption and waste

 Socio-technical innovation

Integrating technologies

















A new nutritional transition?

- 10 g beef (100g)
- 10 g pork (79g)
- 47 chicken and eggs (115g)
- 23 g fish (46g)

Per day per person on average

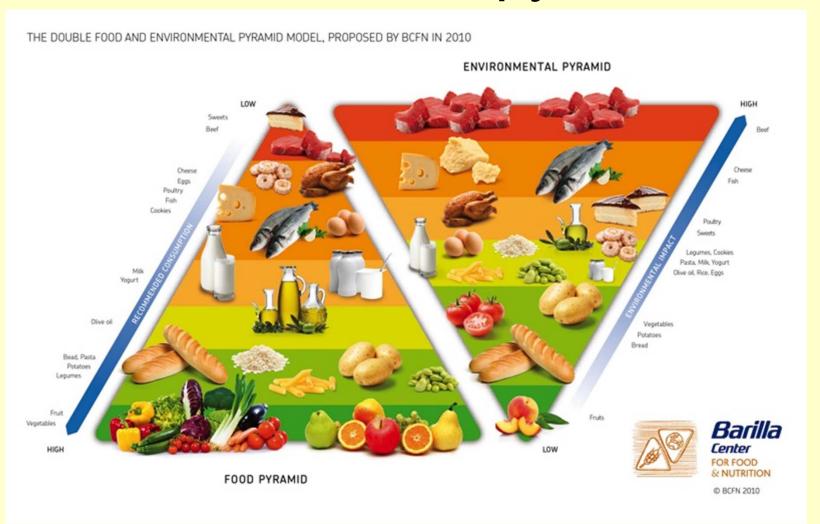
Reduction of costs of mitigation 50% in 2050

(source: Netherland Environmental Assessment Agency)





Barilla's double pyramid







Sustainable diets

- Reducing consumption
- More plant-based food
- Reducing waste
- Encouraging local biodiversity
- Reducing food miles
- Fresh and seasonal





Appropriate technologies

Reaping the benefits

Science and the sustainable intensification of global agriculture
October 2009

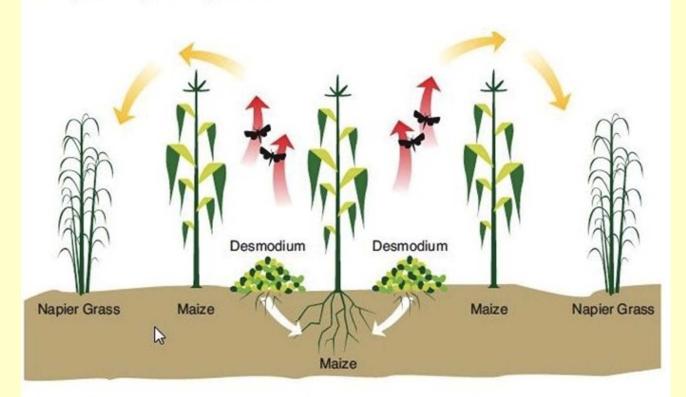




THE ROYAL SOCIETY



The push-pull system





Red arrow: 'Push': Compounds released into the air by intercropped plants repel moths away from the maize.



Orange arrow: Compounds released into the air by border 'trap plants' attract moths to lay eggs, away from the maize.



White arrow: In addition, compounds secreted by desmodium roots inhibit the attachment of witchweed to maize roots and causes suicidal germination of witchweed seed in soil (see overleaf).





The challenge of integration

Agroecology, soil science agronomy

Social sciences

X-omics





Thank you!

