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The need for Reform of Agricultural Systems in both Europe and the South

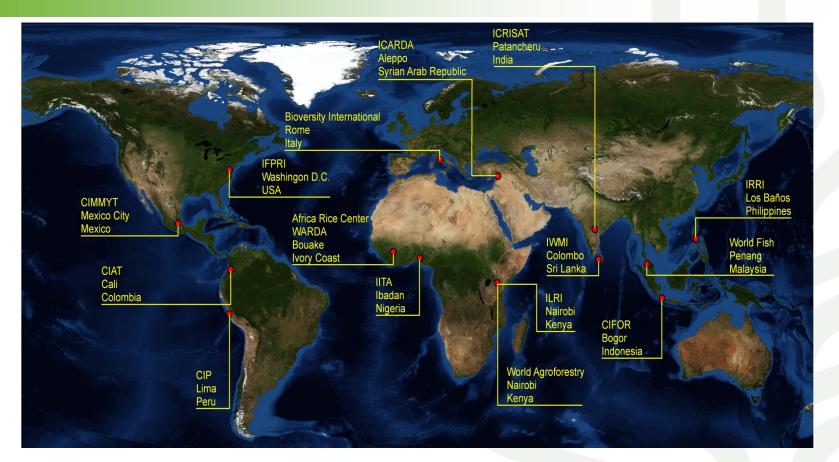
Agriculture is at the Centre of Many of Society's Most Important Debates



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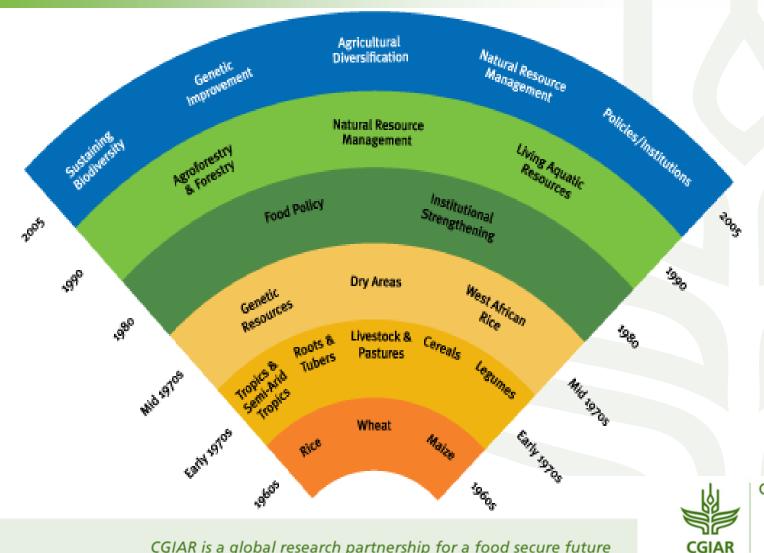
CIMMYT developed high yielding varieties for staple cereals that were the engine of the Green Revolution





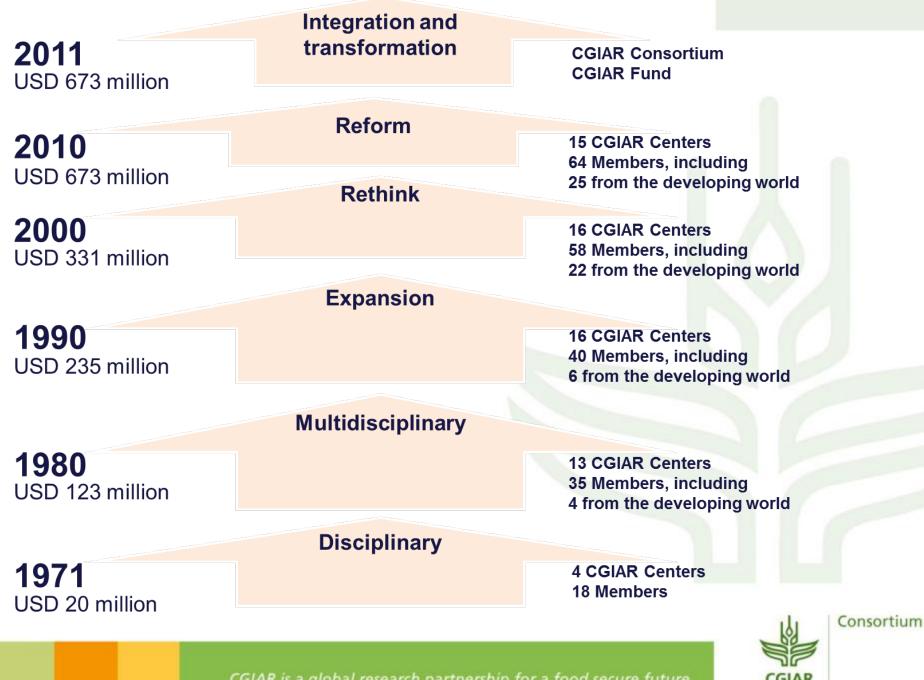
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CGIAR's research is carried out by 16 Research Programs (CRPs), working in close collaboration with hundreds of partners worldwide.

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CGI	AR RESEAR	CH PROGR/	MS
GENEBANKS	MAIZE	AQUATIC AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS	CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY
DRYLAND CEREALS	RICE	DRYLAND SYSTEMS	FORESTS, TREES AND AGROFORESTRY
GRAIN LEGUMES	ROOTS, TUBERS AND BANANAS	INTEGRATED SYSTEMS FOR THE HUMID TROPICS	AGRICULTURE FOR NUTRITION AND HEALTH
LIVESTOCK AND FISH	WHEAT	WATER, LAND AND ECOSYSTEMS	POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS
REDUCED RURAL POVERTY	OUTCOMES INCREASED IMPROVED NUTRITION FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH		SUSTAINABLY MANAGED NATURAL RESOURCES

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Ug99: preventing disasters for millions

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We have to ensure that children receive plenty of nutritious foods



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Nutrient dense food, bio-fortification: long-term multidisciplinary



Sweet Potato Provitamin A Uganda Mozambique



Cassava Provitamin A DR Congo, Nigeria



Pearl Millet Iron (Zinc) India



Beans Iron (Zinc) DR Congo, Rwanda



Rice Zinc Bangladesh, India

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Maize Provitamin A Zambia



Wheat Zinc India, Pakistan

2003200820132018DiscoveryDevelopmentDelivery*GOAL: delivery-at-scale to 50 million people from 8 target countries

HarvestPlus

Doubling maize yields in Malawi by planting fertilizer tree species





INDIA Weather-based insurance

12 million farmers & 40 different crops insured

 Allows farmers to access fertilizer and better seed

 Reduces pressure to bring more land under cultivation

✓ Reduces risks

C4 plants: increasing yield, water and nitrogen use efficiency by 30-50%



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[Germplasm+Genomic+Phenotyping]



The International Center for Tropical Agriculture in Colombia holds 65,000 crop samples from 141 countries.

Feeding the future

We must mine the biodiversity in seed banks to help to overcome food shortages, urge **Susan McCouch** and colleagues.

Humanity depends on fewer than a dozen of the approximately 300,000 of its caloric intake. And we capitalize on only a fraction of the genetic diversity that resides within each of these species. This is not enough to support our food system in the future. Food availability must double in the next 25 years to keep pace with population and income growth around the world. Already, food-production systems are precarious in the face of intensifying demand, climate change, soil degradation and water and land shortages.

Farmers have saved the seeds of hundreds of crop species and hundreds of thousands of 'primitive' varieties (local domesticates called landraces), as well as the wild relatives of crop species and modern varieties no longer in use. These are stored in more than 1,700 gene banks worldwide. Maintaining the 11 international gene-bank collections alone costs about USS18 million a year.

The biodiversity stored in gene banks fuels advances in plant breeding, generates billions of dollars in profits, and saves many lives. For example, crossbreeding a single wild species of rice, *Oryza nivara*, which was found after screening more than 6,000 seed-bank accessions, has provided protection against grassy stunt virus disease in almost all tropical rice varieties in Asia for the past 36 years'. During the green revolution, high-yielding ruing the are revolution and into a net food exporter. By 1997, the world economy had accrued annual benefits of approximately \$115 billion from the use of crop wild relatives³ as sources of environmental resilience and resistance to pests and diseases.

The time is ripe for an effort to harness the full power of biodiversity to feed the world. Plant scientists must efficiently and systematically domesticate new crops and increase the productivity and sustainability of current crop-production systems.

Why does plant breeding need a boost? Because new, high-yielding seeds that are adapted for future conditions are a cornerstone of sustainable, intensified food production³. Since the mid-1990s, progress in conventional plant breeding has **b**

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Most importantly, results from genomics and agronomic research must be connected to the communities that are creating new varieties of crops. An international network of scientists in both the public and the private sectors must work together to provide seeds and plants to farmers and commercial plant breeders for further crossing and testing in different environments. The research community must pay specific attention to the development of locally adapted varieties that meet the needs of the world's poorest farmers.

From "SeedSeq" (Jan 2014)

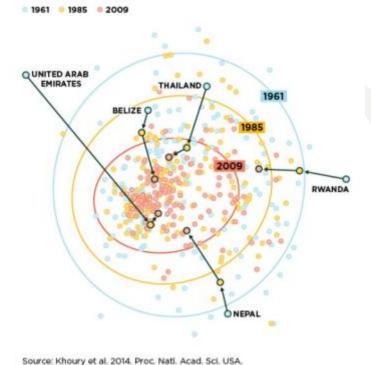
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Convergence of global diets

A study of the world's countries finds that over the last 50 years, diets have become ever more similar.

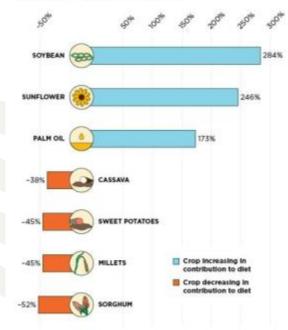
Each country's food supply composition in contribution to calories in:



Over the last 50 years, the global diet has shifted dramatically, including greater amounts of major oil crops and lesser quantities of regionally important staples.

Average change in the calories from crops in national diets worldwide, 1961-2009

Percent change in calorie contribution to diet



Source: Khoury et al. 2014. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.



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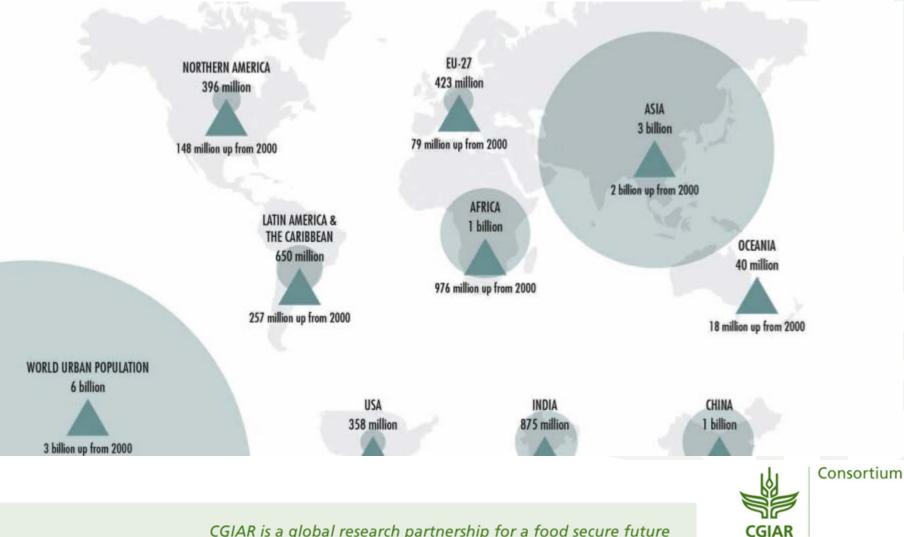


Modern food systems are dynamic, complex and fundamentally important to security and survival

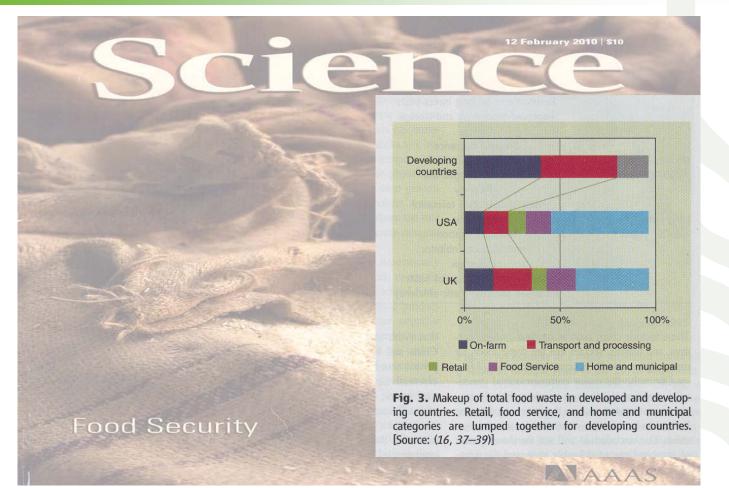
Main trade flows of corn, wheat, soybean complex and palm oil

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Rising urban population, 2050 projections



Reducing Food Waste





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Risks and opportunities in food systems are being understood in new ways with new implications

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Food insecurity a significant risk to "global society"

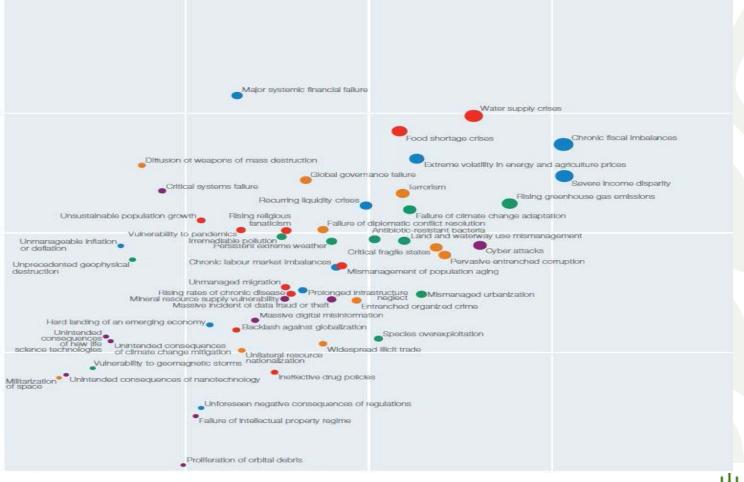
Food safety/security issues create "direct and indirect risks & opportunities for businesses"

Insurance can play a large role in risk mitigation/management as well as innovation/investment

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FEAST OR FAMINE BUSINESS AND INSURANCE IMPLICATIONS OF FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY

Global Risks by Likelihood & IMPACT





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Role of knowledge & innovation systems ~9 Billion People / 1 Planet





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The expectations of Science & Research has changed dramatically





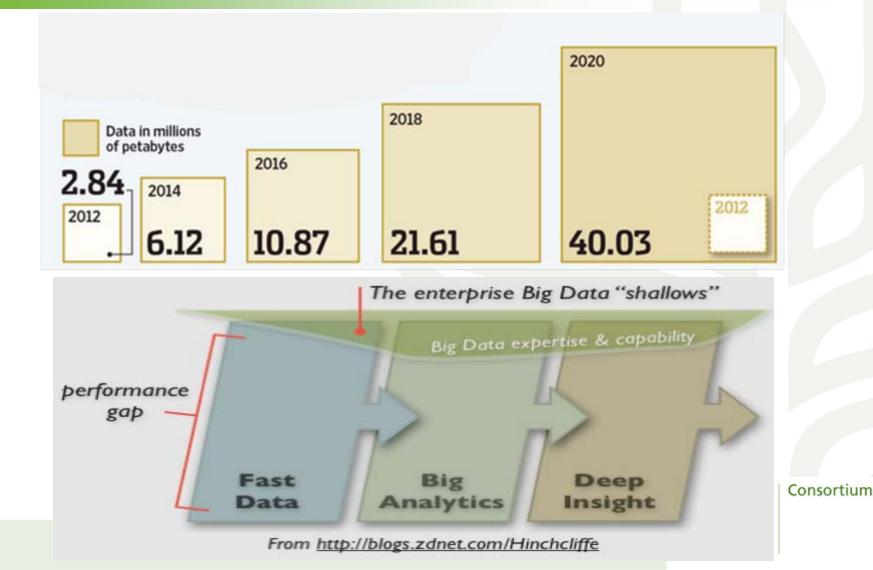
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Systems approach for BIG DATA & Global Connectivity

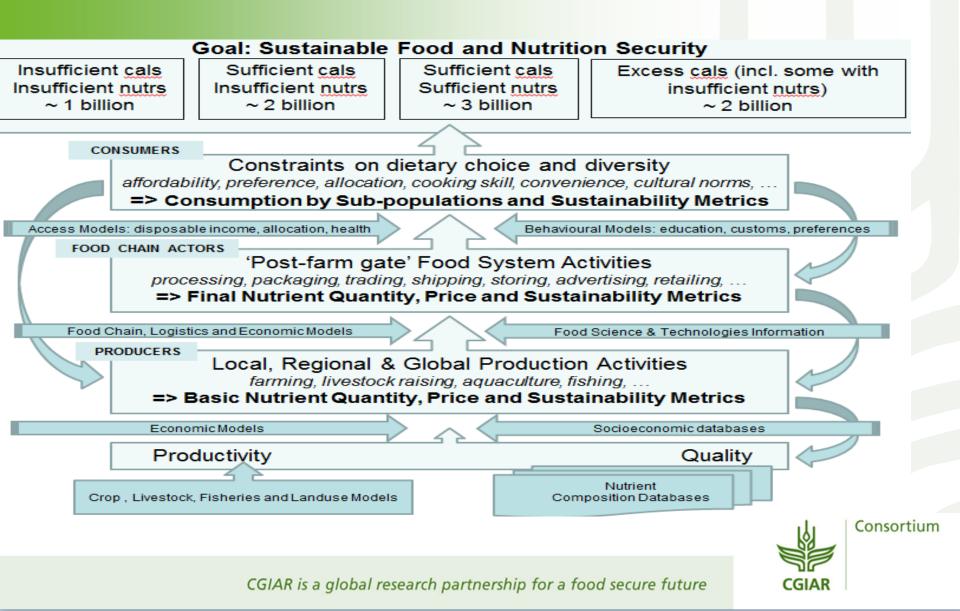


Data Science in Agriculture



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Sustainability metrics for food systems



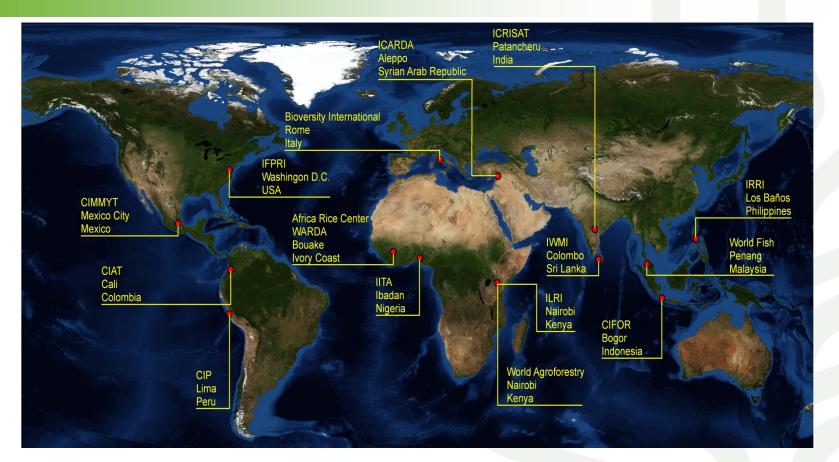
The biosphere – nature's solutions

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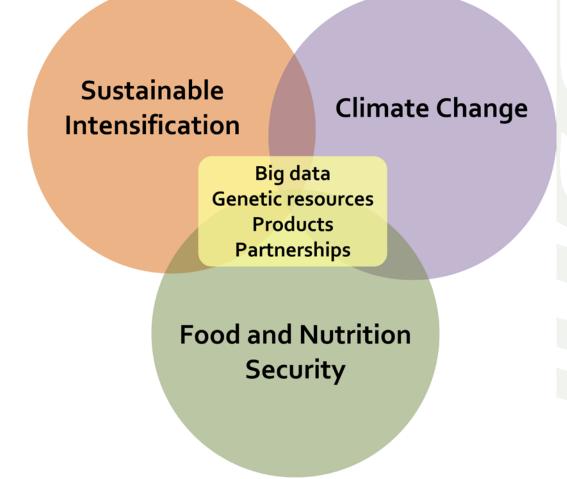


Knowledge systems as public goods market makers?

An alliance of global science and business blueprinting public goods knowledge systems in pre-competitive space at the land/water/energy

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Convert Global Challenges of the 21st Century into new opportunities



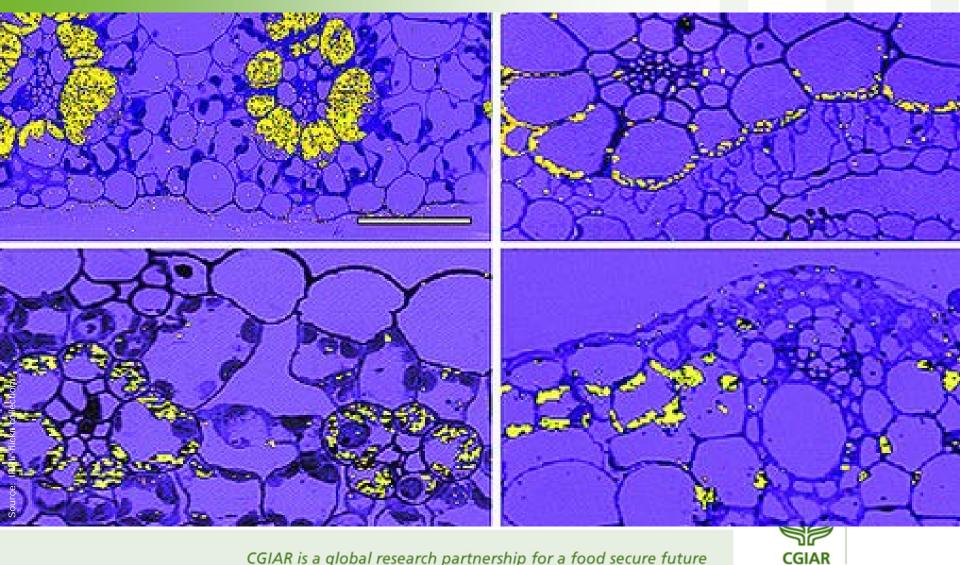


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Producing resilient crops in arid conditions



Re-greening desolate landscapes and delivering results to millions of farmers



