



GFAR and GCARD3

**THE GLOBAL FORUM ON AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH &
INNOVATION**

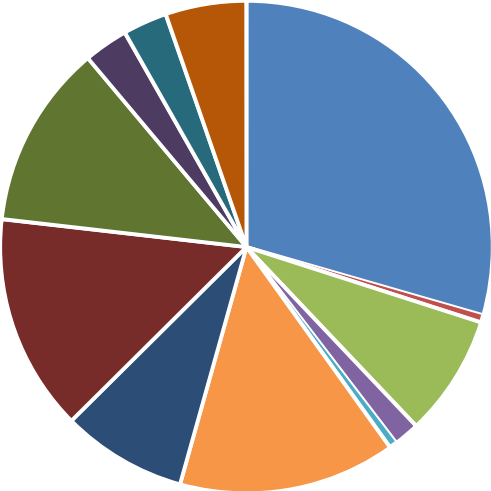


Our Aim

The Global Forum makes agri-food research and innovation systems & processes more **effective, responsive and equitable**, towards achieving sustainable development outcomes.

GFAR: We're shaping the future together

Declared Partners in GFAR, by Sector, Total = 418



- CSOs
- Farmers & Ag workers
- Facilitating agencies
- International research
- Private sector
- Womens groups

- Consumers
- Finance insts
- Higher education
- National & Regional Research & Policy
- Rural advisory services
- Youth associations





What GFAR does

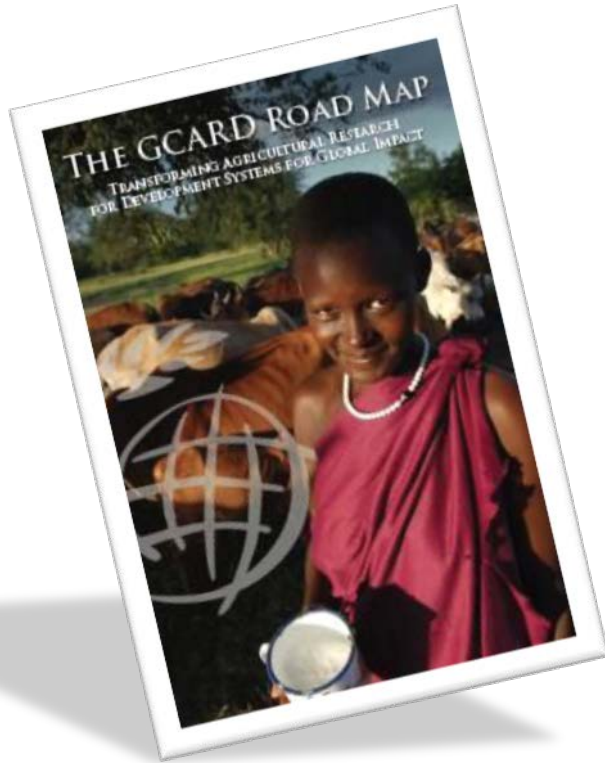
Partners in the Global Forum, at national, regional and international levels, **advocate for, and catalyze, Collective Actions** that strengthen and transform agri-food research and innovation systems.

GCARDs 1 & 2:

- A. Massive global dialogue on how to change our broken research and innovation systems
- B. Stakeholder Voices shaping CGIAR Strategy & CRPs



The GCARD Roadmap – setting a new path for Agricultural Research & Innovation



- 1. Inclusive foresight defining AR4D priorities and needs**
- 2. Fostering equitable partnership and accountability**
- 3. Better investment of human, institutional and financial resources**
- 4. Develop human and institutional capacities for change**
- 5. Embed innovation in development processes**
- 6. Accountability: stakeholder-centred processes with demonstrated impacts**

Collective Action is our overarching principle:

- A GFAR Collective Action is a multi-stakeholder programme of work at national, regional or international level
- Initiated by three or more Partners and prioritized by the Global Forum
- **Always includes producers** and with a particular focus on women and youth
- Contributes to the objectives of the Global Forum and the GCARD Road Map

Multi-stakeholder collective actions on key issues

Institutional transformation:

- Regional Fora x 6
- CGIAR reform & stakeholders
- International Research: AIRCA
- Rural Advisory Services: GFRAS
- Education reform: GCHERA
- Womens' empowerment: GAP
- Mobilizing Youth: YPARD

Thematic actions:

- Nutrition: EAT
- Investment: GAFSP, IFAD
- Innovation Capacity Development: TAP
- Local innovation: ProLINNOVA
- Farmers' Rights on plant genetic resources, with ITPGRFA
- Climate change: GACSA
- Foresight: Global Foresight Hub
- Open data: CIARD, GODAN
- Viable futures for rural communities: Mediterranean Dialogues



How GFAR works

- Actions are managed, coordinated and led by the Partners themselves
- Secretariat's role - facilitating, catalyzing and learning from collective actions
- Not just thematic - includes advocacy and institutional reform, new financing models
- Not just production – includes post harvest, market chains, rural industries, rural communities

Ingredients for success:

- Truly multi-stakeholder actions
- Bottom-up processes
- Centred on rural poor
- Uses champions & catalysts
- Mutual learning
- Open sharing
- Valuing and recognizing all partners equally
- Break down institutional walls & hierarchies



- Accountability to the farmers, not just taxpayers or shareholders
- Money is a secondary issue; Community, trust and real partnership are vital

The GCARD3 process: Ensuring no one is left behind

- Sustainable Development Goals provide new frame
- GFAR Governance reform & Collective Actions agreed
- CGIAR next phase CRPs developed & discussed



- National dialogues aligned CGIAR CRPs & country agenda and needs
- Regional events addressing key needs: better investment, community foresight, shaping futures



- **Global Event addressed key practical challenges...**
 - **93% made useful connections, 90% found new ideas, 94% are putting ideas to work**

GCARD3: Realizing the potential

- Re-appropriating rural futures by foresight
- From research to impact
- Changing the metrics for SDG impacts
- Curriculum reform and student leadership
- Sustaining the business of farming



The Alliance for Re-appropriation of rural futures by local actors

- Brings together farmers & research-innovation actors
- Create virtual and face-to-face foresight platforms
- Use desired futures to change the present, to shape & achieve the desired future.
- Sharing knowledge and experiences

Partners:

- Farmer orgs in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Central Asia/Caucasus, Latin America Europe, Near East/North Africa
- Research & innovation actors in each region



Multi-stakeholder innovation for development impact at different scales

1. Catalyze local innovation platforms & capacities, supported by national institutions
2. Foster Regional Fora as multi-stakeholder platforms for scaling out knowledge, innovation and learning between countries
3. Enabling international research to be more responsive to national development priorities, through partnership for impact



Guiding principles, from GCARD3, include:

- Equity, inclusivity and sustainability
- Demand-driven processes, involving farmers, communities & value chain actors
- Research and innovation embedded in wider development processes & policies
- Functional innovation capacities developed for adaptive and responsive systems
- Collective advocacy for sustained and better investment for SDG impacts

Alliance for Transformational learning and Student leadership

- Reform of Undergraduate education & learning, starting in 100 universities over 5 continents
- Link education & enterprise
- South-North & South-South Partnership links universities across regions for postgrad. Education
- Links to regional centers of excellence
- New skills for the rural leaders of tomorrow



Alliance for changing metrics of SDG impact

- Share experiences and lessons learned from analytical frameworks
- Develop & agree indicators for SDGs: food security, poverty, livelihood, social, health, resilience
- Field piloting & evaluation of indicators with communities
- Use the metrics to change the underlying value systems



Alliance for turning innovation into farming enterprise

- Empower & enable farming families, women and youth to turn innovation into rural enterprise opportunities in production & rural industries
- Based on community foresight
- Integrates local & external innovation
- Coordinated national delivery
- Involves entire value chain
- Students as advisers
- Farmers as innovators
- Builds & mentors business skills, knowledge & learning



Investment in Agricultural Innovation and Enterprise for Poverty Reduction

National delivery

Driven by rural needs, led by informed & empowered local actors & mentors, working in multi-stakeholder innovation

Integrated PPP Investments

New forms of national funding cross-leverage of funds addressing each component, innovative financing



International technical support

to overcome key barriers, guided by desired futures & common capacity development approach

Example: Integrated Agricultural Innovation and Enterprise, Egypt

- Women's enterprise development from agri-food innovation, addresses needs of poor rural women, linked to IFAD loan
- Aims to build entrepreneurial and ultra-small business management capacities to increase income and well-being
- Innovation and capacity development delivered & mentored through local partners & univs
- Combines foresight, SME development, market chains taps knowledge into local innovation



Knowledge enabling change and impact

- Collective actions of GFAR Partners creating many open information & knowledge management platforms, e.g. GODAN, CIARD, TAPIPEDIA
- Cross-link existing platforms to synergize and create new applications & uses
- Developing capacities and codes of practice for equitable access and use by resource poor



Working together in collective actions

Some key questions to consider:

1. How to link your work with GFAR's existing multi-stakeholder actions?
2. What are key themes for which new collective actions should be championed & developed?
3. What specific role would your organization wish to play in future collective actions and how will working with others benefit you and bring greater impact?



THANK YOU

