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SCIENCE, FOOD, AND SOCIETY:
CHARTING OUT THE FUTURE ROLE OF SCIENCE
POLICY IN DEVELOPING-COUNTRY AGRICULTURE

### Are the agricultural and life sciences at a historic inflection point?

New challenges for global food & agricultural system

- Weather volatility, long-term climate change
- Competition for land, water, biodiversity
- Complex demographic pressures

Our traditional solution? "Technology"

→ Contested narratives around science, food, and society

# Making best use of scientific evidence in decision-making

• Look back on the social and economic impacts of science on productivity, sustainability, and welfare

 Look forward to plausible scenarios for the future impact of science on productivity, sustainability, and welfare

• **Look deep** into the structure, conduct, and performance of our global innovation system

# Approaching R4D with a stronger innovation-driven perspective

### Assets & inputs

- Knowledge stocks
- Scientific capital
- Human capital
- Land, labor

Discovery

Investment strategies
Collaboration strategies
Risk management strategies

Development

Delivery

Tools & technologies

Policies & investments

#### Outputs & impacts

- Technology products
- Sustainability solutions
- Poverty reduction

### Thank you



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