

Building from Demand: Research for Development



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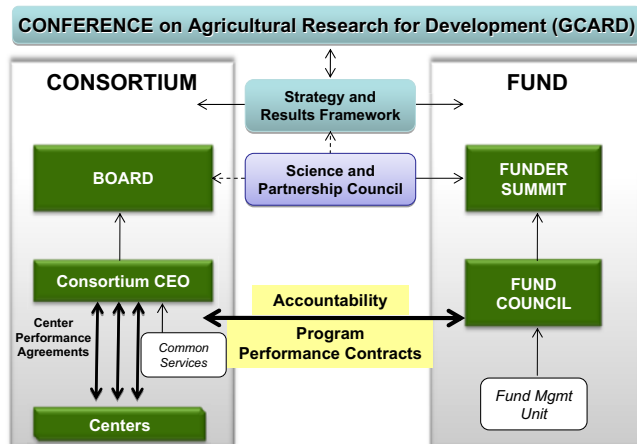
Generating and applying knowledge is critical to meeting the huge agricultural challenges we face. But...



- Why hasn't existing knowledge better benefited the poor?
- Why have many apparently effective technologies not been adopted?
- Why isn't agricultural innovation better valued in development?
- **how can we build more collective action towards large scale development impacts?**

Change in GFAR & the CGIAR: AGM 2008

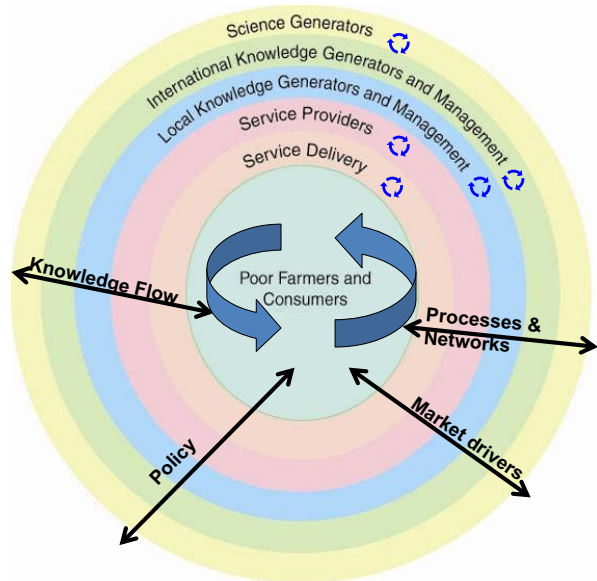
A biennial global conference on agricultural research for development will be organized by GFAR in collaboration with the Consortium and Independent Science and Partnership Council.



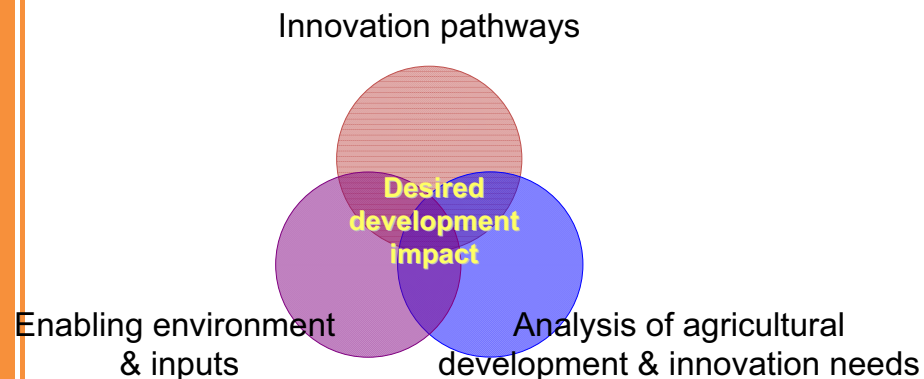
Value of GCARD in reshaping international research

- Aligns research towards national and global development goals and quantifiable objectives
- Increases speed and scale of development impact from research investments
- Clarifies CGIAR's most valuable niche in the ARD system
- Brings open accountability of the CGIAR's programmes to intended end-users and beneficiaries

Partners in the Global ARD System



GCARD: Towards strategic AR4D systems around the world



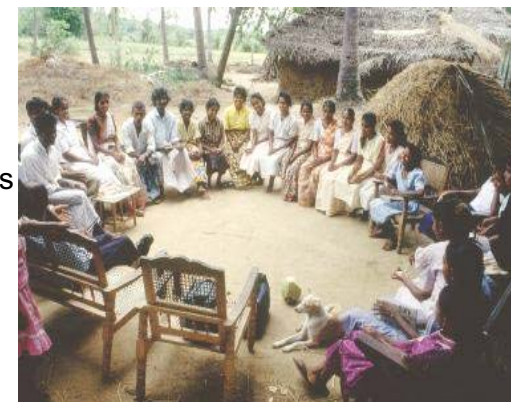
GCARD Aim

To develop a new global agricultural research system that directly impacts the poor

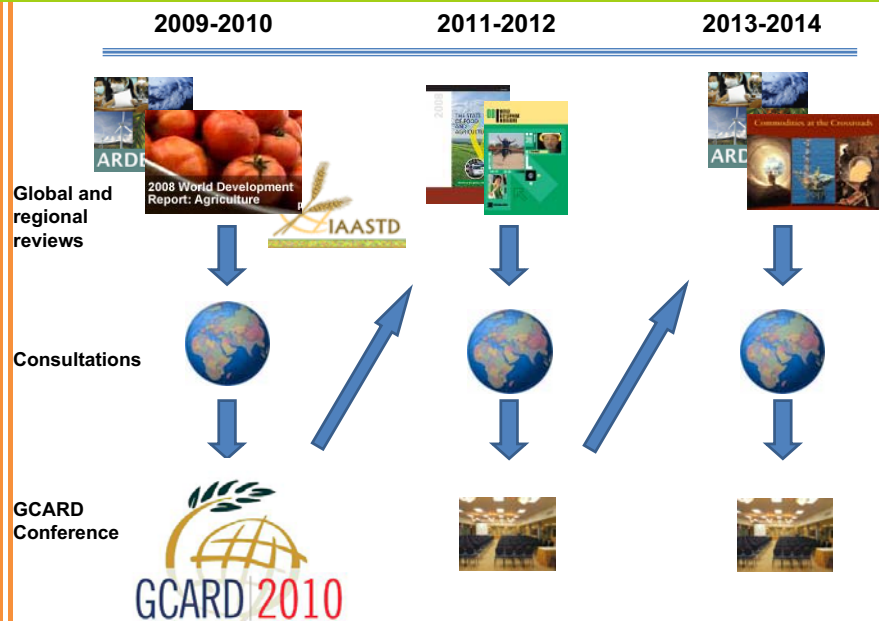
- Agricultural research is driven by achieving sustainable development impacts
- Research outputs are accessible & relevant to the poor
- Clear roles & responsibilities, working collectively towards shared objectives
- Processes require subsidiarity, partnership & inclusiveness
- Agricultural innovation impacts development policies and practices
- Research & advisory investment increased & aligned with development funding

Value of GCARD to the GFAR constituency

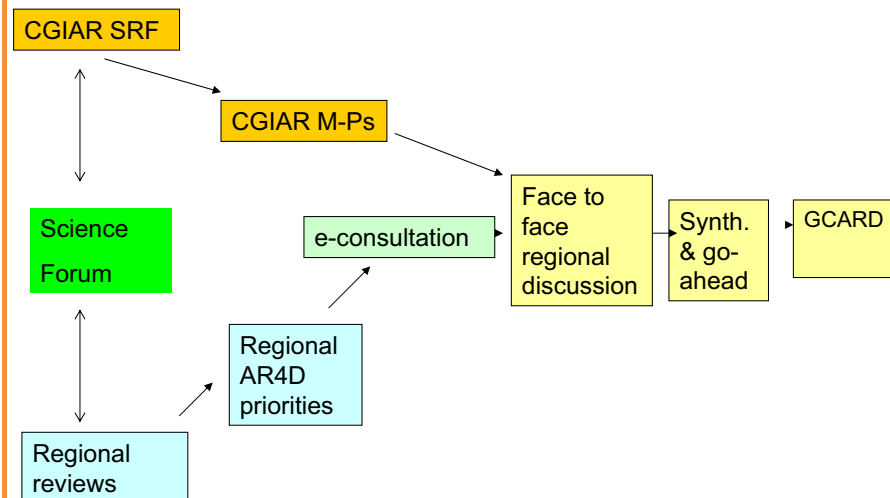
- Increased connection throughout innovation pathways
- Demand influences global agricultural research priorities
- Innovation reaches/from farmers faster and more effectively
- Research embedded in development processes
- Increased awareness of the need for investments in capacities & institutions
- Research more accountable to beneficiaries



The GCARD process: learning and feedback over a six-year cycle



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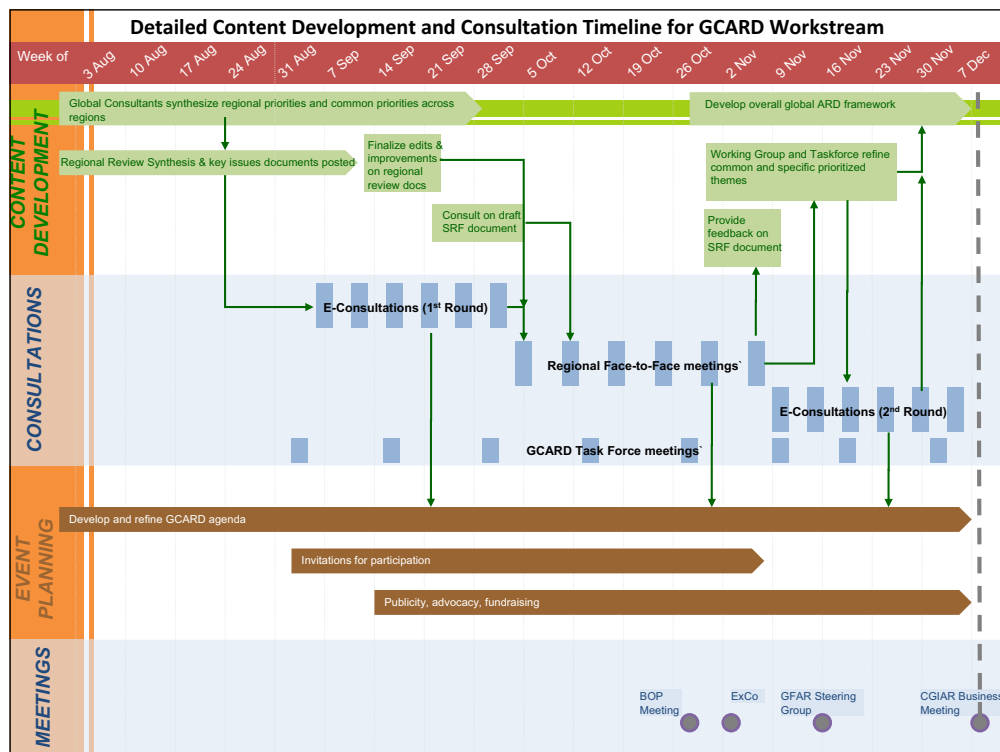


Consultation Summary

- What are the needs and priorities for agricultural research in delivering defined development impacts?
- What mechanisms and partnerships are required in innovation pathways turning research into development impacts at scale?
- What are the key blockages, barriers and bottlenecks that prevent research from benefiting the poor?
- How best should these be resolved and what enabling investments, policies and capacities are most needed?

Associated GFAR Actions

- Examine needs & solutions in advisory services
- Effective AR4D investment: learning from innovative programmes
- Agricultural research investment trends & returns
- Strengthening civil society involvement in Regional Fora and inter-regional programmes
- Support organization of Science Forum
- GPAFSN & G8 advocacy for research system reform & investment



The GCARD event will have a very different “look and feel” from past events



Event Outcomes

- Policymakers aware of new investment needs and forms
- AR4D frameworks and priorities discussed and validated at regional & global levels
- Roles of AR4D partners recognized, valued & mutually understood
- Transparent accountability of SRF and Megaprogrammes of CGIAR
- Plan of work to deliver development impact through research partnerships on identified key themes...towards a Global AR4D System...

Next Steps from Now

- Electronic consultations are happening NOW
- Have your say and get advisory needs on the map
- Face-to-face meetings next month in each region
- Global compilation and further consultation

By next March...

- We need to identify the scale & scope of the challenge in advisory services around the world
- We need to propose a new way forward

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