

# Building from Demand: Shaping Tomorrow's Agriculture Today



The Global Forum on Agricultural Research

## The Global Forum: We are You

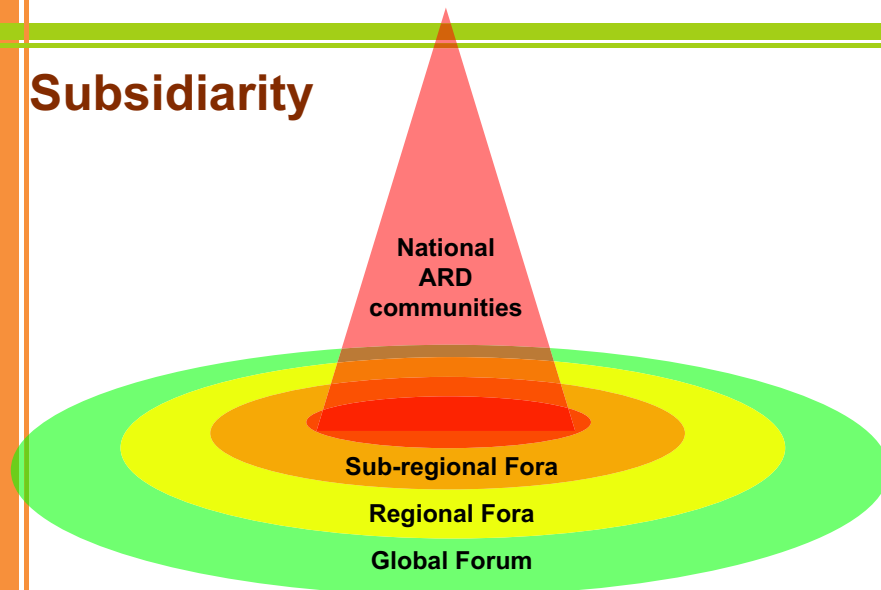
A collective movement for change driven by:

- Farmer organizations
- NGOs
- Private Sector suppliers, small enterprises
- Regional Fora of National Agricultural Research & Extension Systems
- International agricultural research
- Multilateral organizations
- Donors

**and implemented *by you***

A forum for a new era

## Subsidiarity



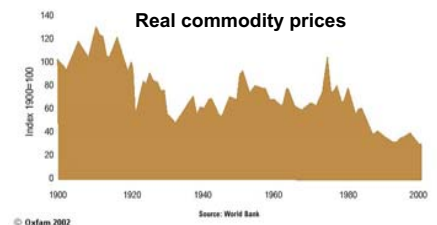
## An 'evergreen' revolution...

**Environmental sustainability:**  
productivity of natural resources  
conserved for future generations

**Economic sustainability:**  
economic welfare  
sustained or increased

**Social sustainability:**  
social exclusion minimized  
& social equity maximized

**Institutional sustainability:**  
societal structures &  
processes able to deliver  
above aims



# Institutions for the Future:

Generating and applying knowledge is critical to meeting the huge global challenges facing agriculture



But...

- Why hasn't existing knowledge better benefited the poor?
- Why have many apparently effective technologies not been adopted?
- Why doesn't society better value agricultural innovation?



# Rethinking research & innovation



Information is passive, becomes knowledge through use

Knowledge is not static, derives from actions & interactions

Innovation derives from the interaction and knowledge of multiple actors within a context

# Science for Society

Reshaping institutions

- Scientific knowledge is reductionist, trusted & validated by its method
- Local knowledge is holistic, trusted & validated by experience & culture
- Need to link & reconcile these knowledge & trust bases
- Sustainable development must value & capitalize on both



# Why a Global Forum on Agricultural Research for Development?

To meet global development challenges, a revolution is needed in:

- Institutional investment
- Capacities
- Coordination
- Focus
- Thinking & behaviour



**GFAR is the catalyst to spark the revolution**

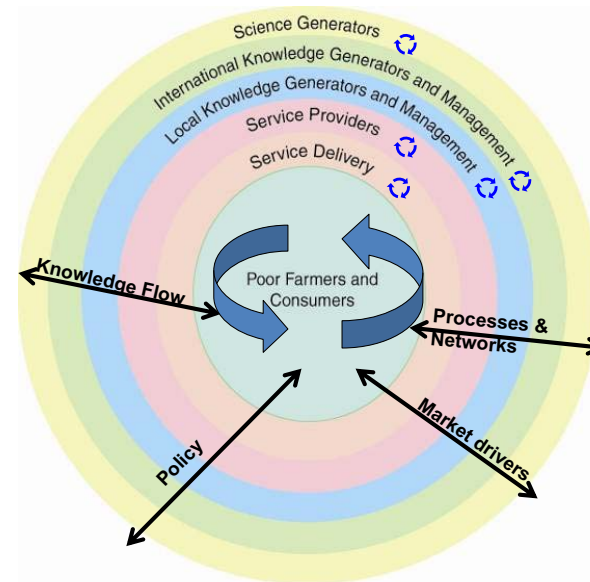
- An inclusive forum owned by all, a global mechanism for change through **innovative partnerships, action and learning** to shape the future of agriculture and meet the needs of the poor...

## GFAR: a unique partnership for change

- Linking perspectives of science and society
- Informing Policy on key global issues
- Reshaping agricultural research to meet and be accountable to development needs
- Empowering communities to generate their own solutions



## Changing the Global AR4D System



## Global Forum: Strategic Objectives

1. Advocacy for change
2. Institutions for the Future
3. Inter-regional learning for global impact
4. Putting knowledge to use... critical role for the knowledge brokers

## [G8 Statement on Food Security 2009](#)

**“We support the fundamental reform processes underway in the global agricultural research system through the Global Forum on Agricultural Research”**

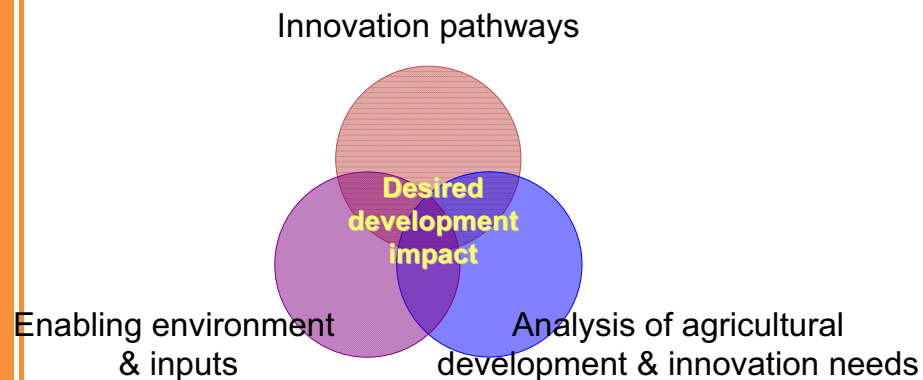
## Actions reshaping AR4D Institutions

- **Steer & influence CGIAR change to deliver real development outcomes through partners**
- **Learn from innovative funding mechanisms linking local and scientific innovation: DURAS, ProLinnova**
- **Encourage women and young people into new ARD careers: AWARD, YPARD**
- **Strengthen civil society engagement in national, regional and global research fora**
- **Embedding research in development – the GCARD**

## Supporting Action for AAS...

- Enabling voices from Southern stakeholders to be heard in this meeting
- Addressing the knowledge into use agenda
- Working to strengthen agricultural advisory systems
- Explicitly giving voice to advisory services through the GCARD

## GCARD: Towards strategic AR4D systems around the world



# Thank You

<http://www.egfar.org/egfar/website/gcard>