

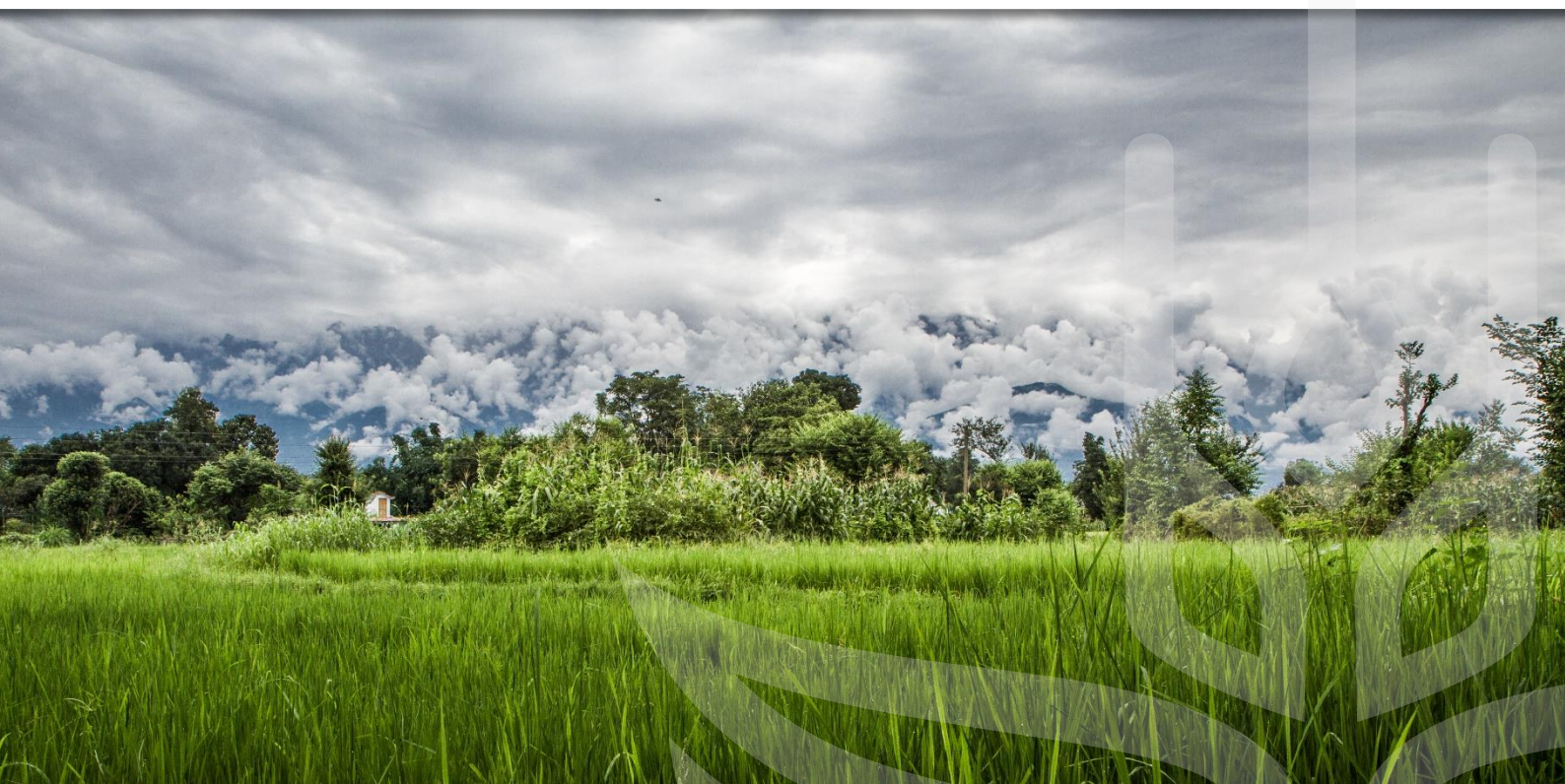
CGIAR Climate Impact



Climate
Impact Platform

Platform hosts the first meeting of Climate Scientists at CGIAR

31 May - 2 June 2023, Montpellier



Introduction

One of the objectives of the CGIAR Climate Impact Platform is to convene a community of practice of CGIAR climate scientists. To this effect, the Climate Platform co-convened a meeting of climate scientists from CGIAR initiatives and centres. This report provides a snapshot of the CGIAR Climate Workshop, 31 May - 2 June 2023 in Montpellier. The Climate Impact Platform, Policy & Advocacy, and Communications & Outreach co-hosted the workshop. This workshop brought together key CGIAR scientists who work in the climate change space to co-create an integrated Theory of Change for CGIAR's climate offer ([20 of the 33 initiatives were represented; see here for the participant list](#)). While making critical connections across the different research and support areas, this group developed a common climate ambition statement and outlined an integrated CGIAR Climate Theory of Change.

The workshop had a number of stated objectives and intended outputs:

Co-produce an integrated theory of change for climate at CGIAR that embeds climate salient components of all Initiatives aimed at creating a standard climate narrative across the CGIAR, including an Advocacy ToC.

This includes:

- Reviewing and integrating existing theories of change for climate-related work across CGIAR initiatives and projects, identifying areas of convergence, divergence, synergy, and contradiction, and comparing these with global climate priorities.
- Mapping of stakeholders and landscapes of regional and global significance.
- Impact pathway deep dives to elaborate areas such as specific research pathways, capacity sharing pathways, global policy pathways, engagement pathways, etc., with levers, tools, and opportunities identified along the pathways.
- Developing a shared understanding of how the integrated climate theory of change feeds into CGIAR's research and development programs in ways that inform the 2024-27 Research Portfolio.

Co-develop the 2023-25 CGIAR Climate Platform work plan in harmony with the emerging integrated climate ToC

This includes:

- Validate priority areas for activities by Climate Platform within its 4-fold mandate.
- Develop the Climate Platform work plan-specific activities (including related global and regional engagement activities), timelines, and roles and responsibilities across CGIAR (Science, Centres, Regions, P&A, C&O).

Co-develop a Climate Flagship Report

- Identify the main findings and insights from existing CGIAR climate-related research and initiatives and build on the draft outline and structure to provide a comprehensive overview of CGIAR's contribution to climate change research and development.
- Develop a timeline and plan of action for the production of the flagship report.
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Intended workshop outputs were:

- An overarching theory of change for CGIAR, including a climate advocacy theory of change
- A brief outline from the workshop of the key climate challenges and solutions, including policy, research, and investment gaps, for food, water, and land systems transformation.
- Mapping of global stakeholders accompanied by a description of the role of those highly interested and powerful stakeholders and their complementarity with CGIAR.

Reflection: The approach we took

This workshop process was co-conceived, co-created, and curated, with careful intention to create a forward-looking conversation informed by both the CGIAR past and present full portfolio of work and an external analysis rooted in the IPCC and regional and country realities. ([The Topline Agenda is here](#)).

We adopted two approaches. First, using the available evidence from global science, we identified the changes needed in food, land, and water systems to reach climate mitigation and adaptation targets related to agri-food systems; we discussed the best bet solutions to contribute to these changes, and we took stock of how CGIAR can contribute to meeting those targets using our science and innovations. Secondly, we used a bottom-up approach to stitch together a climate narrative. We started with a deep dive into the current CGIAR portfolio of initiatives and mapped how they contribute to the overarching global climate targets as defined in its Research and Innovation Strategy.

The emerging “change areas” became the basis for developing impact pathways that mutually support each other and contribute to meeting CGIAR's climate ambition. Embedded within these impact pathways was particular attention to the spheres of interest and influence and the prioritized stakeholder's imperatives to the changes envisioned.

With the definition of a CGIAR Climate Offer, as expressed through the integrated Theory of Change, the workshop has indeed embedded the current CGIAR portfolio of work (both initiatives and bilateral) to make the explicit country, regional, and global advocacy spaces where CGIAR with and through its partners can be effective and position the vital work of the Climate Platform.

In addition to its concrete output focus, the workshop intentionally provided an essential space for the CGIAR scientific community to gather around “climate”, to learn, listen and share, creating an appetite for this community to continue to grow and evolve under the stewardship of the Climate Impact Platform Lead.

Making sense of the Climate Workshop: inputs and outputs mapped against the flow

Pre-Climate Workshop	Day 1 - 2 The Climate Offer as expressed through an integrated ToC			Day 3	Post-Climate Workshop short-term actions
Initiative climate lens mapping - Initiative overview with a climate lens (input 5 questions Initiative contributions) Initiative ToCs collated Highlight synthesis of Initiative contributions	CGIAR Climate Ambition Statement and Stakeholder Prioritization - Climate Ambition Statement - Stakeholder prioritization	<u>Change Areas and their Impact Pathways</u> - Integrated ToC, including Change Areas and their impact pathways: - Innovation & Scaling - Capacities Sharing - Policies for Agenda Setting - Climate Justice - Where outcomes are framed against: - Climate metrics - Incentives - Discourse - Practice & Behaviour	The Climate Platform 2023-2025 work plan 4 x module deepdive, recommendations, and actions - Platform operating modalities	The (climate) Investment Campaign and Flagship Report - Investment Campaign feedback and recommendations - Flagship Report actions	- Draft 0 of CGIAR Climate Integrated ToC for socialization towards Draft1 - Climate ambition statement - Stakeholder analysis - Advocacy roadmap - Climate Offer 10-pager
External & internal analysis An overview presentation of global climate challenges as they pertain to the agri-food sector, a high-level summary of CGIAR's climate portfolio from 2017 onwards, and a high-level gap analysis for discussion.					

Climate Workshop short term next steps

The following short term next steps build on the intended outputs from the workshop.

- Draft0 CGIAR Integrated Climate TOC developed by Convene and shared by 20 June 2023. Socialization, consultation and validation process to be defined.
- Initial stakeholder mapping and analysis, building on workshop inputs by 20 June 2023 for further work and integration into a Climate Advocacy Roadmap, led by P & A
- Climate Platform action plan updated and shared with the CGIAR climate platform community



Annex I. Key outputs and related links

1. Climate Workshop [participants list](#)
2. Climate Workshop [topline agenda](#)
3. Climate Workshop [master slide deck](#) including presentations made and slido responses
4. Climate Workshop Mural ([this](#) link will remain active)
5. Pre-workshop initiative responses to the 5-Questions [here](#)
6. [Highlights](#) from the 5-Questions and Initiative ToCs
7. Individual Initiative ToC collated [here](#)

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