



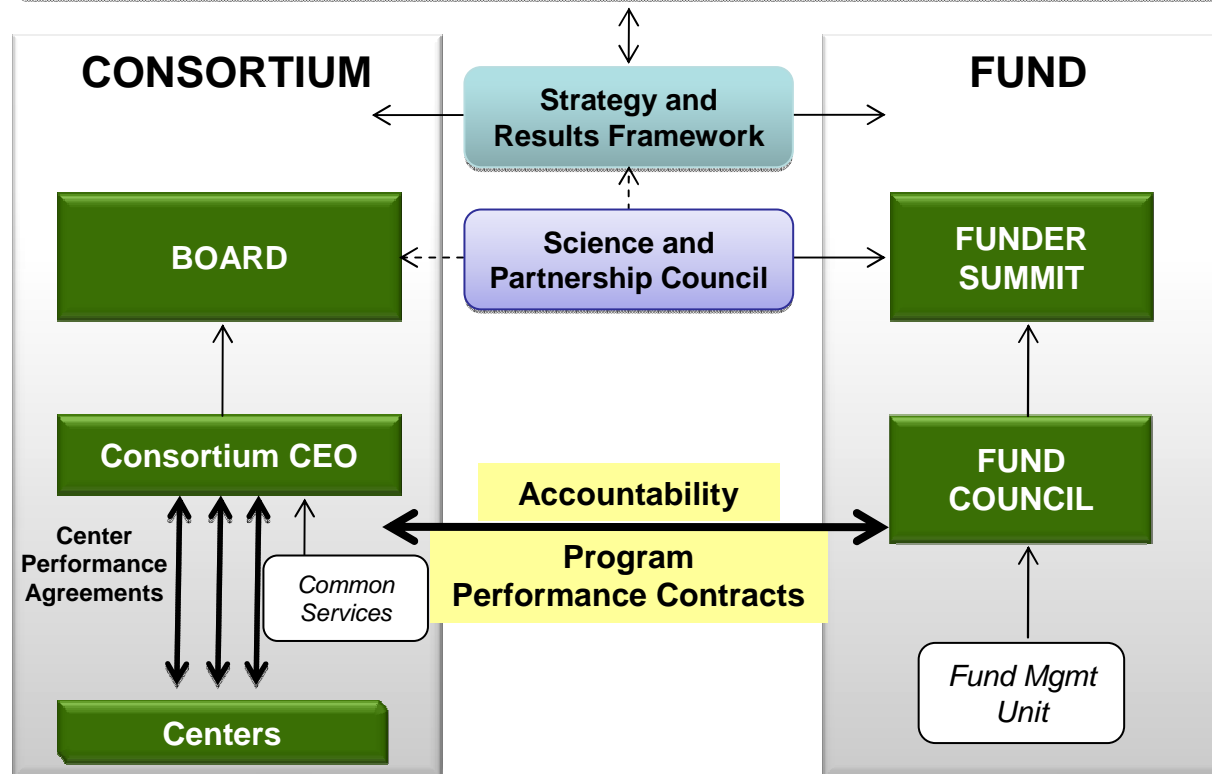
Research *for* Development: The GCARD

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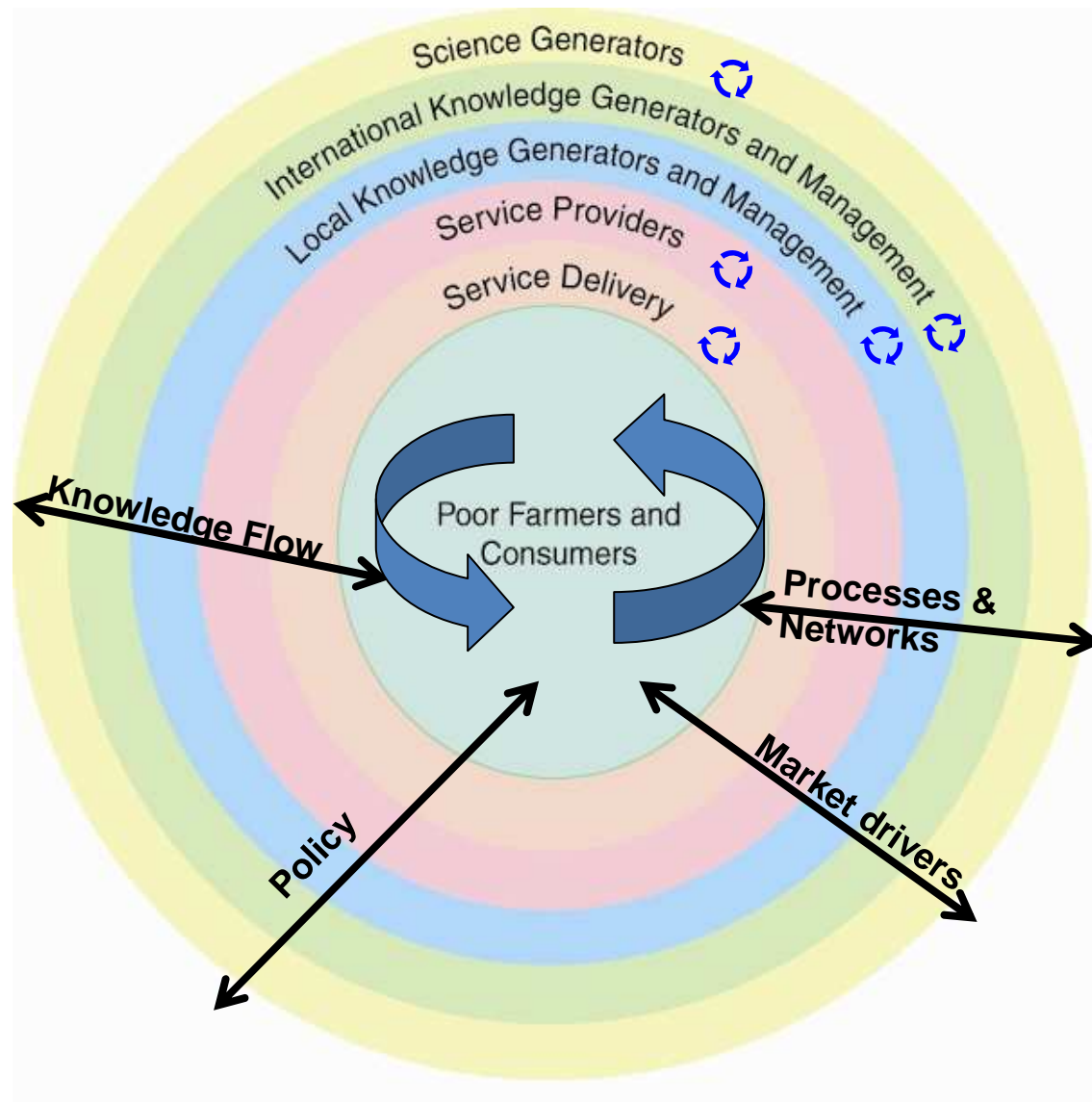
CGIAR AGM 2008 Decision

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.

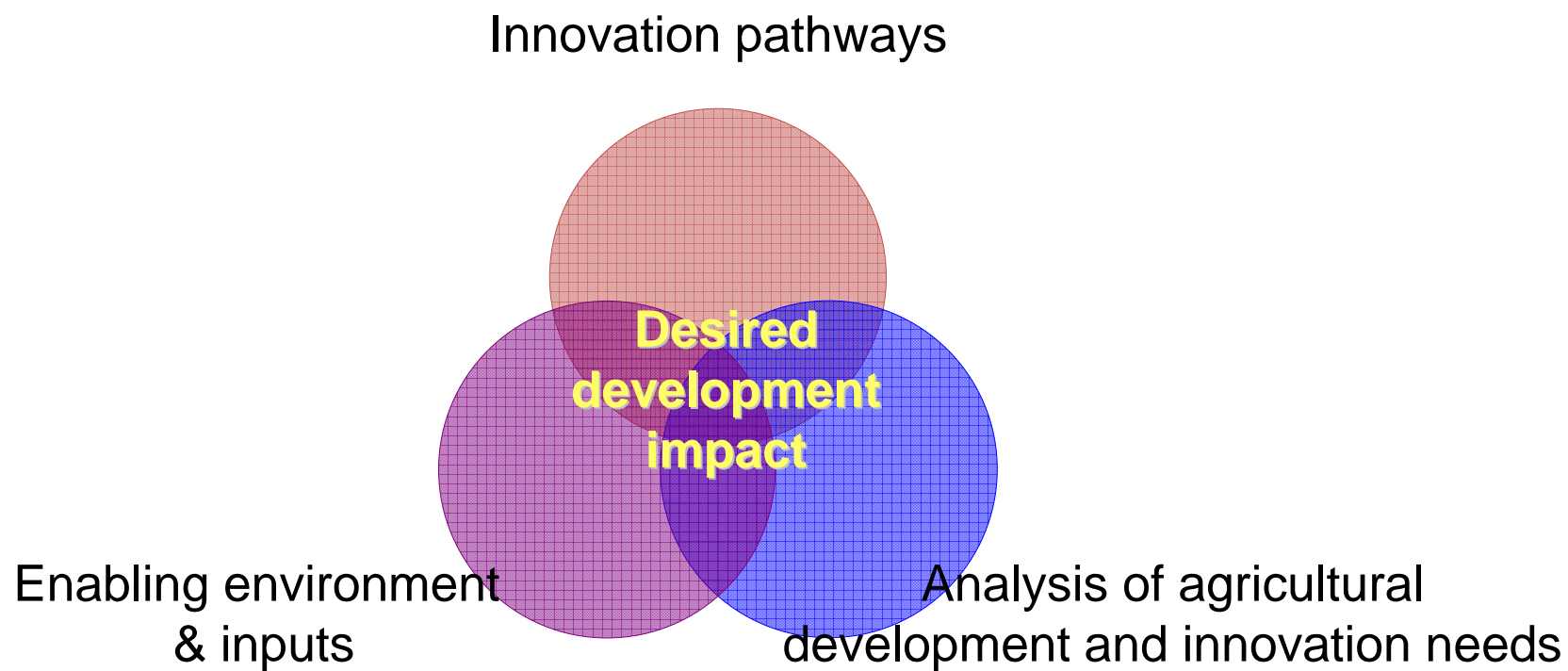
CONFERENCE on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD)



Partners in the Global ARD System



GCARD: Towards strategic global AR4D systems



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
- Scientific knowledge impacts development policies and practices
- Research investment increased & aligned with development funding

Value of GCARD to GFAR constituency

- Tighter connection between research institutions and delivery partners
- Opportunity to influence global agricultural research priorities
- Research reaches 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

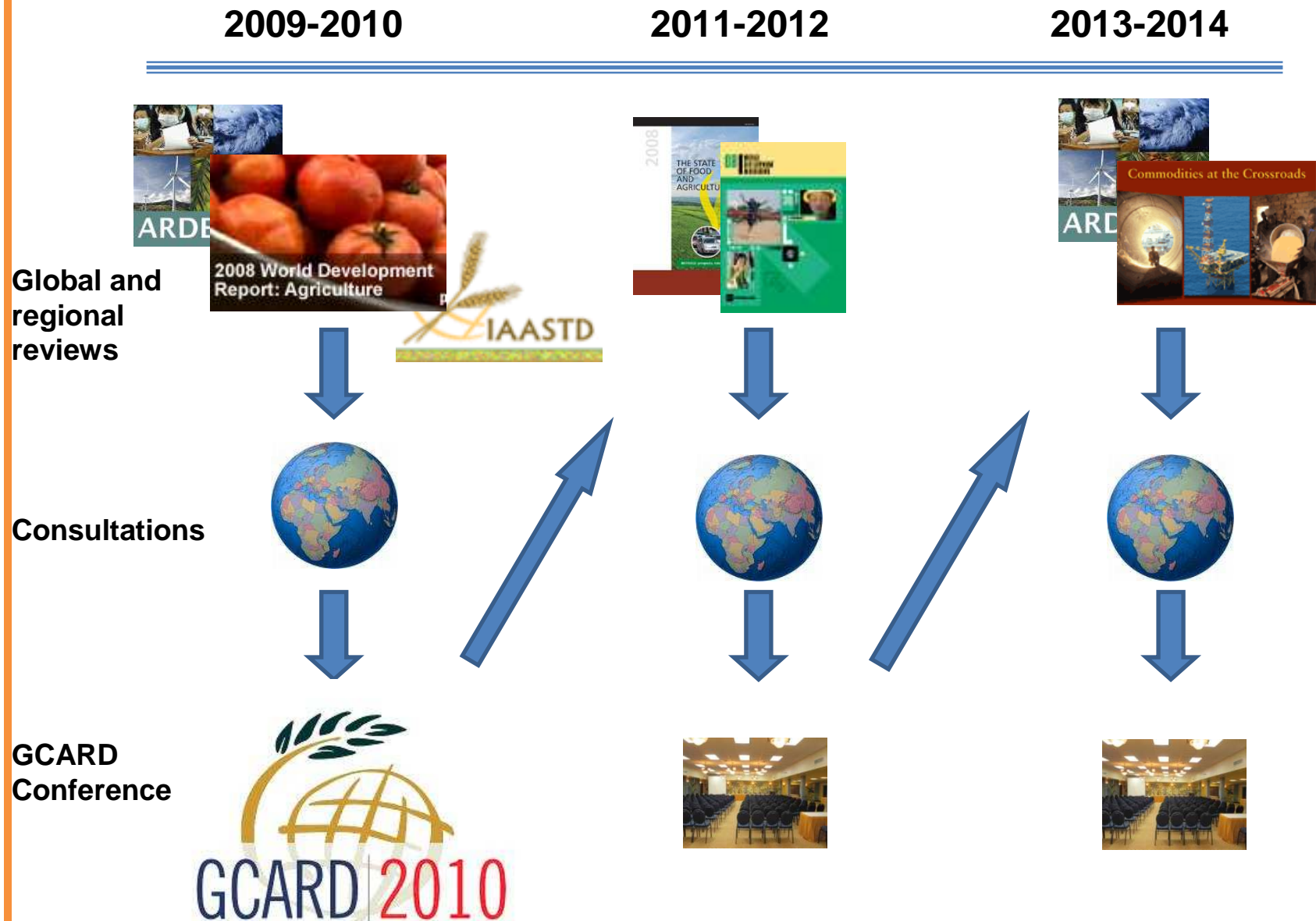


Value of GCARD to the CGIAR

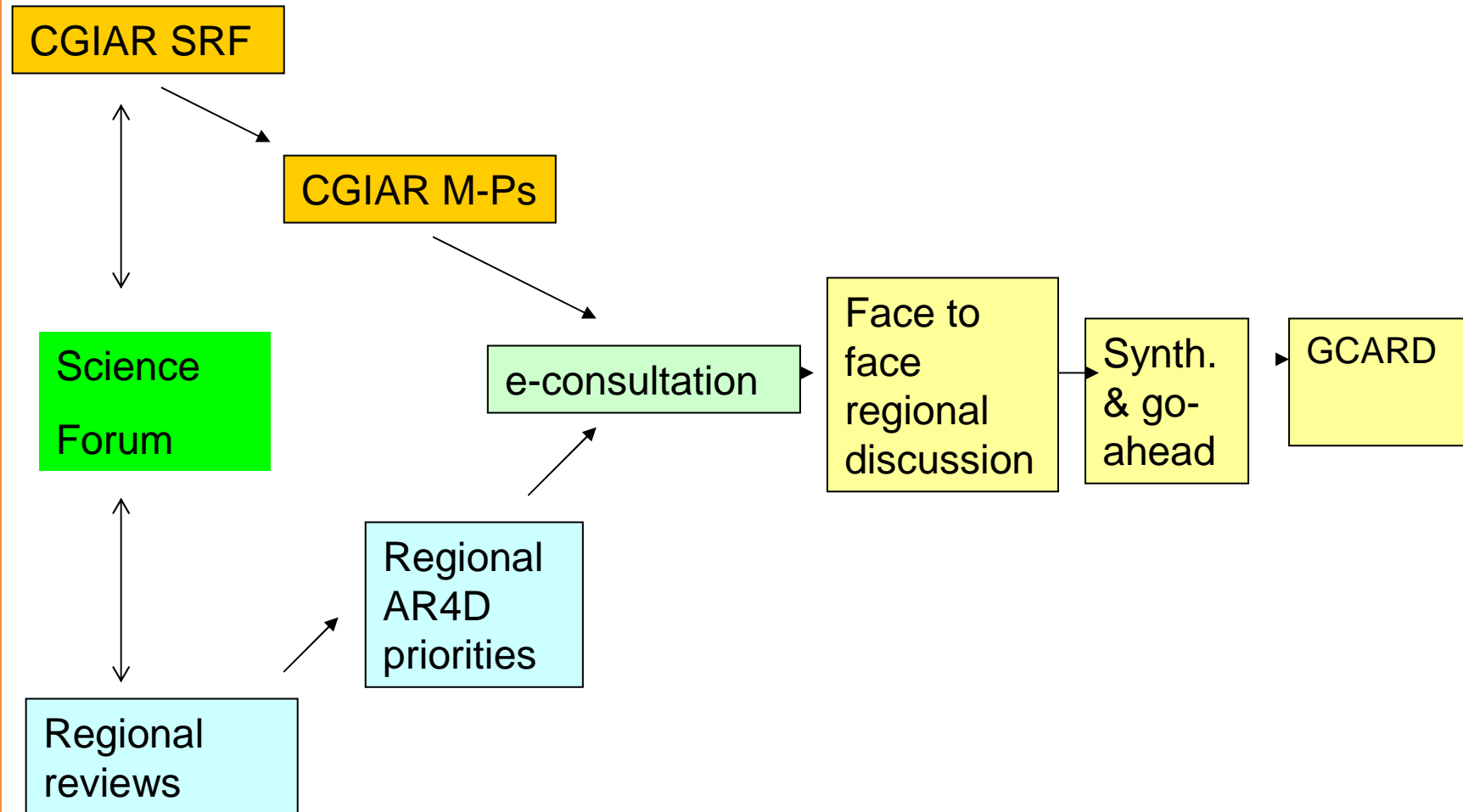


- Aligns CGIAR's research towards national and global development goals
- Increases speed and scale of development impact from CGIAR investments
- Clarifies CGIAR's most valuable niche in the ARD system
- Brings open accountability of the CGIAR's programmes to intended end-users and beneficiaries

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



The GCARD process



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 best practice in extension investment
- Effective AR4D investment: learning from innovative programmes
- Agricultural research investments and returns
- Strengthening civil society involvement in Regional Fora and inter-regional programmes
- Support organization of Science Forum
- GPAFSN & G8 advocacy for research 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

- Launch of regional review process
- Communicate to wider community progress to date
- Continue engagement with CGIAR SRF and MP team to ensure cohesion
- Draw on ideas and knowledge from Science Forum