

Statement by CGIAR

Past CFS Chair Gerda Verburg stated that PSM/CSM had too much of a food production emphasis and that a Value Chain approach should be adopted, involving all stakeholders from farmers to all post-harvest and user/consumer stages. CGIAR strongly agrees. CGIAR 20 years ago got the same criticism: food production emphasis around key food commodities. The CGIAR reforms in recent years converted that commodity/production approach to an Agri-food systems approach to confront, as Gerda put it, the SDG challenges of food quality/nutrition and sustainability/environment. CGIAR's current reform to become 'One CGIAR' emphasises that evolution. The Mission of the CGIAR re-cast research strategy to 2030 is to deliver science and innovation that advance the transformation of food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis. This strategy was noted in the first CFS 47 Side Event on 8 February. This Side-Event was titled 'Transforming Agricultural Innovation for People, Nature and Climate – evidence insights for COP26 and the UN Food Systems Summit', and involved speakers and panellists from Thailand, FAO, IFAD, WWF, CGIAR and the UK (UK proposed this Side-Event).