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Strategic Focus

ACIAR 10-year strategy

• Improving food security and reducing poverty
• Managing natural resources
• Enhancing human nutrition
• Gender equity and empowerment of women and girls
• More inclusive agrifood and forestry market chains
• Scientific and policy capability within our partner countries
• Climate Change
What

smallholders
women
unemployment
climate change
water security
GM technology
witchcraft
scaling
safeguards
farmer literacy
land tenure
poverty
youth
resilience
shocks
tariffs

How

culture
trust
multiplicities
context
WEF Nexus
farmer-to-farmer
learn to say NO
partnerships
cooperatives
innovation
finance
trust
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What we have learned

• Long-term partnerships, social capital
• Leadership
• The right people around the table
• Shared understanding of the problem
• Methodology appropriate with a clear pathway to impact
• Sufficient resources and time to do the job
• Building local capability for durable influence
• Tracking adoption and evaluating impact
Improving food system resilience

• The African way – scale, diversity, knowledge

• Post colonial water systems and governance – water as a limiting factor

• Meeting the needs of the most vulnerable – test of a society

• Bundling of innovations and partnerships - settings