Improving Livelihoods through Maize and Wheat Science

Summary

Mission
Maize and wheat science for improved livelihoods.

Vision
CIMMYT contributes to the development of a world with less poverty, healthier and more prosperous people, more resilient ecosystems, and fewer global food crises.

The new CIMMYT Strategic Plan sets forth a new vision of working in the closely connected areas of scientific excellence, impact through partnerships, capacity building, and one CIMMYT. This work will contribute to the CGIAR's Strategy and Results Framework and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

1. Scientific Excellence

Five strategic goals and three cross-cutting themes reflect the priorities that will guide CIMMYT’s work over the next five years. Building on our core expertise, these priorities represent our commitment to conserving and using biodiversity, delivering solutions for development, scaling out technologies, and reaching rural communities.

1. Increasing research impact
2. Accelerating genetic gains through novel diversity and tools
3. Developing and improving access to stress-tolerant varieties
4. Sustainable intensification for improved livelihoods
5. Enhancing nutrition and processing quality
Cross-cutting Themes
1. Big Data
2. Open access
3. Gender and youth

Impact through Partnerships
No single organization has the capacity to turn research into impact. This can only be achieved through mutually beneficial cooperation, focused on enhancing livelihoods. For this reason, CIMMYT will steadily improve the scope and quality of its partnerships, with a special focus on South-South and public-private cooperation. Our future partnerships will be guided by these principles:

- A common agenda
- Shared measurement
- Mutually reinforcing activities
- Continuous communication
- Backbone support

Capacity Building
CIMMYT will continue to build capacity at the individual and organizational level by:

- Attracting bright young university students and post-docs to conduct research in line with CIMMYT’s scientific priorities
- Supporting national partners
- Maintaining and expanding international training programs
- Strengthening capacity for large-scale dissemination of new technology

The “CIMMYT Academy” reflects a new vision for consolidating our training and capacity building efforts, in order to maximize learning and build an international cadre of top agricultural scientists and development practitioners.

One CIMMYT
The ONE CIMMYT concept goes beyond our organizational philosophy and implementation strategy. It is about building a common understanding across projects and regions, based on a unifying vision and mission, and developing integrated teams in a supportive environment. The objectives of ONE CIMMYT are to:

- Apply the values of humanitarianism and hard work across the organization.
- Work together in integrated teams across all programs and service units.
- Stand together as one organization with a strong identity in the public arena.
- Foster a culture of reflection and debate within the organization.
- Use standard branding for all projects and regions.
- Apply policies, standards, and processes consistently across the organization.

To see the full Strategic Plan 2017-2022, go to: http://bit.ly/2bZuQre