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A Funder Perspective on Sustainable Partnerships

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Australia is the driest inhabited continent in the world

Enormously variable environment, from tropical rainforest to drylands

Degradation is common across many regions

Australian farmers have greater annual volatility in yield & price than many other farmers around the world



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Learning together

Innovation in agriculture has been key for more productive agricultural systems in Australia.

Australia has extensive experience in transformative partnerships with regional areas and the private sector.

In 1982 it was recognised that Australian agricultural researchers had ideas they could share with other countries operating in similar ecological conditions AND learnings we could bring back to Australian food systems, therefore The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) was formed.

ACIAR Vision: What we do

Reduce poverty

Improve livelihoods

through more productive and sustainable
agriculture emerging from collaborative
international research.



ACIAR brokers and invests in research partnerships in developing countries in the Indo-Pacific region to build knowledge to support crucial development objectives

ACIAR works to ensure that its research-for-development programs are equitable, inclusive and empowering

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1

FOOD SECURITY
AND POVERTY
REDUCTION



Improving food security and reducing poverty among smallholder farmers and rural communities

2

NATURAL
RESOURCES AND
CLIMATE CHANGE



Managing natural resources and producing food more sustainably, adapting to climate variability and mitigating climate change

3

HUMAN
HEALTH AND
NUTRITION



Enhancing human nutrition and reducing risks to human health

4

GENDER EQUITY
AND WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT



Improving gender equity and empowerment of women and girls

5

INCLUSIVE
VALUE
CHAINS



Fostering more inclusive agrifood and forestry value chains, engaging the private sector where possible

6

CAPACITY
BUILDING



Building scientific and policy capability within our partner countries

Critical importance of international partners (government, industry and academia) to come together to tackle complex food systems challenges in Agriculture

The right types of global partnerships:

- Link rural communities, government, natural resource management, production, inclusive value chains, and rural businesses
- Validate, build and extend our ideas
- Stretch investment
- Share risk, expertise, knowledge, infrastructure (physical and intellectual)
- Increase impact
- Need measured, coordinated and well-planned approaches
- While keeping transaction costs low

[Dialogues identify ingredients for successful partnerships \(aci-ar.gov.au\)](http://aci-ar.gov.au)

[Stocktaking Report on Donor contributions to the food system, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development](#)



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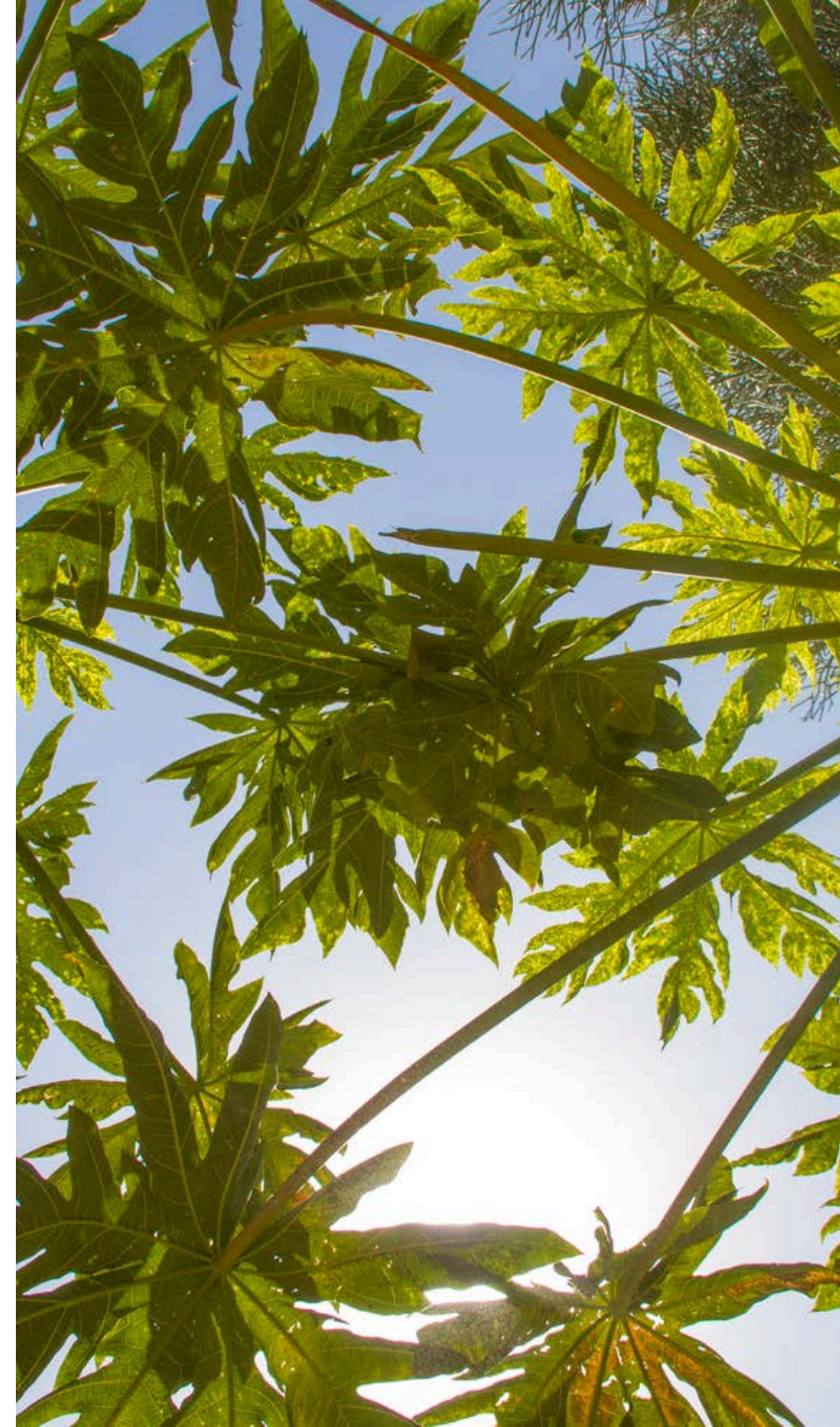


**How get beyond incremental change
and bilateral partnerships?**

**Are climate partnerships a model for
transformational change?**

**Leadership from research implementors
e.g. CGIAR and CABI**

Knowledge leadership → partnerships



Thank you



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