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# **Toward Climate Resilient Food Systems and Europe's Roles**

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# Overview of Issues

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# 4 inter-linked Transformations affecting global food & agriculture

**T1: Demographic and urban – rural *change***

**T2: Nutrition- and consumption *change***

**T3: Farms' size and business with technological  
*change***

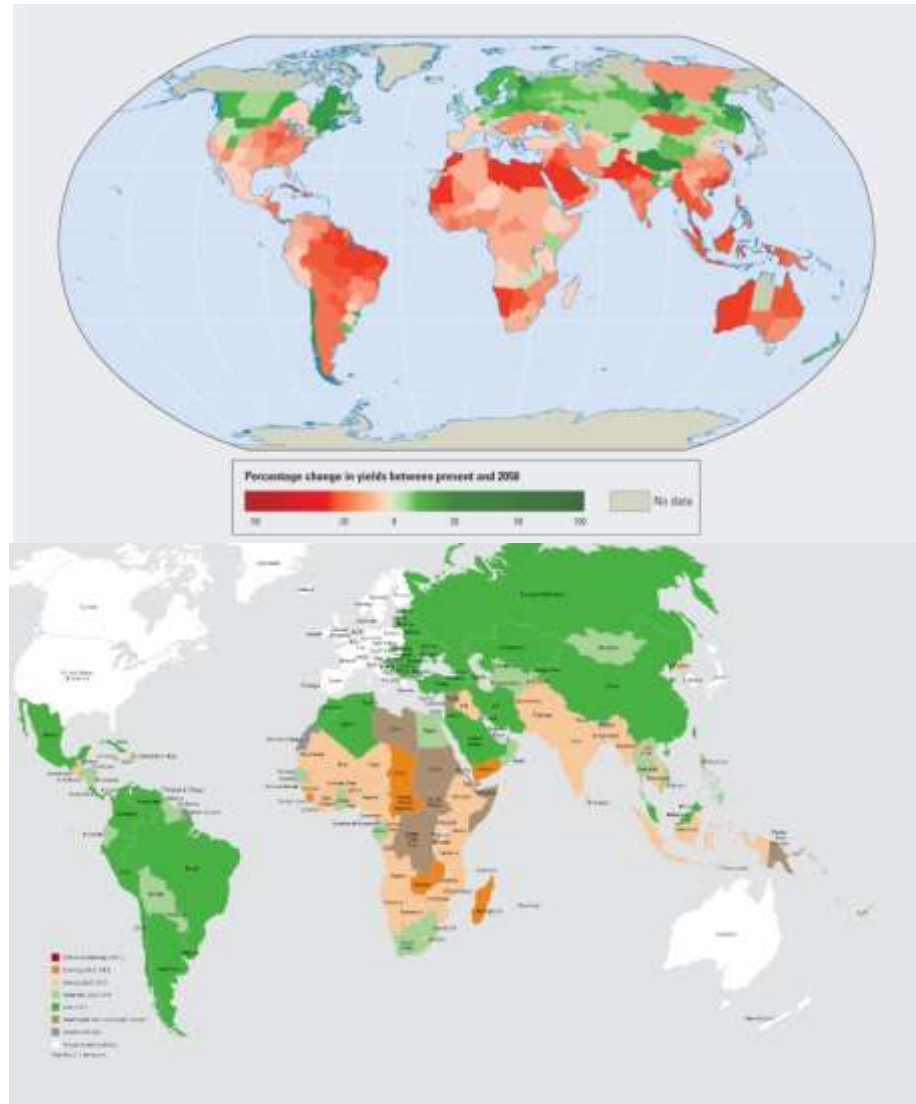
**T4: Agricultural and food system *change***

**and climate change stress comes on top of these**

# Climate variability and change exacerbates food insecurity

## Impacts of climate change on the productivity of food crops in 2050

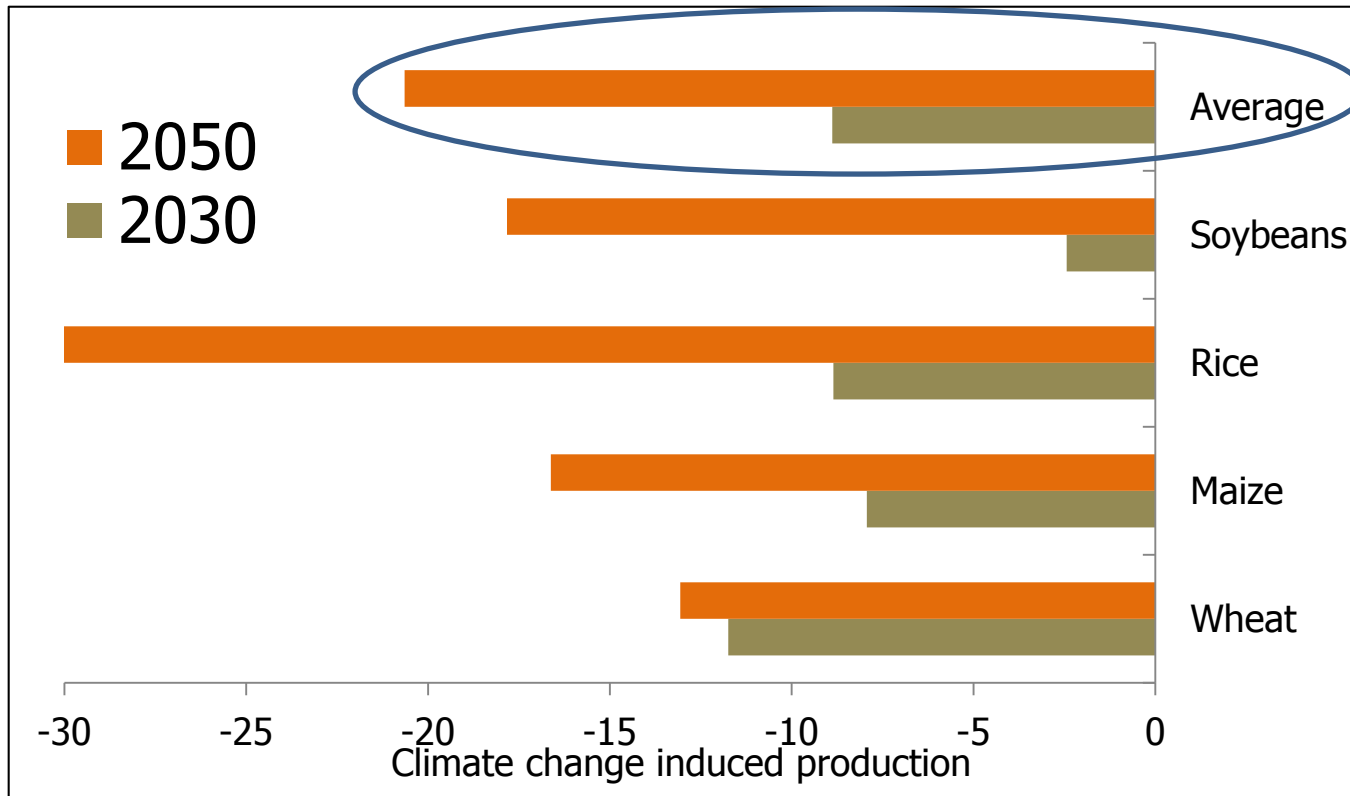
World Bank Publishers  
World bank Development report 2010  
<http://wdronline.worldbank.org/>



## Global Hunger Index 2016

Welthungerhilfe, IFPRI and Concern  
Worldwide 2016  
<http://www.ifpri.org/ghi/2016>

# Climate Change Reduces Global Food Availability



Source: Haile, von Braun, et al. 2016

warmer temperature and changing rainfall patterns may reduce global food production by about **10% by 2030** and by more than **20% in 2050.**

**New crop modeling results: +1°C => 4 to 6% yield loss in global wheat**

Source: Bing Liu et.al. 2016, Nature Climate Change

# Agriculture Impacts Climate Change

## GHG due to livestock and land use change (outlook 2030)

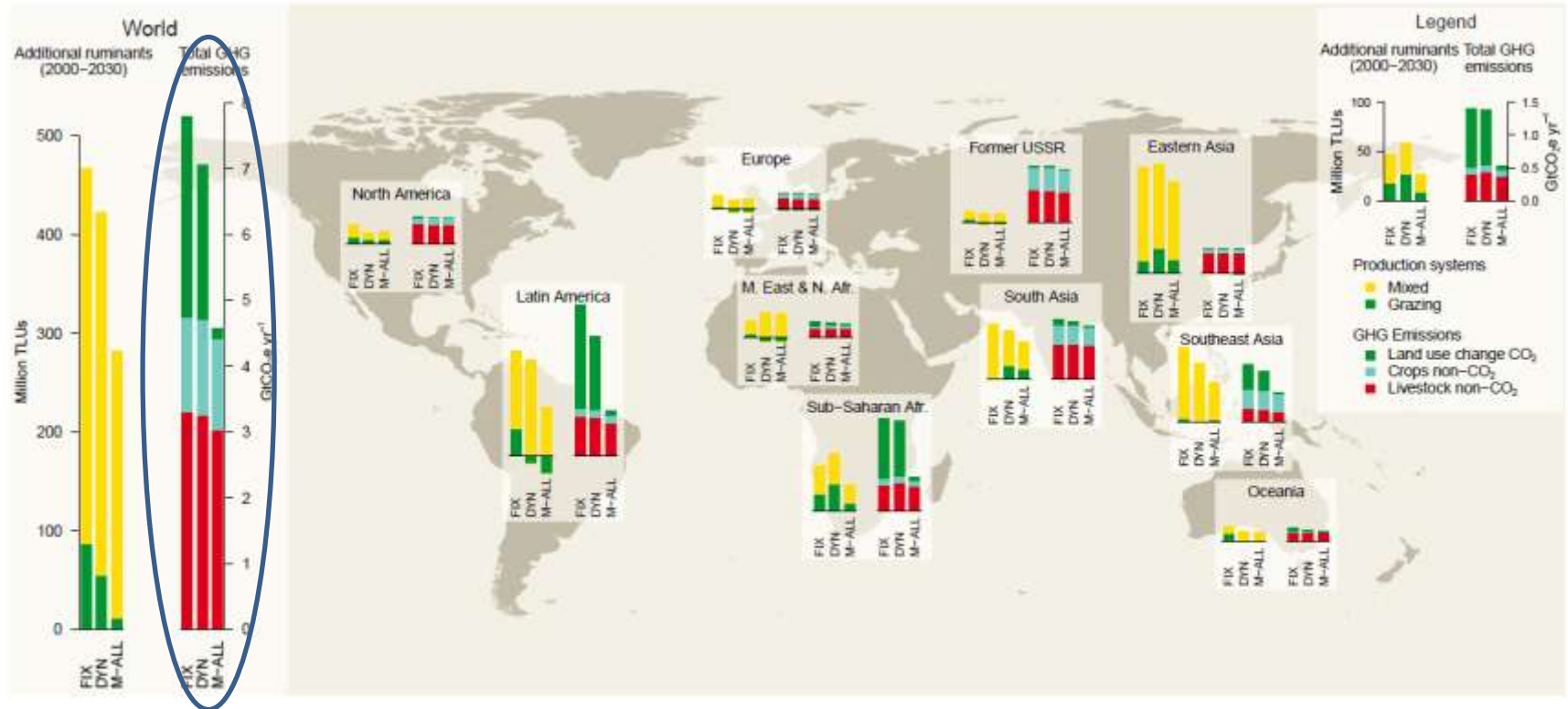


Fig. 1. Change in ruminant numbers from 2000 to 2030 and total annual GHG emissions from agriculture and land use change over the period 2010–2030 globally and by region for the fixed system scenario (FIX), the dynamic production system scenario (DYN), and the mitigation scenario with dynamic production systems and a carbon price of US\$10 per tCO<sub>2</sub>e applied to emissions from both agricultural and land-use change sectors (M-ALL). y-axis scales are the same in all graphs. TLU, tropical livestock unit (i.e., an adult animal of 250 kg weight).

Havlik et al. 2014

**livestock ca. 12% and land use change ca. 14% of total GHG**

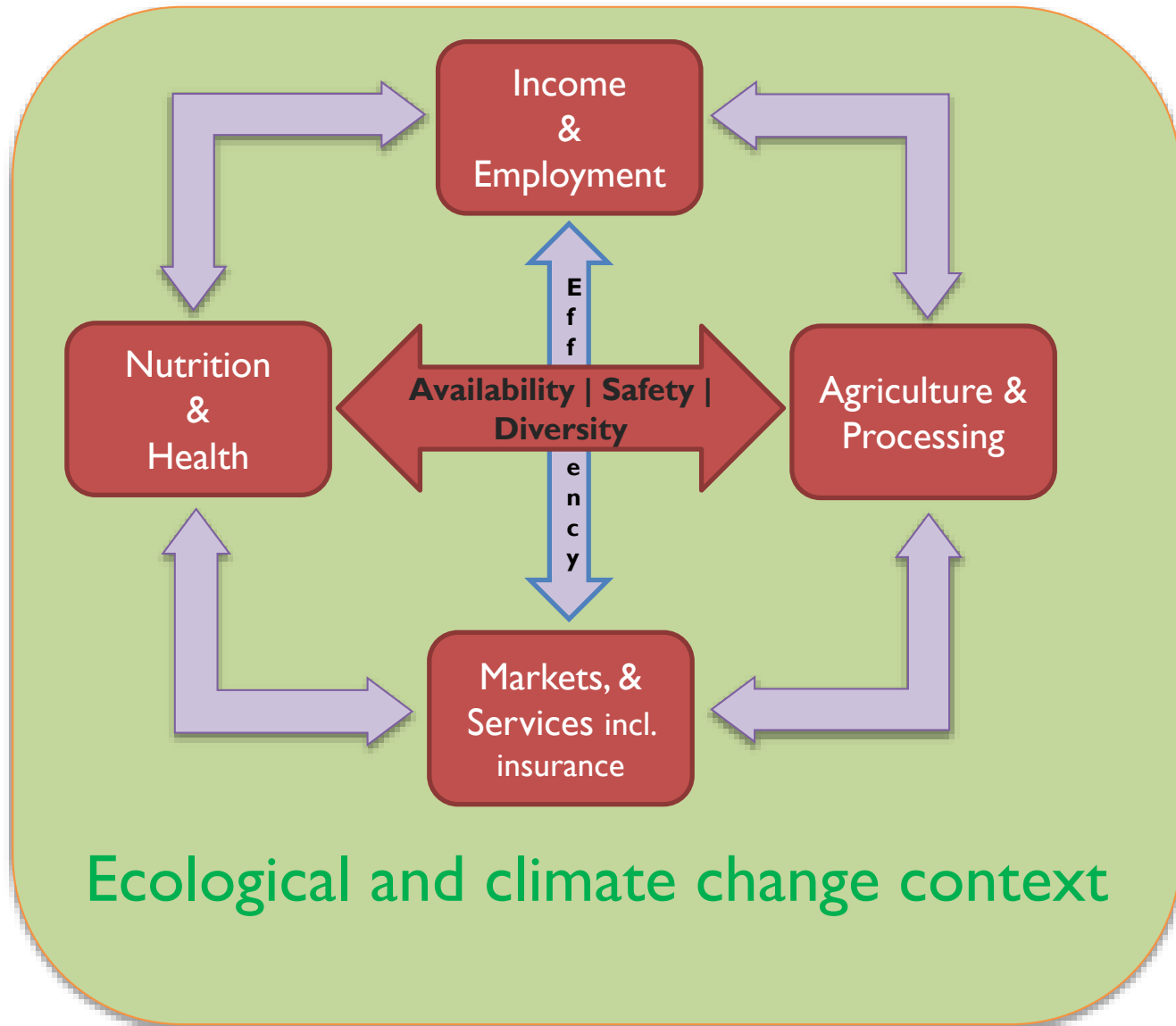
# Climate Change Affects the Whole Food System – 4 points of entry for system resilience

food  
availability

food  
access

food  
utilization

stability of  
the food  
system



# Enough is known to act for food security and resilience under climate change

- 1. Less resilient:** food security will be worst in countries and for people already suffering high levels of hunger and will worsen over time (SDGs 1,2)
- 2. More risky:** Extreme weather events are likely to be more frequent and increase risks in the food system
- 3. Important part of solution:** Agriculture and food are part of the problem of climate change, and part of the solution. Science is essential.

Sources: “FoodSecure“ EU supported research project and other sources



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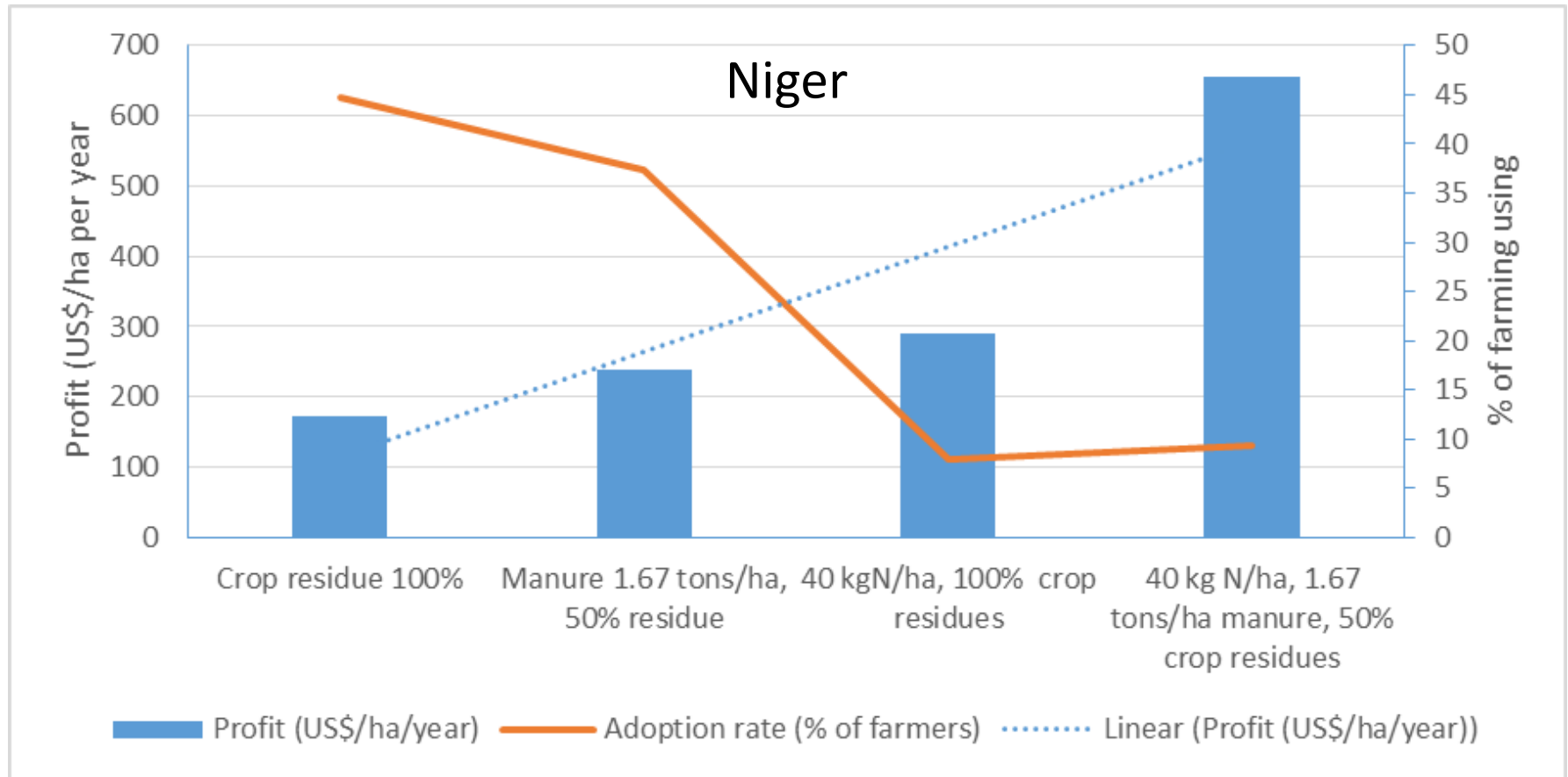
# Adaptation Options for Food and Agriculture

- Diversify and increase production.
- Trade more, not less, and facilitate finance
- Better food storage and prevention of losses
- Improve food processing
- Water storage, and more and better irrigation
- Facilitate job change with skills
- Institutional strengthening (e.g. farm women's groups)
- Accelerate science capacity and internat. science sharing

**Research: what optimal combinations of these options?**

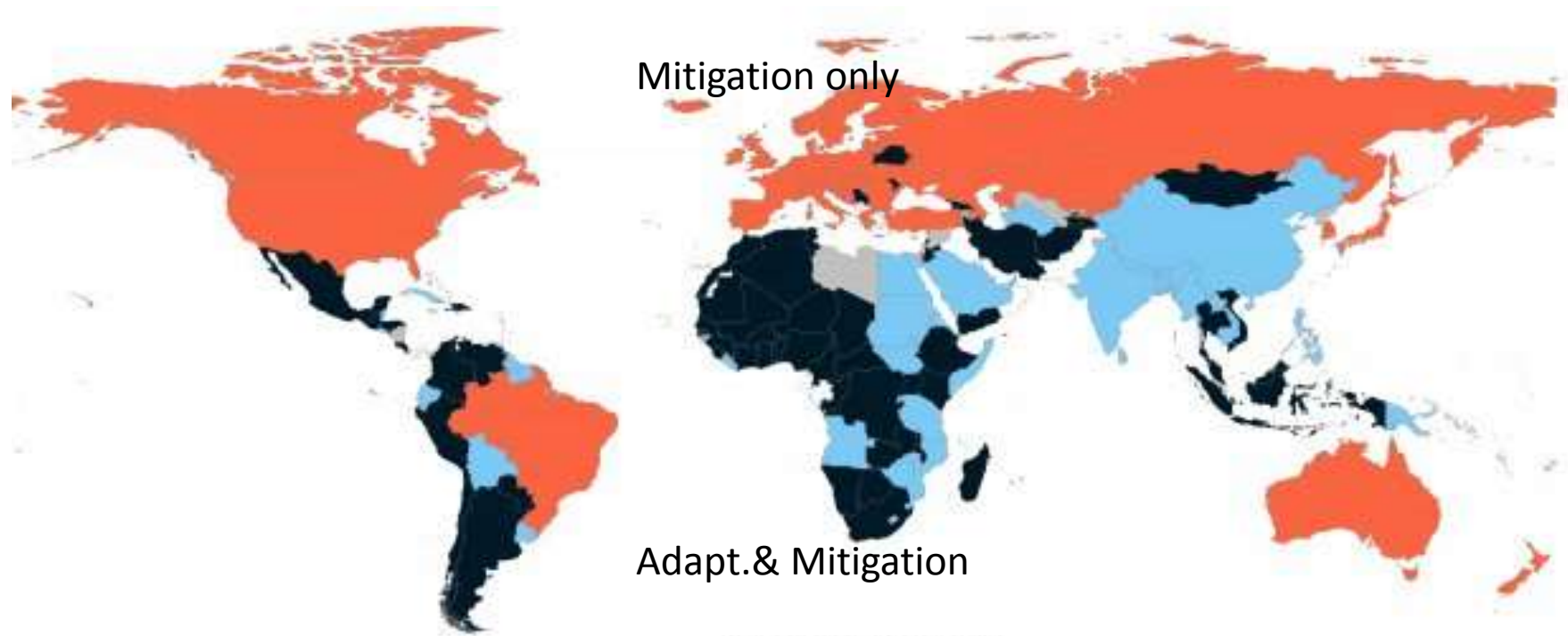
**Methods: joint agronomy, economics and climate models**

# Barriers to adoption of climate smart agr. practices need to be tackled



**Most profitable practices are adopted the least**  
**Lack of availability of rural services, extension, vocational training**

# Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Priorities in Agriculture (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions)



**Agriculture in the INDCs**

- Mitigation target and adaptation priorities include agriculture
- Mitigation target includes agriculture
- Adaptation priorities include agriculture
- No agriculture in INDC
- No INDC



Richard M. Bruen TB, Campbell B, Grogan LE, Huyer S, Kurta V, Meinen STN, Oshig MB, Yessieu I. 2016. How countries plan to address agricultural adaptation and mitigation: An analysis of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions. CCAFS dataset version 1.1. Copenhagen, Denmark: CGIAR Research

# Mitigation Options for Agriculture Fall Short of Meeting the Paris Climate Agreement

- Agriculture must reduce emissions by CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of 1 Giga-ton per year in 2030 (current only 21- 40% of this goal)

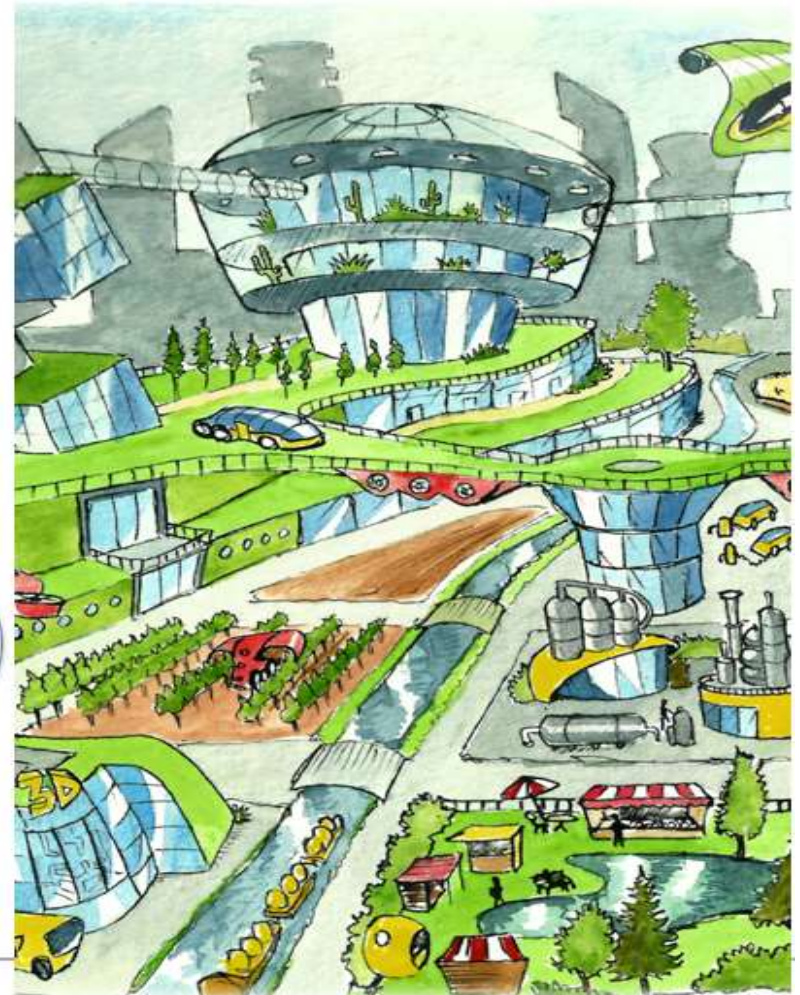
Wollenberg et al. 2016 in *Global Change Biology*

- Mitigation options
  - new technologies (e.g. methane inhibitors)
  - land use practices / precision farming / range land
  - incentives for carbon reductions (incl. soil carbon)
  - consumption adjustment, waste reduction

# Thinking mitigation and adaptation is not enough: **Fundamental Transformation toward Bioeconomy**

- Transformation of **whole economy** to sustainability
- Sustainable food system and **rural - urban** links
- Bio-sensitive **cities**
- Sustainable **consumption**
- **Science agenda**

Sustainable production and use of biological resources, technologies, and biological intelligence



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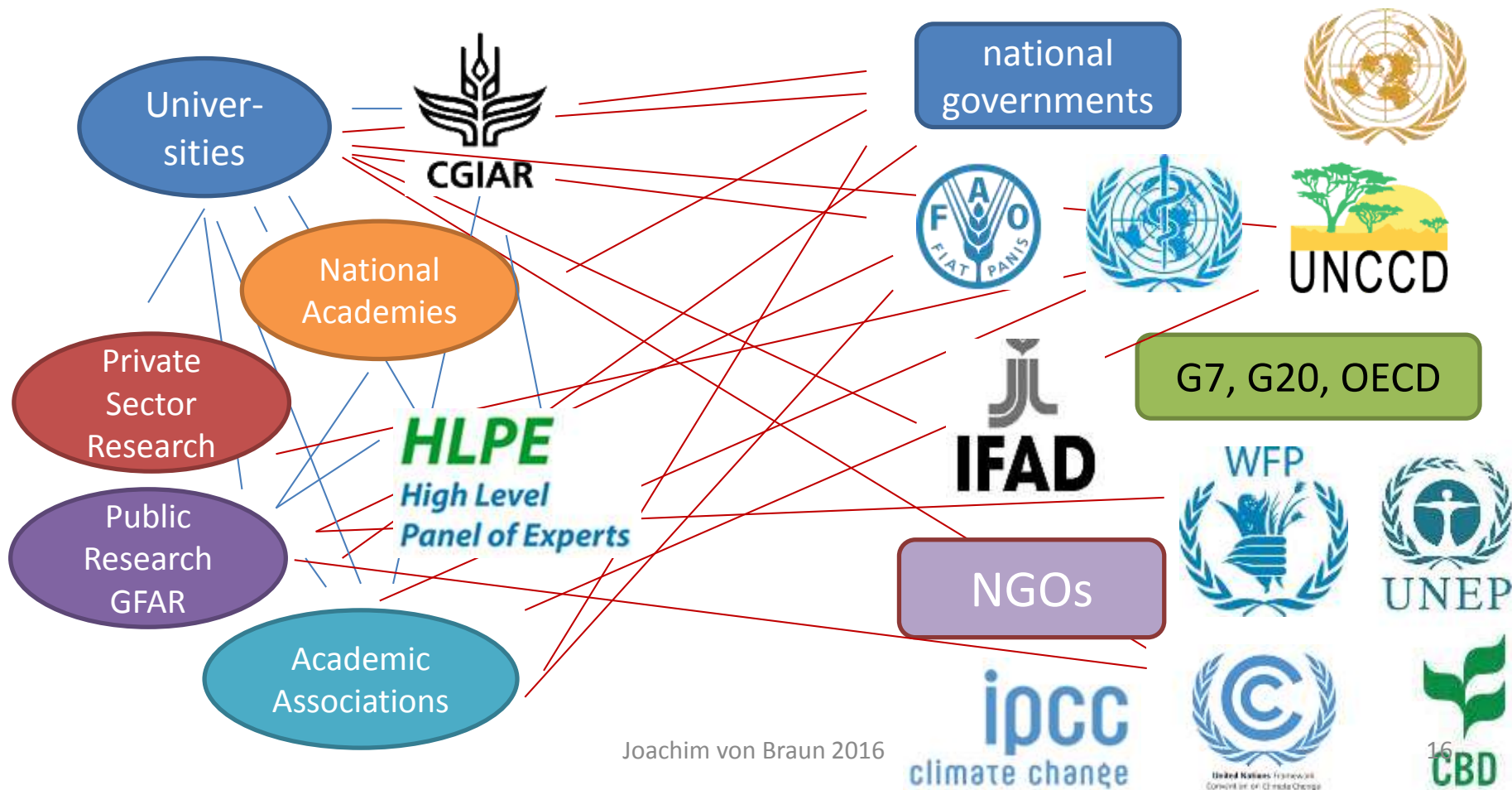
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# The System of Science and Policy Cooperation in food, nutrition, agriculture needs re-design

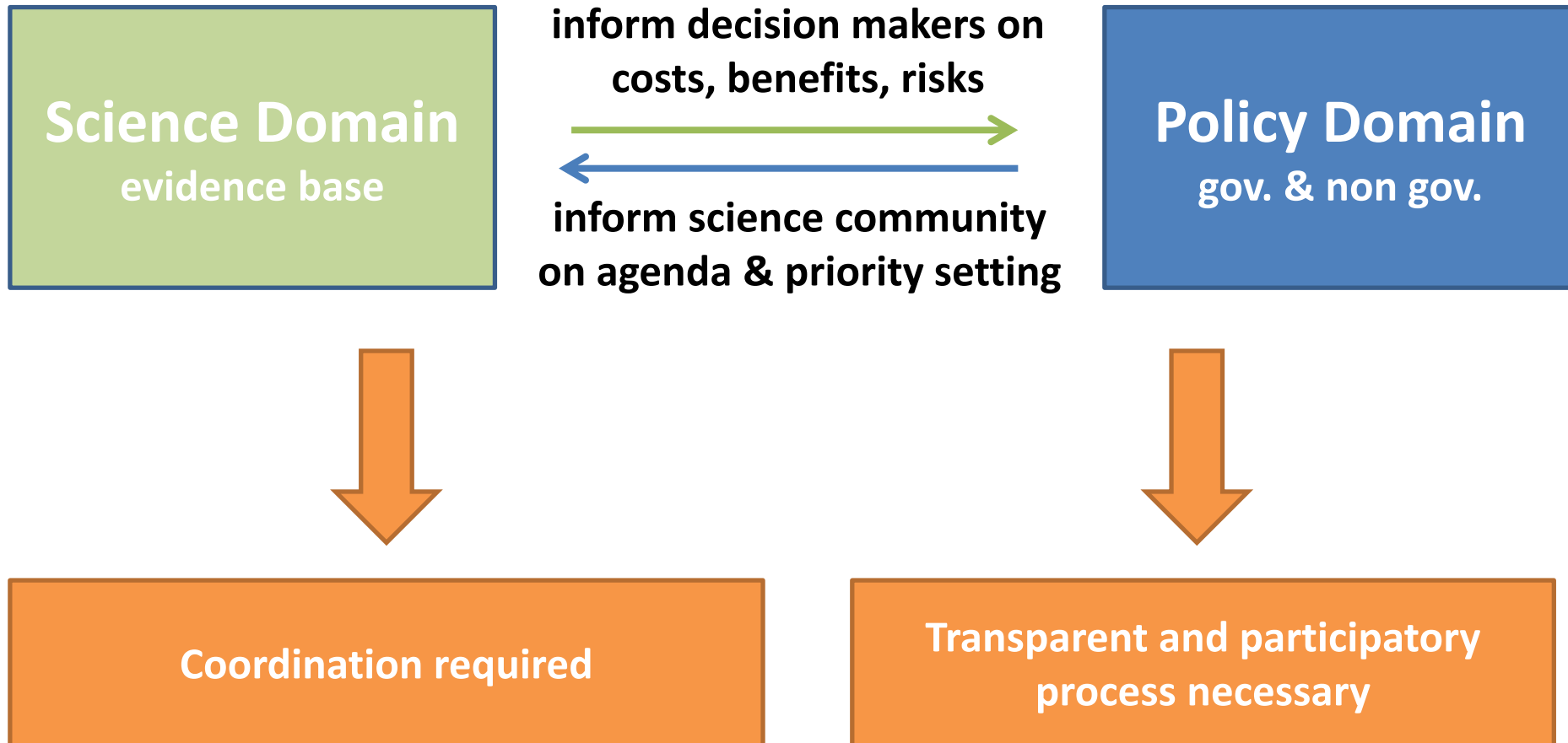
Many clusters of supply

Many clusters of demand





# Toward an “International Panel on Food, Nutrition & Agriculture”(IPFNA)



# Conclusions and EU roles

- 1. Agriculture and food system transformations, plus climate change challenge.** *EU* to assist with coherent CAP, development-, and climate-policies.
- 2. Climate-smart food system:** Whole food system needs to adjust and innovate, incl. trade, industries, nutrition and social policy; in bioeconomy context; *EU* key strategic role.
- 3. Governance:** Establish **International Panel on Food, Nutrition, Agriculture (IP-FNA)** to better relate science and policy for food system innovation and resilience. *EU* to lead.