How do we reshape research together so that it better answers the needs of resource poor smallholder farmers and fosters rapid rural development?

In 2010 the GCARD1 produced a RoadMap paving the way towards more responsive and relevant agricultural research for development systems around the world.

WHERE are we today?

HOW are we making these changes happen?

WHAT impacts can we show?

The GCARD2 will address these questions as part of an ongoing process towards sustainable development and better impact.

Key elements:

• To bring together different possible approaches to foresight analysis to better prioritize future research needs

• To reflect on the partnerships required for implementation and impact of research programs (CRPs), derived from the CGIAR Strategic Results Framework (SRF)

• To provide opportunities for interaction and partnership around other programmes transforming AR4D systems nationally, regionally and globally

• To examine what capacities are required in research for development systems to turn innovation into impact

• To explore the links between agricultural innovation and market opportunities for smallholder farmers

• To highlight how innovation can better serve the needs of women

GCARD2’s theme is “Foresight and partnership for research, innovation and impact on small-holder livelihoods”. We will take stock of progress and experiences in developing and strengthening actions and partnerships, transforming innovation processes to achieve large scale development impacts, in particular on the livelihoods of resource poor smallholder farmers.

“GCARD offers a special opportunity to strengthen international agricultural research”

Robert Zoellick, World Bank President

Expected outcomes:

• Progress and learning tracked in regard to the GCARD Roadmap

• Collective actions identified to take forward improved foresight, partnerships and capacity building globally in AR4D

• Mutual accountability improved for all the stakeholders