

Agricultural finance as a force for conservation: Innovations for and from the Global South



WHAT IS COSAI DOING?

The Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI) is promoting more and better investment in innovation to deliver broad access to affordable, safe and nutritious foods, while at the same time protecting and improving natural ecosystems, and reducing poverty and inequality.



EVERY YEAR IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH WE'RE INVESTING

DALBERG ADVISORS (2021)

US\$ 60
billion
in innovation.

but, only **7%** specifies
ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES
and of this, only **1/2** specifies
SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

THOUGH, ITS NOT ENOUGH

ROSEGRANT - IFPRI (2021)

B.A.U INVESTMENTS WILL ONLY TAKE US PART OF THE WAY.

US\$15.2 bn p.a. could:



WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

FILL THE GAP



Increase the level of investment in innovation using appropriate instruments and approaches.

REORIENT FUNDING



Reorient future and current investments to promote environmental, social, and economic objectives.

MEASURE RESULTS



All investors in innovation must have improved and transparent reporting against agreed measurements for SDG goals.

How can we develop innovative inclusive financial instruments to reward farmers and businesses for protecting and restoring nature?

This session presents emerging findings of a global review of how financial incentives have been used in farming, and the major gaps and needs for future innovation. The panellists, in discussion with the audience, will discuss how innovation in finance and public policy can leverage change.

- Discuss the needs for positive incentives and some of the issues that can arise in practice, from a farmer's perspective.
- Talk about the practical challenges of current financing mechanisms and innovating improved ones.
- Provide the perspective of an agricultural bank on the practical challenges of current financing mechanisms in getting small-scale farmers to invest in protecting and supporting nature, and specifically on how innovation in this area can be better organized.
- Hold a general discussion on the challenges of including financing for nature within broader financing mechanisms for small scale farmers, highlighting issues around aggregation of finance and the importance of market linkages.

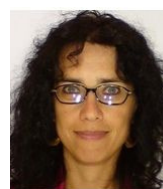
Get involved! Audience members on site are encouraged to use the mic while those online are encouraged to put questions, share experience and links, and make proposals in the chat.



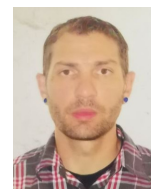
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