



# Collaborative work of ICARDA on climate-resilient technologies for improved land and water productivity in Central Asia

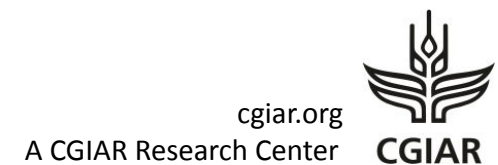
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# Scope of presentation – climate-resilient technologies

Crop varieties



Water Management



Cropping system diversification



Conservation agriculture

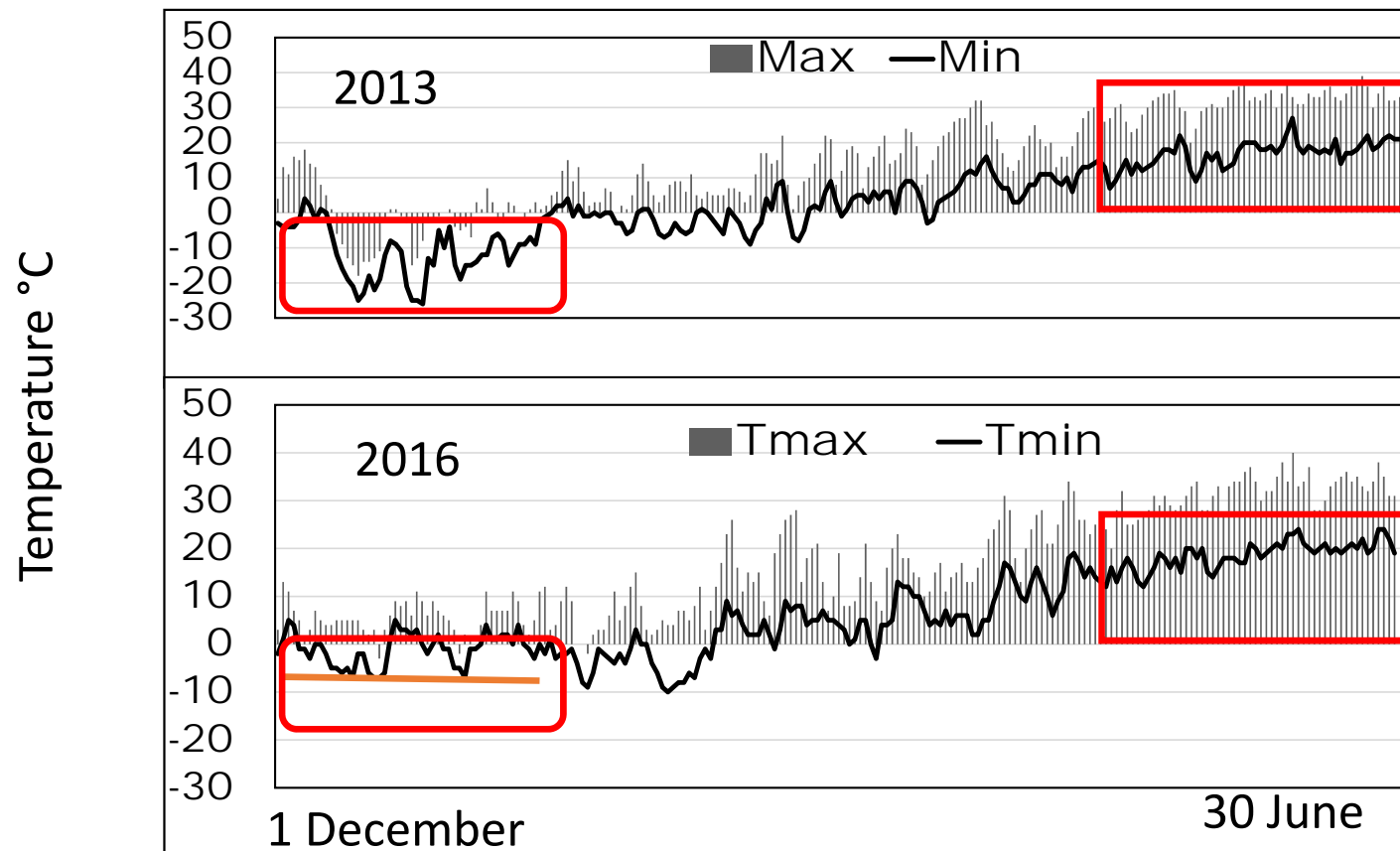


Rangeland improvement

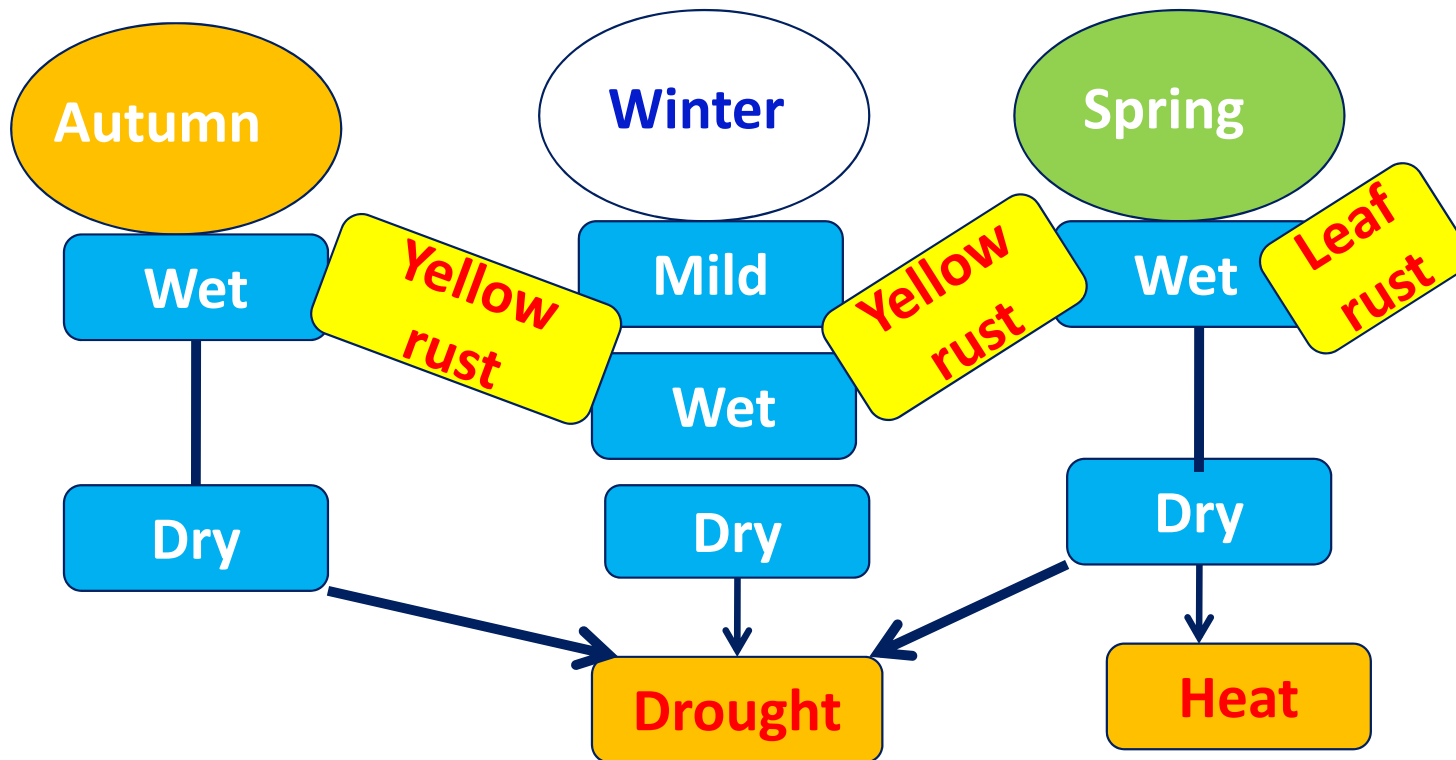


## Example of climate change

- Temperature variations in Karkalpakstan 2013 and 2016



# Constraints to wheat production under climate change in Central Asia



# Wheat stripe rust problem

■ Seven stripe rust epidemics since 2009  
2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

■ 30% yield reduction in Tajikistan and  
Uzbekistan due to yellow rust  
Sharma et al. (2016), J. Phytopathology



icarda.org Kroshka  
2009, Uzbekistan



Krasnodar-99  
2013, Uzbekistan



Grom  
2016, Uzbekistan



## Climate-resilient Winter Wheat – Gozgon



Characters:

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2. Heat tolerance
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4. Grain yield  
9 t/ha under normal soil,  
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## Climate-resilient Winter Wheat – Buniyodkor



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# Climate-resilient Winter Wheat – Chimbay and Amudarya

Dynamic nature of salinity can cause complete loss of winter wheat crop



Characters:

1. Suitable for medium saline soil
2. Suitable for normal soil
3. Tolerant to winter frost and cold temperatures upto -29 C
4. Heat tolerance
5. Moderately leaf rust tolerance
6. Grain yield  
9 t/ha under normal soil,  
irrigation, fertilizers  
6 t/ha on medium saline soil
7. Quality - satisfactory



## Climate-resilient Chickpea – Malhotra, Khalima and Obod, Sino



### Characters:

1. Tolerant to cold (-15 C)
2. Suitable for autumn planting
3. Suitable for spring planting
4. Heat tolerance
5. Suitable on medium saline soils
6. Grain yield potential  
2.5 t/ha under normal soil and irrigation  
Upto 50% higher yield for winter crop vs. spring crop

# Cropping system diversification for climate-resilience

Many ways of diversification



Food legumes



Cropping geometry



Fodder crops



Crop-livestock integration

# Cropping system diversification on irrigated land using climate-resilient varieties of wheat

Increasing cropping intensity by incorporating legumes – an example with mungbean

	Crop rotation	1st YEAR (Nov-Jun)	1st YEAR (Jul-Sep)	2nd YEAR (Oct-Feb)	2nd YEAR (Mar-Oct)	<i>Cropping intensity</i>
1	Wheat-Cotton	Wheat	Fallow	Fallow	Cotton	<i>2 crops in 2 years (100%), no legume</i>
2	Wheat-Mungbean-Cotton	Wheat	<i>Mungbean</i>	Fallow	Cotton	<i>3 crops in 2 years (150%), once legume</i>
3	Wheat-Mungbean-Green manure-Cotton	Wheat	<i>Mungbean</i>	<i>Green manure</i>	Cotton	<i>4 crops in two years (200%), twice legumes</i>
4	Wheat-Mungbean-Wheat-Mungbean	Wheat	<i>Mungbean</i>	Wheat	Wheat-Mungbean	<i>4 crops in two years (200%), twice legumes</i>

# Cropping System diversification on irrigated land

Inclusion of leguminous crops in wheat-wheat rotation

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Mai	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
winter wheat									Fallow / Mungbean			Winter wheat		



Benefit from mungbean

- Nutrients added in soil
- Additional income from mungbean crop

# Cropping system diversification on rainfed land using climate-resilient varieties of chickpea

Wheat planted on 16 November in dry year



Chickpea planted on 28 February in dry year



Chickpea planted in autumn



## Conclusion:

- Replace winter cereals with chickpea on rainfed land
- Plant chickpea in autumn and not in spring

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- 35-50% higher productivity when planted in autumn
- Higher income from chickpea than growing cereals

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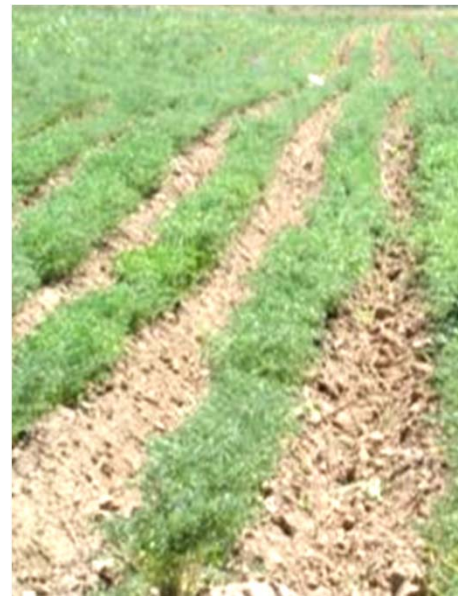
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# Conservation Agriculture for climate-resilience crop production

## Benefits

- Lower inputs cost
- Higher stable yields
- Improved soil nutrient exchange
- Enhanced long-run profitability



# Conservation Agriculture

Mungbean after wheat using minimum and zero tillage with retention of crop residues in Karshi, Uzbekistan (2011-2013)

Planting method	Spent fuel for planting, l/ha	Root length, cm	Plant height, cm	Yield, t/ ha
Conventional	<b>53.6</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>1.85</b>
One cultivation	<b>13.6</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.97</b>
No-till	<b>5.9</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>2.24</b>

- Fuel saving
- Higher yield
- Improves soil health

Source:  
A. Nurbekov,  
ICARDA





# Tillage management

NT= No tillage; CT=Conventional tillage

Benefit-cost ratio for double-cropped mungbean under no-till and conventional tillage in Uzbekistan

Cost items	No tillage			Conventional tillage		
	Durdona	Local	Marjon	Durdona	Local	Marjon
Yield kg/ha	427	250	407	395	237	427
Crop price per kg/usd	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Yield USD/ha	897	525	855	830	498	897
Total variable costs, USD/ha	570	570	570	668	668	668
Profit, USD/ha	327	-45	285	162	-170	229

Profitability may depend on choice of crop variety

## Tillage management as a climate resilient technology

### Raised-bed planting: maximizing water use efficiency

- 25% average saving in applied irrigation water
- 30% average increase in grain yield
- 73% average increase in water use efficiency
- 30-50% saving in the quantity of seed used for planting.



*Source: ICARDA*

*<https://www.icarda.org/update/raised-bed-planting-maximizing-water-use-efficiency>*

## Sustainable land management

### Laser technology improves farm productivity

- saves up to 25% irrigation water
- Lowers soil movement during irrigation
- Enhance the effectiveness of salt leaching

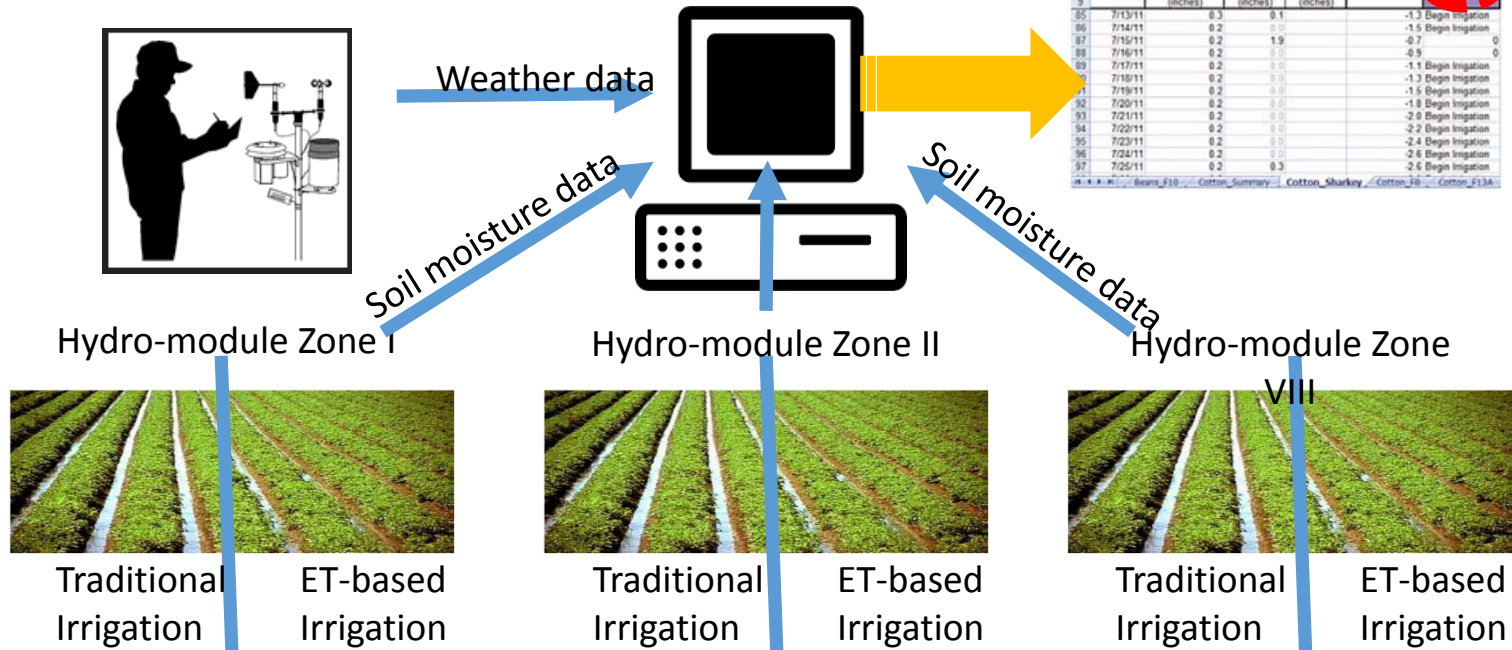


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<https://www.icarda.org/blog/%5Bnode%3ABlog%20type%5Dlaser-technology-improves-farm-productivity>

# Water management

## Evapo-transpiration-based irrigation scheduling



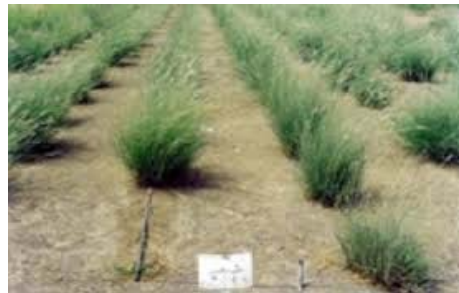
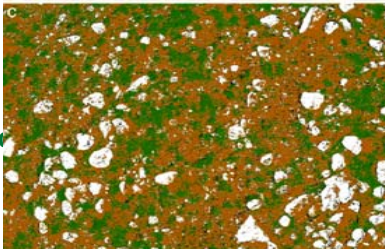
Save approx. 30-35% irrigation water at the field level without adversely affecting yields.

# Rangeland improvement and diversifying sources of animal feed

- Controlled grazing
- Utilization of desert land for fodder production
- Alternative sources of animal feed and fodder
- Dual purpose crops
- Multipurpose tree species
- Agro-forestry



# Rangeland improvement and diversifying sources of animal feed



- Key to sustainable meat production from small ruminants

## Knowledge sharing and capacity building

- Formal and informal training
- print materials
- short videos
- website ([cacilm.org](http://cacilm.org))
- On-site demonstrations



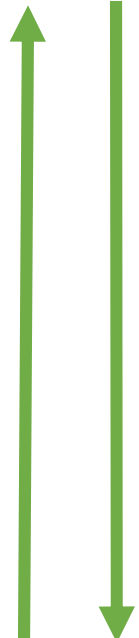


# Climate resilient technologies through collaboration of ICARDA

## Summary

- High yielding crop varieties tolerant to biotic and abiotic stresses
- Cropping system diversification for improved land and water productivity
- Conservation agriculture
- Tillage practices
- Animal and rangeland improvement
- Knowledge sharing / capacity building





## ICARDA New Strategy 2017 - 2026



### Taking Research to Scale – Partnerships for Impact

**5** STRATEGIC RESEARCH OUTCOMES (SRO)

**SRP1.** Collect, Conserve and use **agricultural biodiversity** in drylands in order to meet future climate and market related challenges.

**SRP2. Improved and resilient crops** for greater food security in face of climate change and market volatilities.

**SRP3.** Develop **integrated drylands farming systems** for improved and resilient livelihoods.

**SRP4.** Support the establishment of **functional value chains** and viable off-farm activities for diversified incomes and improved livelihoods in drylands.

**SRP5:** Support **sustainable use and management** of water and land resources in drylands.

**4** CROSS-CUTTING OUTCOMES (CCO)

Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation

Gender Equity & Youth

Capacity Development

Big Data & ICT



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