



# Data and digital innovations for accelerating CGIAR's science and impact

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# Overarching goal of CGIAR's digital transformation strategy



Our digital transformation and AI strategy is anchored for three main objectives.

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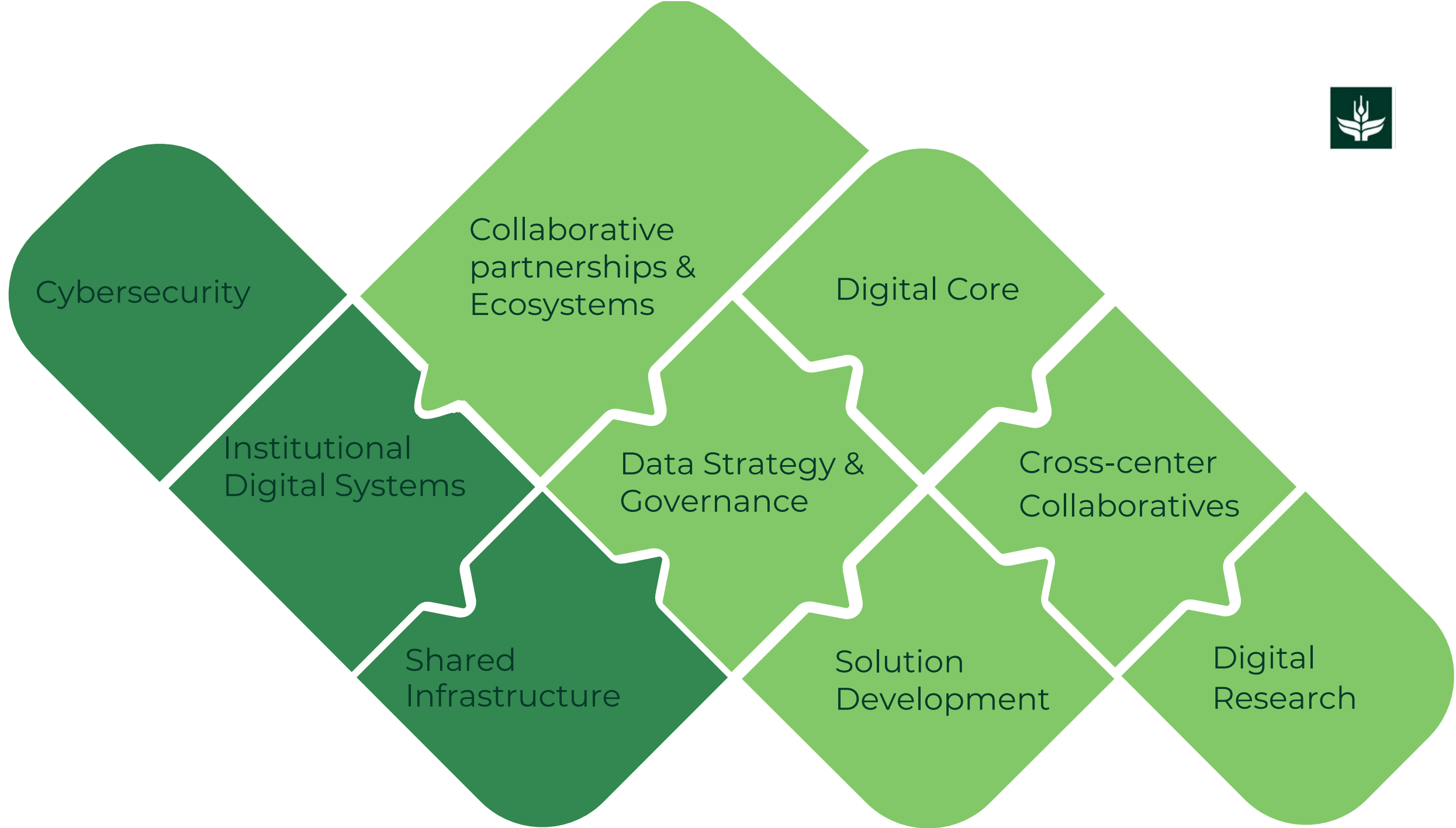
Mainstream AI and digital innovations to accelerate CGIAR science and innovation.

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Drive organizational efficiency, operational excellence and innovation using digital and AI.

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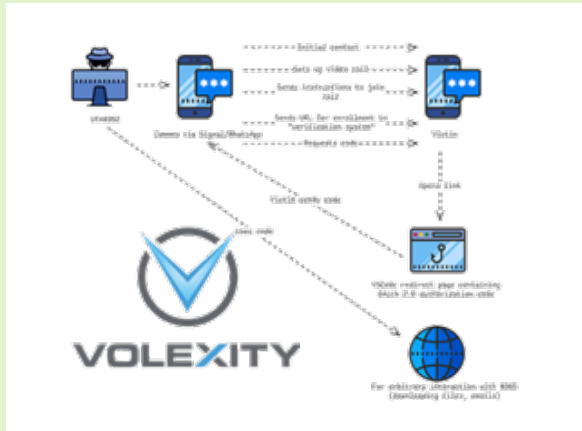
Foster global public goods and partnerships to promote equitable, gender-inclusive digital transformation in the agri-food system.



# Shared Infrastructure

## Centralized procurement to streamline operations and reduce costs

# Cybersecurity



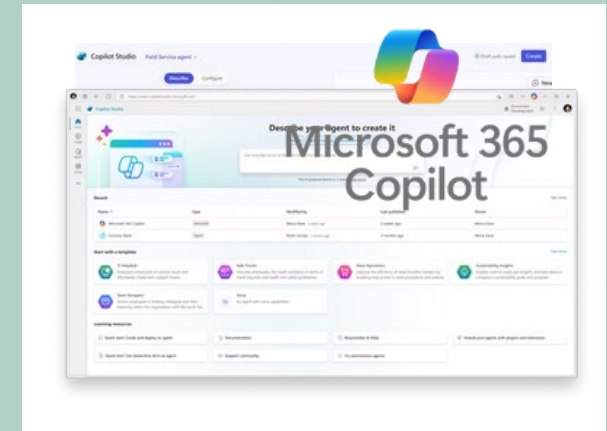
CGIAR-wide cybersecurity service contract led to cost reduction and improved security services across Centers.

# Geospatial Analysis



CGIAR-wide subscription to the industry-leading geospatial analysis software led to cost saving and significant value of gift in services and training.

# AI Assistant



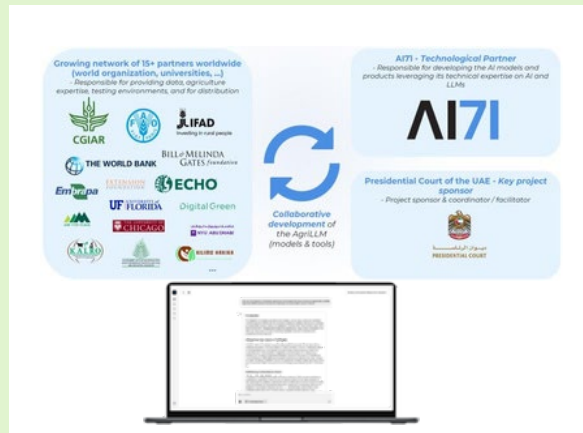
Microsoft awarded a grant for CGIAR to test the capability of an AI assistant in enhancing productivity across operations and research.

# Collaborative partnerships & Ecosystems



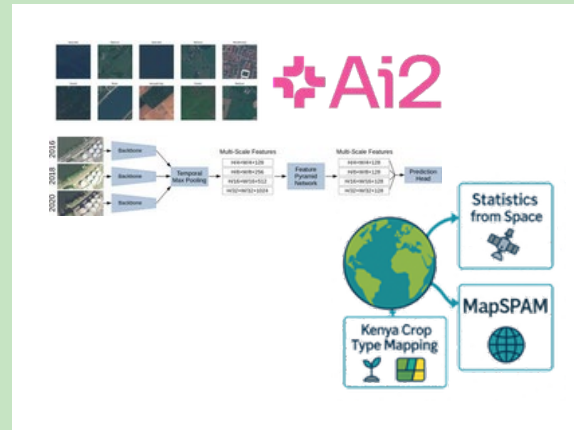
CGIAR's domain expertise and partners' technical expertise in AI

## AI7I



AI7I is developing **AgriLLM** by leveraging CGIAR's data and domain expertise.

## Allen Institute for AI



Ai2 accelerates CGIAR's geospatial research by providing **Earth System** platform with AI models.

## Amazon Web Services

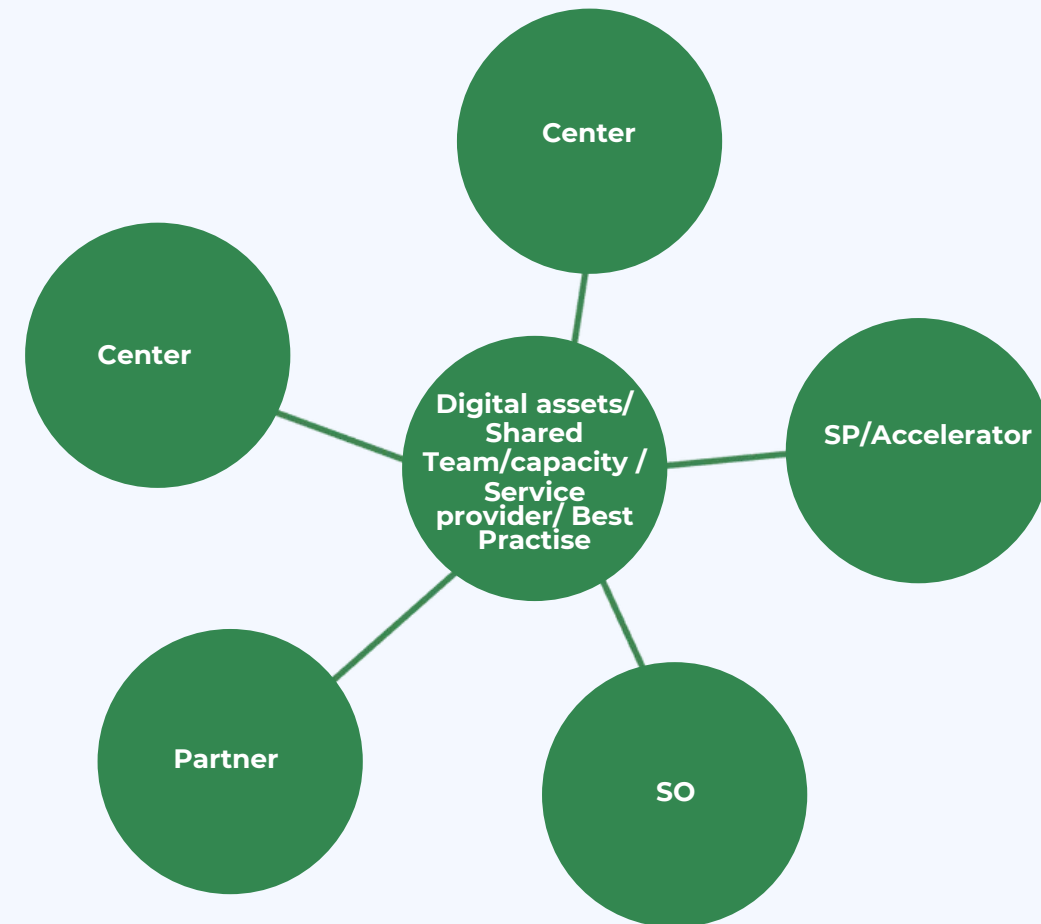


CGIAR is partnering with AWS/Pariveda to design and develop **AgPile**, a federated data platform.

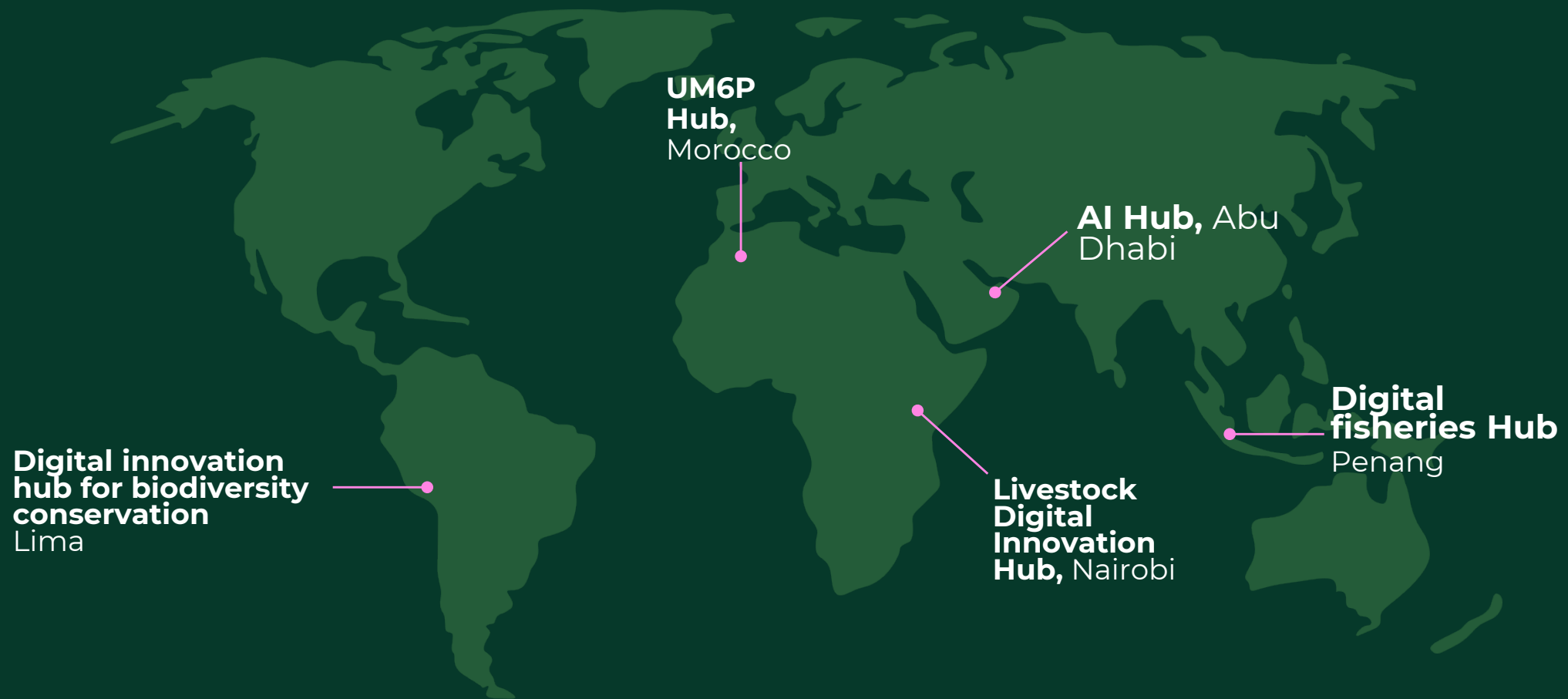
# CGIAR AI Hub@AbuDhabi



- Key output under Collaborative partnerships and Ecosystems (AOW 4/Enabling environment)
- **Objective** : Digital innovation hubs to help CGIAR and partners
  - Plug into the global AI and digital innovation community (CG staff posted)
  - Benchmark with global best practices
- **Methodology** : Identifying and co-creating cross-center flagship AI powered digital products/assets
- **First set of flagship products** :
  - AgriLLM
  - AI Water Factory
  - Genebanks\*
  - Breeding\*
- **Future plans** : Newer hubs ; Modalities for subsequent flagship products



# Concept Notes under development



# Summary



- Strong team and committed leadership
- Plan for next 6 months
  - DTA operationalization and AI Hub setup
    - More consolidation and cost efficiency opportunities
  - Digital transformation strategy by Dec 2025
  - Digital accelerator 5 - year **blueprint** plan (City Map analogy)
    - Identify foundational blocks – some exist & some dont



# Digital Accelerator 5-Year Blueprint Plan



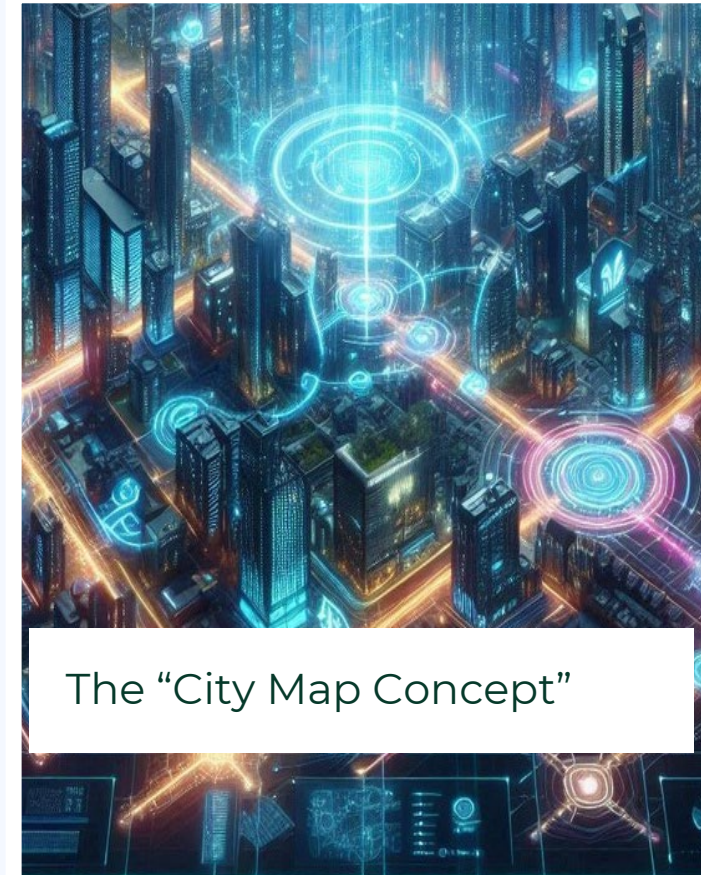
Team of experts Across Centers



“City Map”5-year Blueprint Plan(Q4 2025)



Value Proposition & Business Case



Thank you

