Vision
Diverse food systems for people and planet

Mission
Innovations contributing to diverse, safe, nutritious, and climate resilient food systems for health, livelihoods, and environment

Why
To sustainably address the global challenges of food and nutritional security
For people
• Nutritious, safe and affordable food and food products — beyond calories
• Inclusive employment and income opportunities — especially for women and youth
• Integrating human, plant, animal and environment health — ‘One Health’
For planet
• Strengthening food systems resilience — with a climate change focus
• Safeguarding and valuing biodiversity — integrating underutilized crops
• Landscape approaches, enhancing input use efficiency, reducing waste — promoting circularity

How we work together
Our coalition has skillsets to address complex challenges through complementary expertise, partnerships and global networks, and uses a crisp and agile coordination structure for rapid response.

AIRCA members have
Offices in 33 countries
>2000 staff with 82 nationalities
Many years of engagement in over 100 countries
Combined annual budget of near 200m USD
Valuing diversity

- Promoting gender equality and inclusive development
- Creating value from underutilized crops, vegetables, insects, spices, herbs, fruits, nuts, and trees
- Valuing traditional knowledge
- Considering supply and demand issues in a food systems context
- Responding to migration and urbanization
- Addressing plant, soil and animal health for resilient food systems and nutrition
- Using landscape approaches for ecosystem resilience focusing on marginal environments like mountain systems and saline lands
- Tackling urgent and upcoming problems like invasive species, new pests and diseases
- Building resilient food systems and societies within safe planetary boundaries

For people and planet

Malnutrition

“Hidden hunger” or micronutrient deficiencies affect around
2 billion people
and at the same time 2 billion people are obese

Agro-biodiversity

Over 7,000 crop species have been grown throughout our history
we depend on fewer than
20 for most of our dietary needs

60% of global calories are provided by only four staple crops – wheat, rice, maize and potatoes

Livelihoods

Growth in the agriculture sector is two to four times more effective in raising incomes among the poorest compared to other sectors.

2/3 of poor working adults made a living through agriculture.

1/3 of global gross domestic product is agriculture and is thus crucial to economic growth

AIRCA contributes to achieving priority SDGs

SDG 1 No Poverty
SDG 2 Zero Hunger
SDG 4 Quality Education
SDG 5 Gender Equality
SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
SDG 13 Climate Action
SDG 15 Life on Land
SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

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Left Vegetables, ICIMOD
Middle A cricket dish, icipe
Right Amaranth, WorldVeg

Livestock, ICIMOD