

THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2017

INNOVATION FEEDING THE WORLD

The [Global Innovation Index 2017](#) is a report co-authored by Cornell University, INSEAD and the [World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO](#).

The Global Innovation Index provides an annual ranking of the innovation capabilities and performance of 127 countries and economies around the world. Its 81 indicators explore a broad vision of innovation, including political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication.

The edition 2017 of the report focuses on *innovation in agriculture and food systems*. The report underlines that in the coming decades, the agriculture and food sector will face an enormous rise in global demand, increased competition for limited natural resources, and the effects of climate change. Innovation is key to sustaining the productivity growth required to meet this rising demand and to helping enhance the networks (*food systems*) that integrate sustainable food production, processing, distribution, consumption, and waste management.

Chapters of the report provide information on this theme from academic, business, and particular country perspectives from leading experts and decision makers.

The report also underlines that...*Innovation is not limited to the most advanced economies. Innovation is also not limited to the high- technology sectors. Innovation has today become a global phenomenon, affecting all sectors of the economy, including food and agriculture—which are among the most ancient and basic sectors of activity. Feeding the world, while contributing to protecting the environment and providing quality and balanced nutrition to growing populations with different lifestyles and consumption patterns, remains a complex challenge. Innovation has a key role to play in addressing this challenge.*

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