

*Technology and innovation in Colombian
agriculture and food industry*

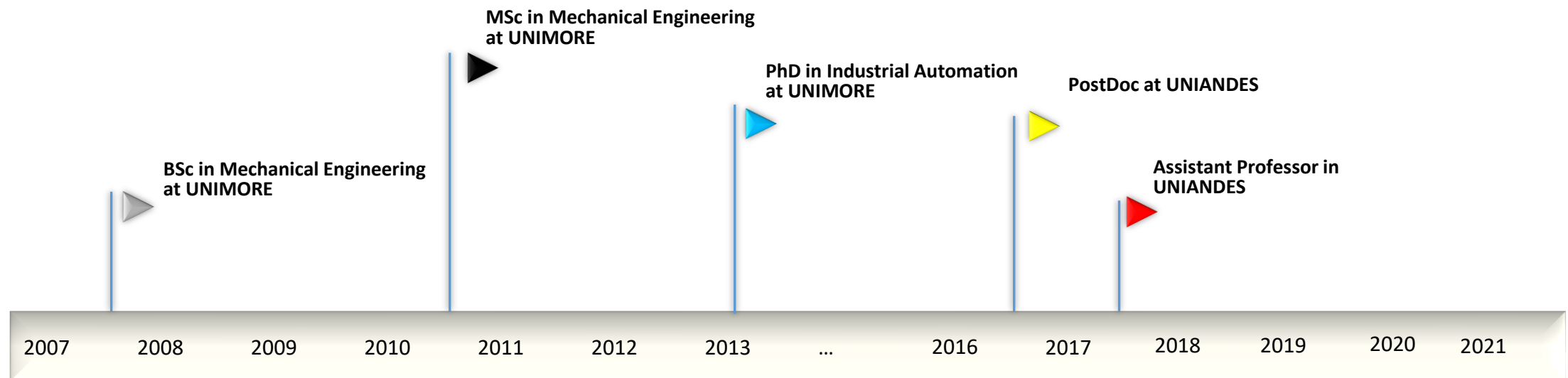
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- Research areas:

- **Industrial Automation**: integration of Industry 4.0 technologies to Controlled Environment Agriculture
- **Industrial Maintenance**: integration of Industry 4.0 technologies to maintenance processes; i.e. smart retrofiting



Content

- The future of food and agriculture
- Technology and innovation
- Agriculture and food industry in Colombia
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- Uniandes

The future of food and agriculture



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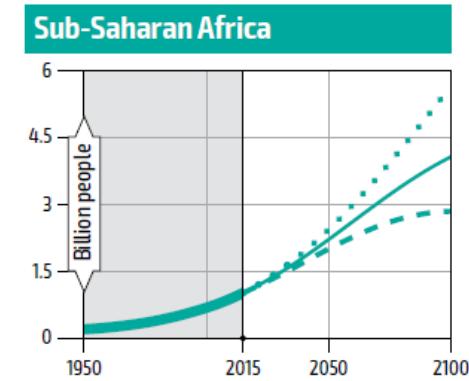
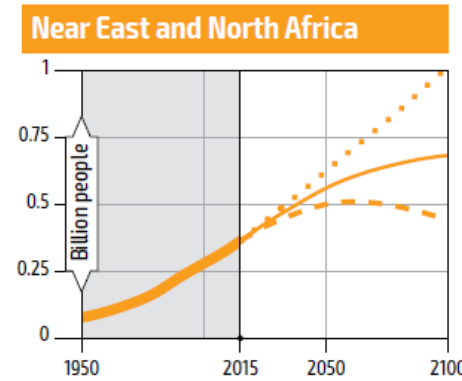
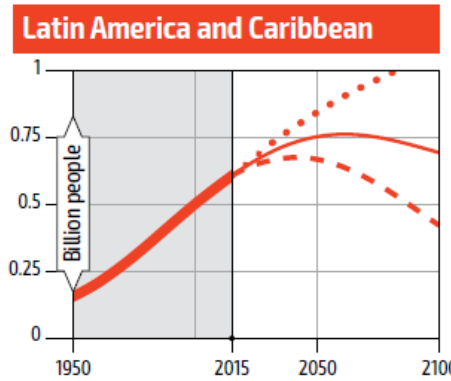
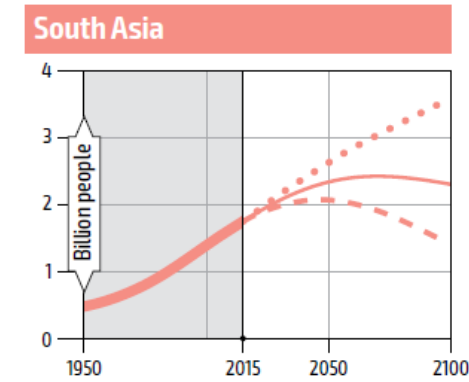
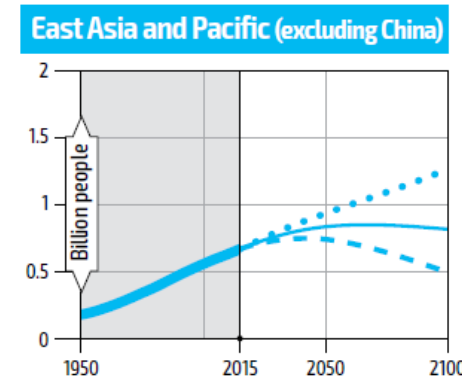
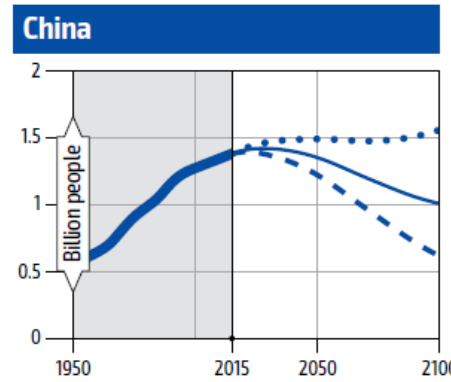
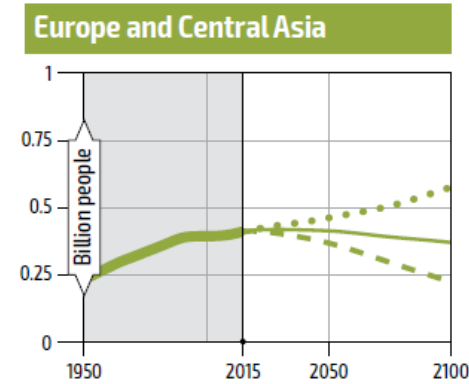
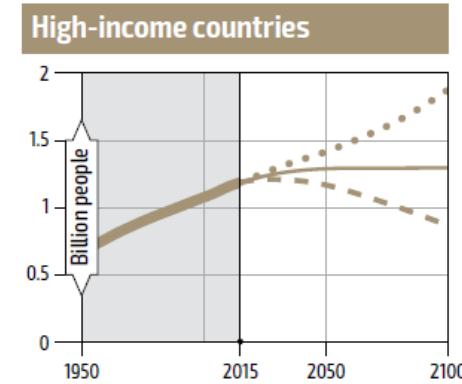
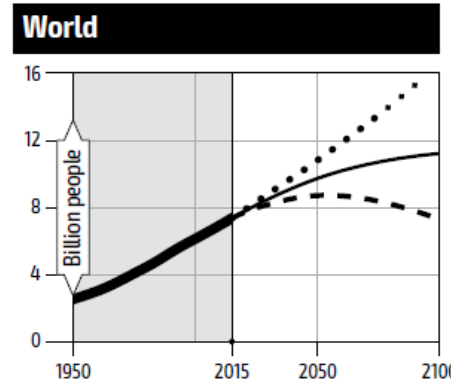
Trends and challenges

Major drivers of change in the 21st century

- 1 Population growth, urbanization and ageing
- 2 Global economic growth, investment and trade
- 3 Increasing competition for natural resources
- 4 Climate change
- 5 Agricultural productivity and innovation
- 6 Transboundary pests and diseases
- 7 Conflicts, crises and natural disasters
- 8 Poverty, inequality and food insecurity
- 9 Nutrition and health
- 10 Structural change and employment
- 11 Migration and agriculture
- 12 Changing food systems
- 13 Food losses and waste
- 14 Governance for food security and nutrition
- 15 Development finance

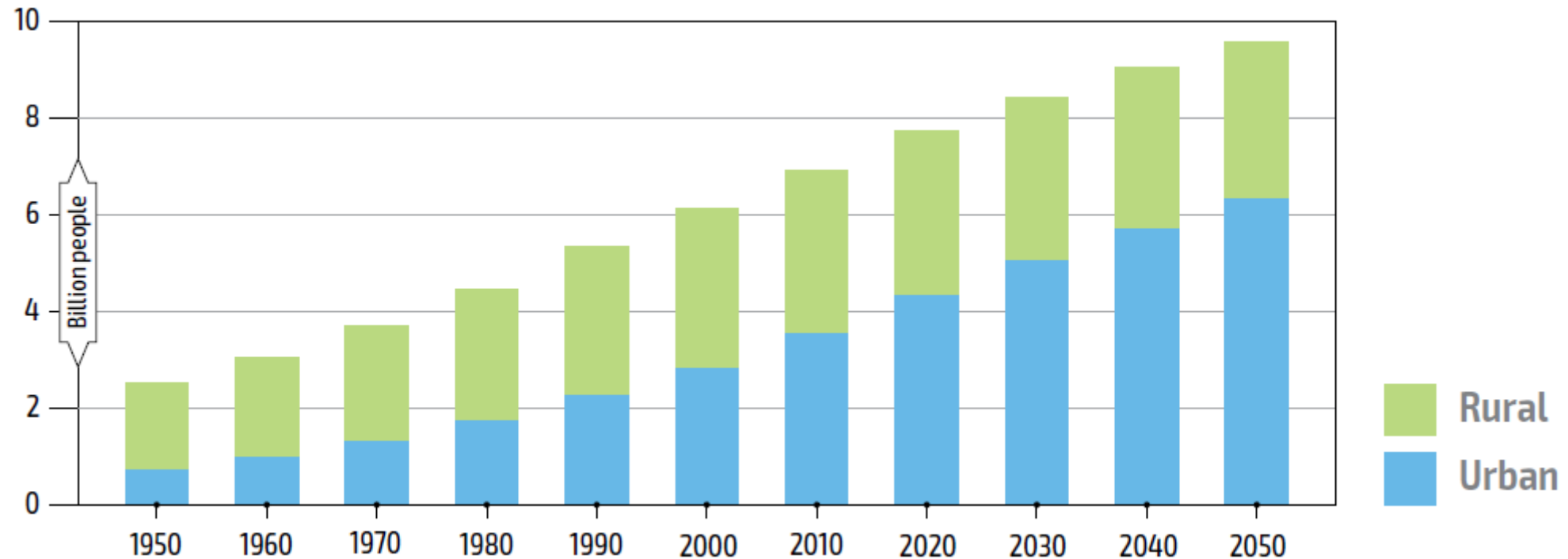
World population

- Global population growth is slowing but will increase in **Africa and Asia**



Global urban and rural populations

- By mid-century, **two-thirds** of the world's population will live in urban areas

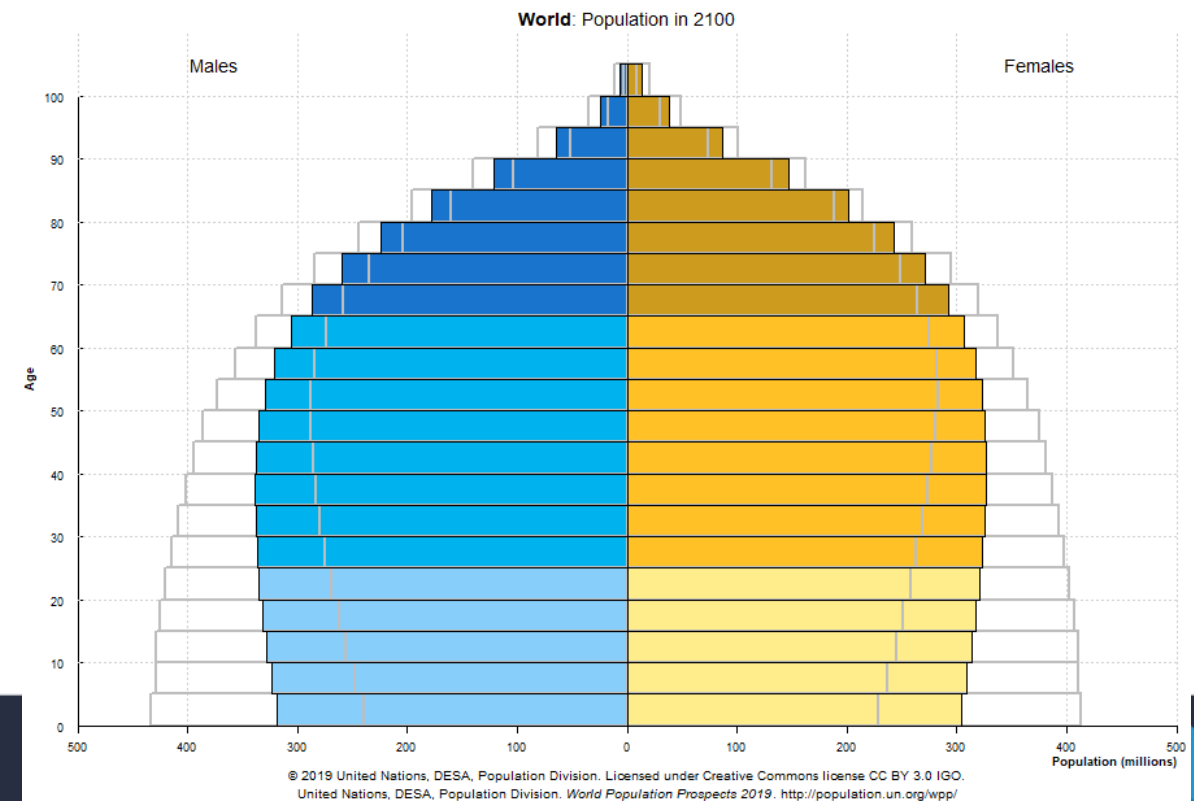
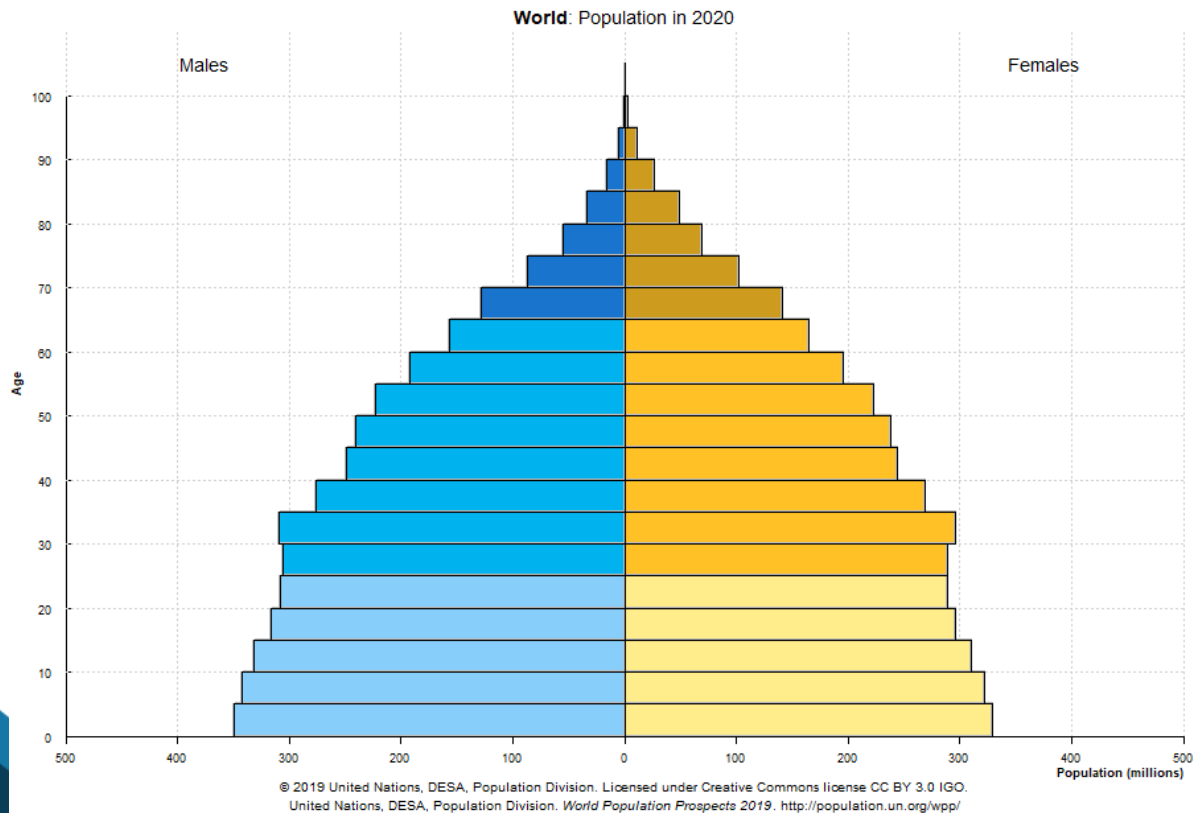


Aging

ONU: Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Dynamics. World population prospects 2019:

<https://population.un.org/wpp/Graphs/DemographicProfiles/Pyr amid/900>

- Economic growth, the decrease in mortality and the increase in life expectancy will determine an aging of the world population



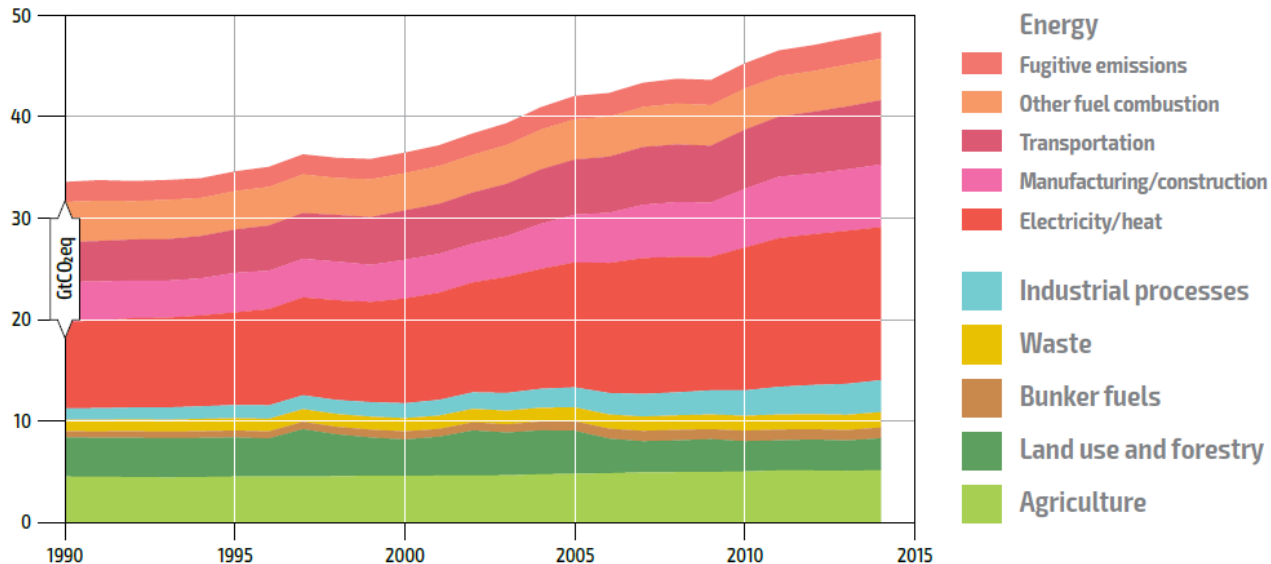
Binding natural resource constraints

- **Agricultural production** more than tripled between 1960 and 2015, owing in part to productivity-enhancing Green Revolution technologies and a significant expansion in the use of land, water and other **natural resources** for agricultural purposes



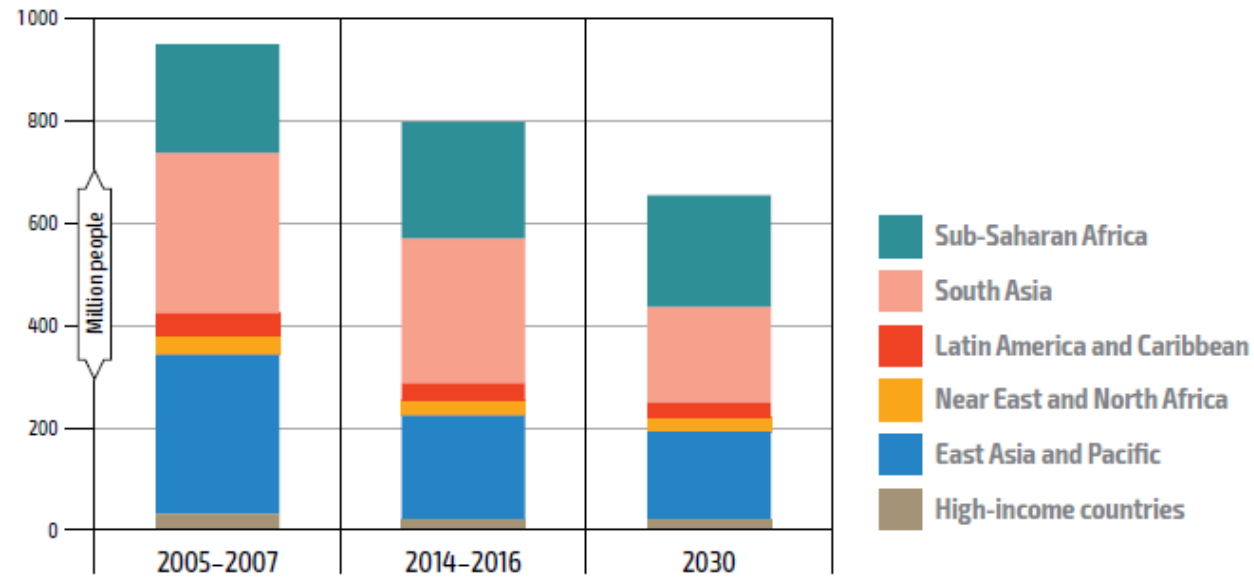
Climate change

- The food and agriculture sectors contribute significantly to **greenhouse gas emissions**



Food security

Undernourishment under a business as usual scenario, 2005–2030



Technology and Innovation

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. (2017). The future of food and agriculture: alternative pathways to 2050. <https://www.fao.org/3/I8429EN/i8429en.pdf>



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Alternative pathways to 2050

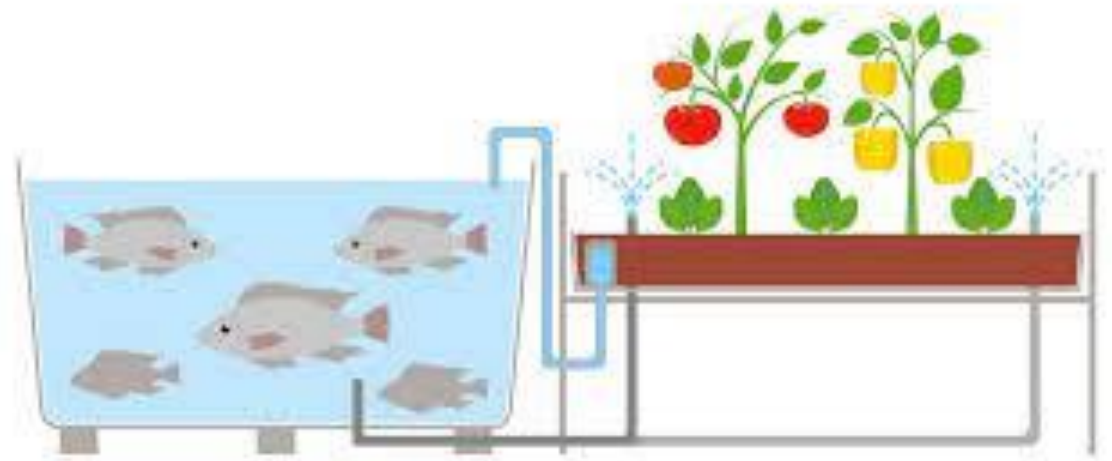


... but producing more will be unavoidable, and the way forward is doing so with less.

Those working in food and agriculture must learn how to satisfy a growing demand under more significant resource constraints by improving land and water use, reducing GHG emissions, increasing efficiency in energy production and consumption, and restoring soils and forests. These are just some of the variety of strategic options to consider in search of sustainability.

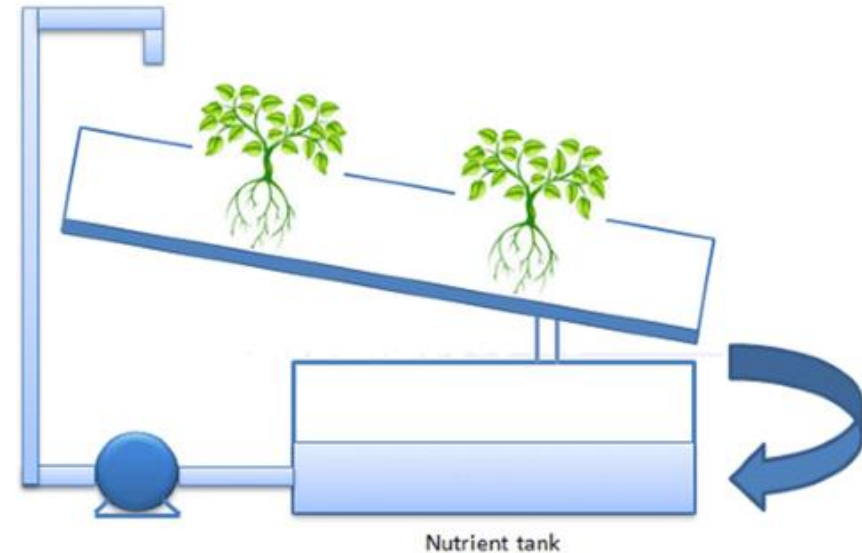
How to address the scarcity and reduced quality of land and water resources in a sustainable manner?

1) **Sustainable agricultural intensification** is key to saving land



How to address the scarcity and reduced quality of land and water resources in a sustainable manner?

2) Avoiding further **land degradation** and encouraging **land rehabilitation** helps tackle land constraints



How to address the scarcity and reduced quality of land and water resources in a sustainable manner?

3) Using **water** more efficiently is increasingly becoming a must



How to address the scarcity and reduced quality of land and water resources in a sustainable manner?

4) Trading off agricultural **yields** and **sustainability**



How to address the scarcity and reduced quality of land and water resources in a sustainable manner?

5) Significant **investments** are needed: research and development of sustainable technologies and practices, infrastructure and human capital



Agriculture and food industry in Colombia

Colombia

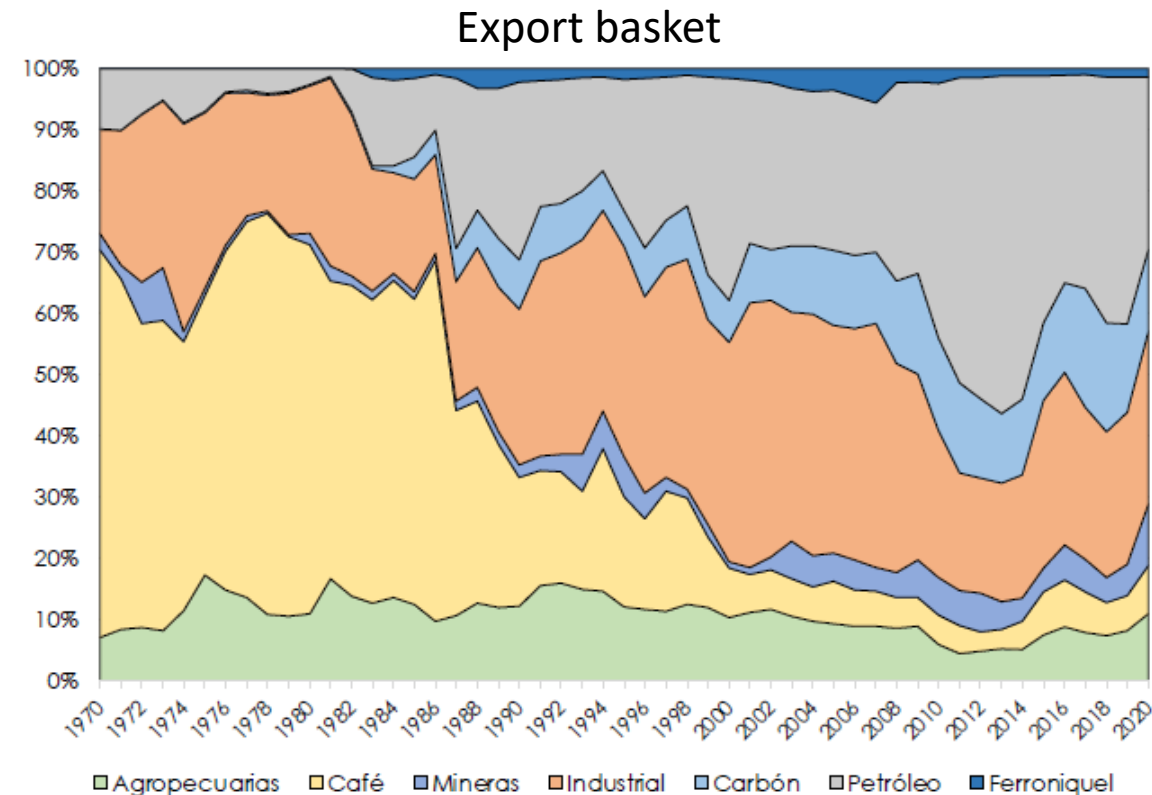
- **Fourth** largest and most populated country in Latin America
- Listed as one of the world's “megadiverse” countries, hosting close to 10% of the **planet's biodiversity**
- Capacity to produce in 70% of the size of the territory (**22.1 million hectares**)
- The only South American country with access to **two oceans** and close to **export markets**



Agriculture

<https://datos.bancomundial.org/indicador/NV.AGR.TOTL.ZS?enid=2020&start=1960&view=chart>

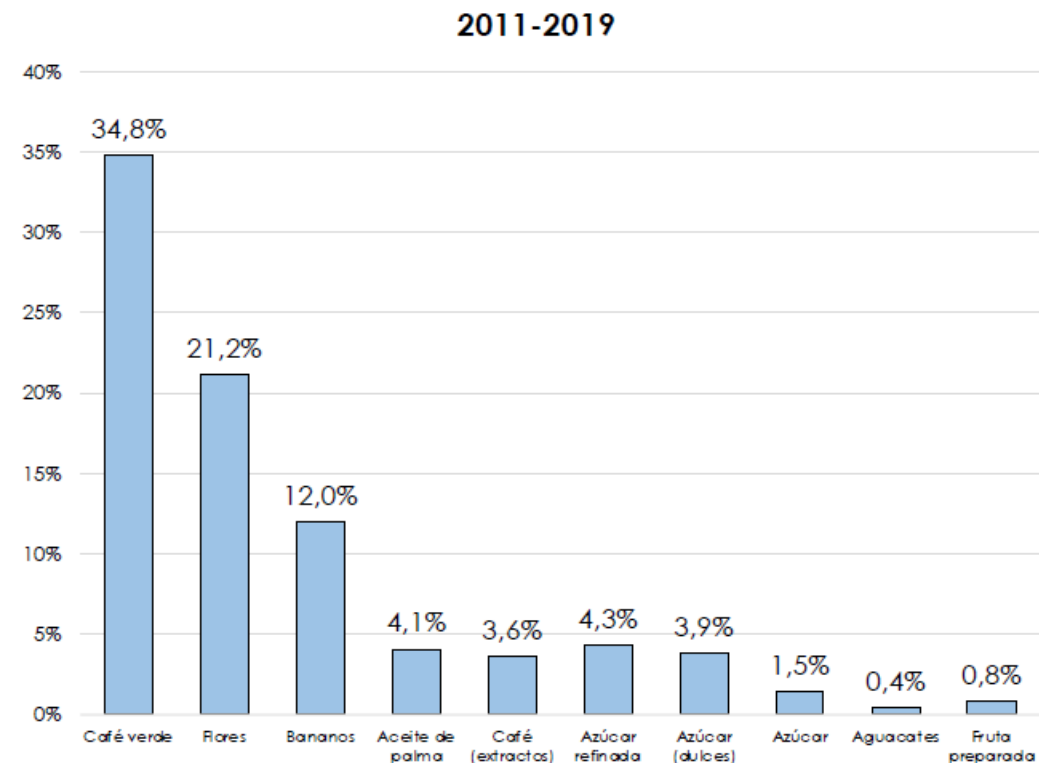
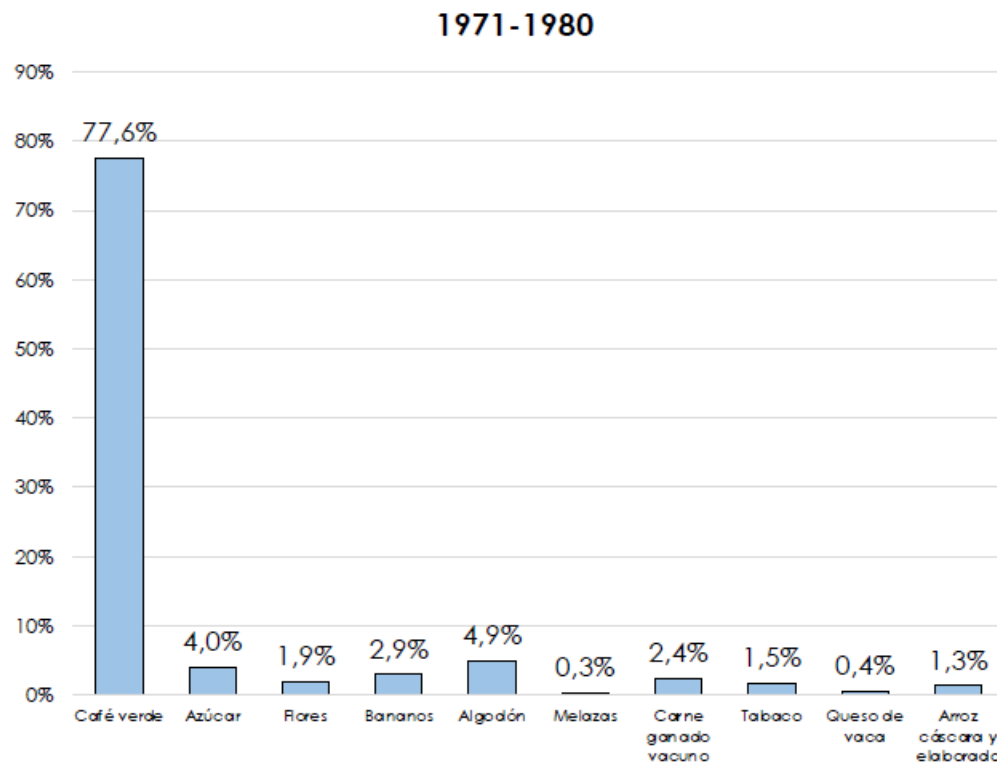
- In 2020, agriculture, forestry, and fishing apported to the **7.7% of the gross domestic product (GDP)**
- This sector concentrates 60% of the labor force in **rural areas** and is considered an engine for the growth of national employment
- Agricultural products represent about **20% of the country exports**



Export basket per product

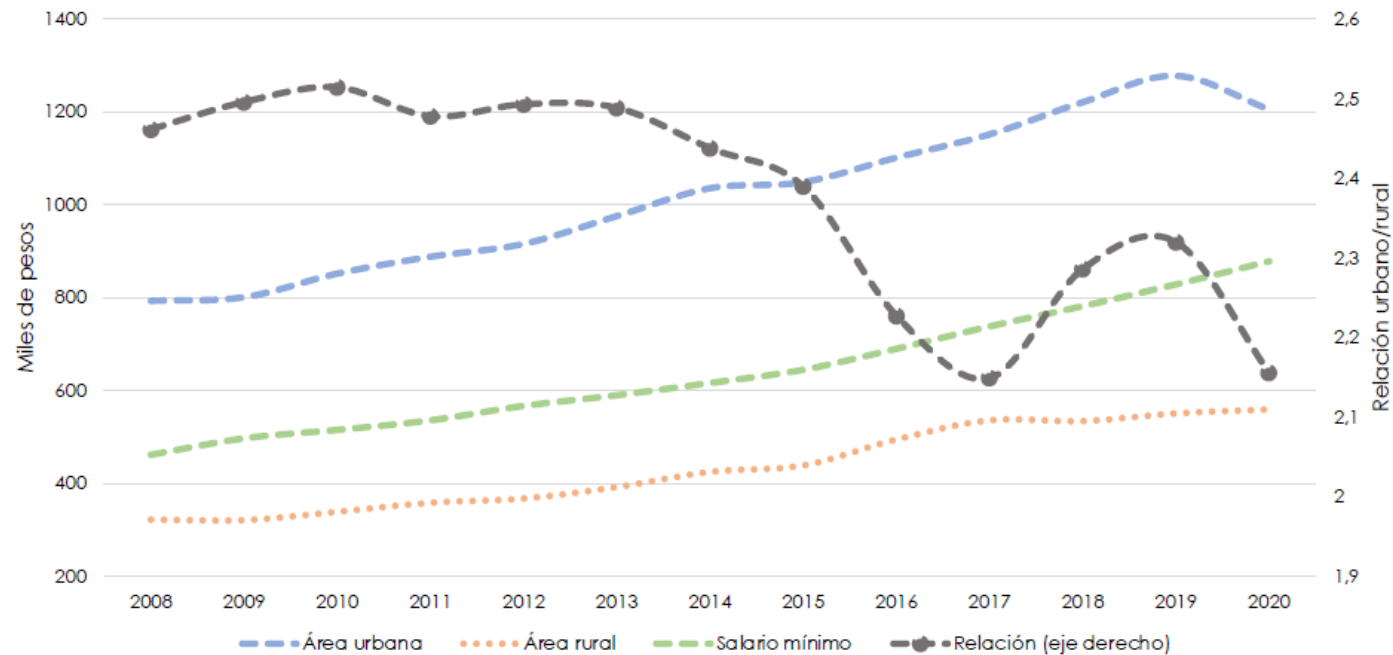
<https://www.fao.org/faostat/es/>

- **Flowers:** Colombia is positioned as the second exporter worldwide with USD 1.4 billion exported in 2018



Agriculture landscape

- The cases of competitive agribusiness are exceptions that differ greatly from the reality of **small farmers**, who are the majority of rural inhabitants in Colombia (<5ha)



Agriculture landscape

- They lack the **resources and professional skills** required to implement competitive agribusinesses that generate sufficient resources to ensure quality of life and the technological development of their business

Servicios públicos	Total	Cabeceras	Centros poblados y rural disperso
Energía eléctrica	98,2	99,9	92,9
Gas natural conectado a red pública	65,8	81,6	14,2
Acueducto	89,4	97,5	63,1
Alcantarillado	75,1	93,1	16,8
Recolección de basuras	82,6	98,4	31,4
Teléfono fijo	23,8	30,7	1,3
Ningún servicio	1,5	0,0	6,3
Tecnologías de la información y la comunicación			
Hogares con internet	56,5	66,6	23,9
Uso del internet	69,8	78,0	43,1
Uso del computador	34,0	40,8	11,9
Uso del celular	89,2	91,8	80,6

Fuente: elaboración propia, a partir de la Encuesta de Calidad de Vida (ECV) (2020)

Food industry

- Food processing represents nearly **33% of Colombia's manufacturing GDP** (2019)
- The main **processed foods** produced are the following: beverages and tobacco, processed meat, milling and bakery, dairy, sugar and panela, processed fruits, oils and fats, coffee and cocoa by-products, and confectionery products



Successful stories



- Specialized in **vegetable and forage seeds**, traveling the world to offer the best materials so that Colombia can produce more and better quality
- More than **7 hectares** for research and innovation, and more than 500 varieties of vegetables and forages



Saenz Fety

<https://www.facebook.com/saenzfety/videos/1476518876007220>



Colombina



- About \$ 600 million in annual sales
- Export to 70 countries
- Produce food in 14 countries



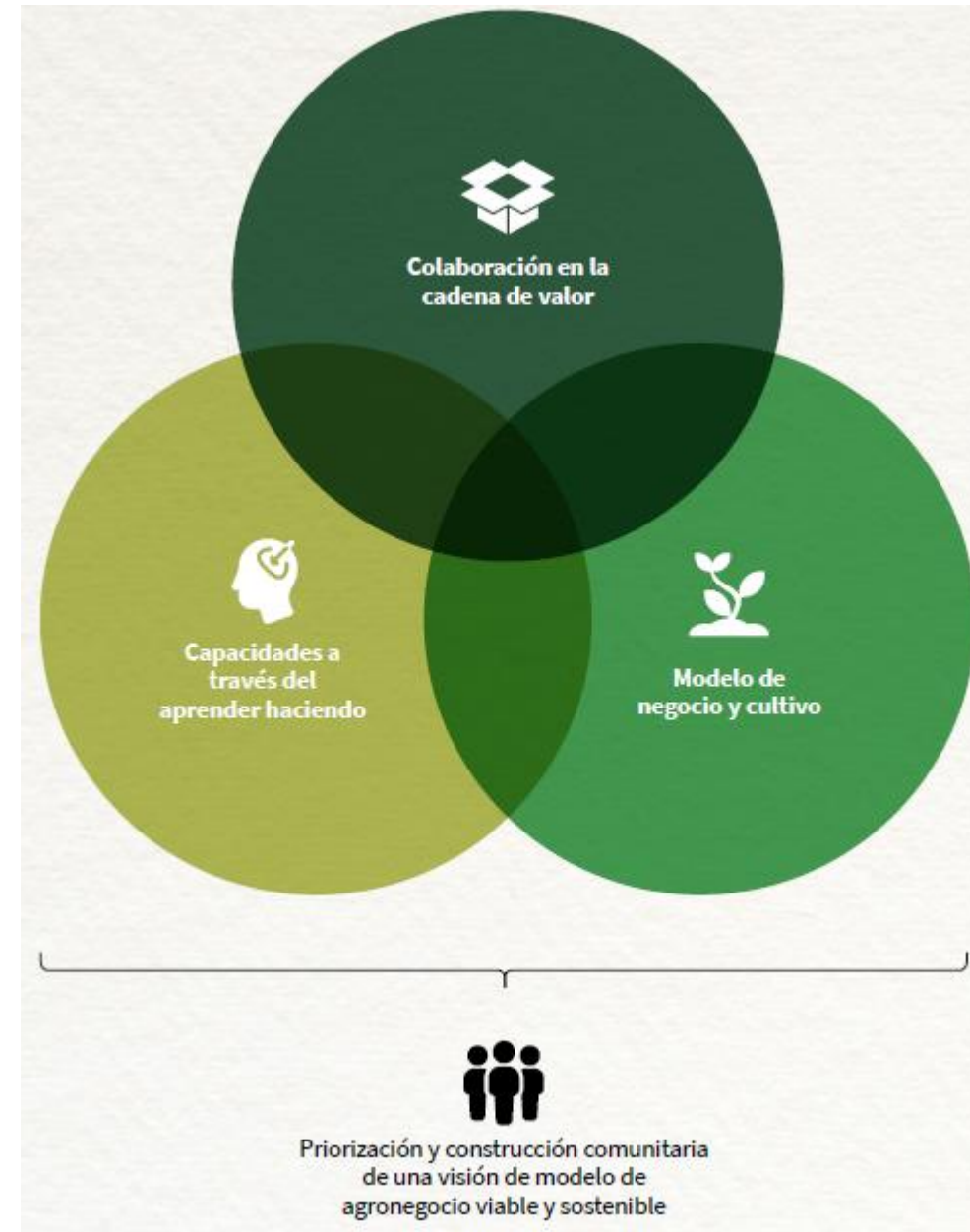
**Llenamos
el mundo
de sabor.**

Colombina

<https://youtu.be/xDI7ImJfQN8>



- Adaptation to the agriculture domain of the **methodology** applied by the Faculty of Administration of the Universidad de los Andes to the productive transformation and the strengthening of value chains of SMEs
- Arises from the need to introduce a vision of **sustainable agribusiness** in the Colombian agricultural sector, which lacks sufficient business tools to operate under a market logic and satisfy demand with value-added products



**Introducción:
Oportunidades de negocio**

Oportunidades de mercado y Modelo de Agronegocios Sostenibles

Participación en ferias comerciales

Fortalecimiento de las capacidades técnicas

Establecimiento del cultivo

Mantenimiento del cultivo

Poscosecha

Fortalecimiento de las capacidades empresariales

Definición de costos del cultivo

Valor agregado y transformación

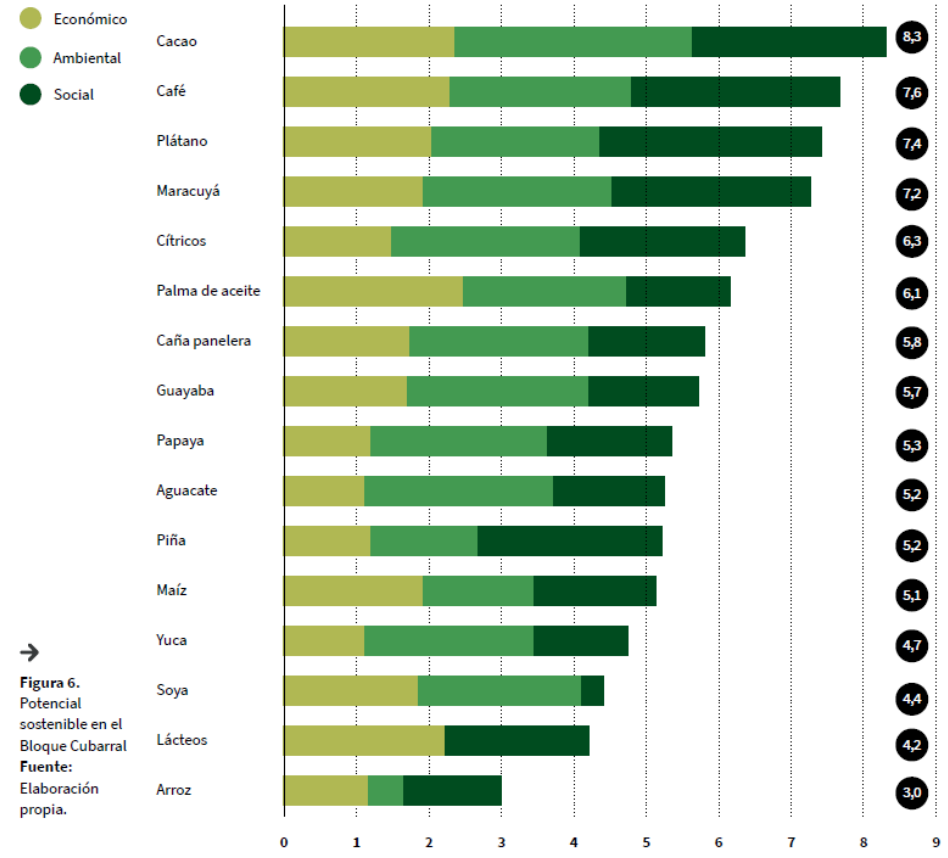
Propuesta de valor

Modelo de negocio

Fortalecimiento de la capacidad de colaboración

Reglas de juego para la colaboración en cadena

Metas y proyecciones para el modelo colectivo



→ **Figura 6.** Potencial sostenible en el Bloque Cubarral
Fuente: Elaboración propia.

Marketing

Asociación	Marca y producto	Descripción identidad visual	Antes	Ahora
Aspra	Montellano (Café tostado)	Los cafeteros de Aspra, ubicados en Villavicencio, transmiten su identidad como agricultores y procesadores de un café con los sabores únicos que les brindan las riquezas naturales de su entorno		
Anuc	El Cacaotal (Chocolate de mesa)	Detrás de esta marca se encuentra el trabajo de mujeres emprendedoras ubicadas en el municipio de Acacías, quienes transforman cacao de excelente calidad producidos por los agricultores de Asociación Nacional de Usuarios Campesinos del municipio		
Acacireño	Agropac (Chocolate de mesa)	A través de este producto, la asociación Agropac invita al consumidor a maravillarse con el paisaje del piedemonte llanero. Sus productos encierran la magia de los ríos, suelos y montañas del municipio de Acacías, cuya riqueza da forma a los sueños de esta asociación de emprendedores		

Technical training



Impact



Uniandes

OUR UNIVERSITY

1948

Establishment of the first non-profit secular institution in Colombia



1950

Shared Undergraduate Programs in Engineering with universities from the United States (Illinois and Pittsburgh)

1960

Complete Undergraduate Programs at Uniandes.
Ford foundation:
US\$500.000 (faculty members) +
US\$1'000.000 (facilities and laboratories)

1970

Initial phase of the master programs

2020

234th QS World University Ranking
4th QS LatAm University Rankings
It is the **only** private institution in Colombia certified nationally for 10 years

First in Colombia and eighth best university in Latin America
According to the Best Global Universities ranking of US News & World Report

QS WORLD **UNIANDES** RANKING



TOP 10 QS LATIN AMERICA 2020 RANKING



Location



Bogotá



Universidad de los Andes



Mario Laserna Building



Main Accommodation

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44 UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAMS

76 MASTER'S
PROGRAMS

17 PhD
PROGRAMS

33 POSTGRADUATE
DIPLOMAS

756 FACULTY MEMBERS
(FULL TIME EQUIVALENT)



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STUDENTS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS

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PROGRAMS



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Civil and
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MASTER
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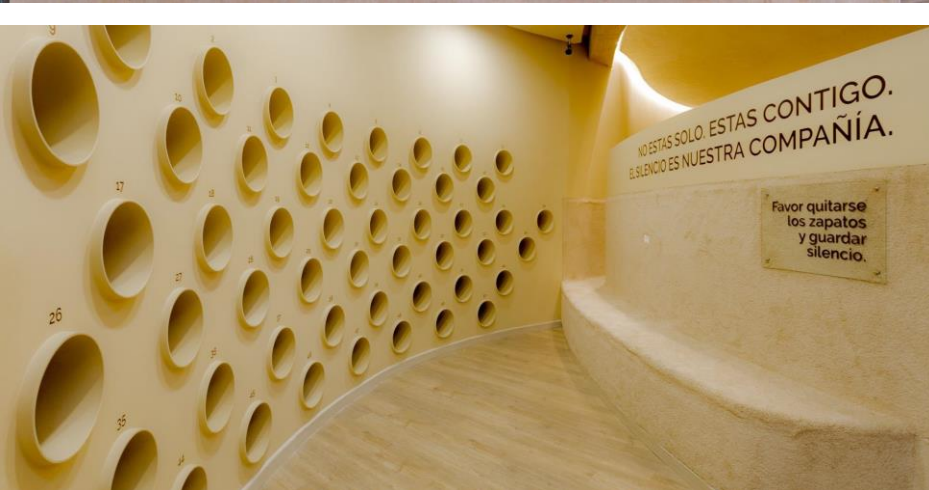
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and
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5.000 m²

54 laboratories

754 workplaces

24 research groups

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