



SRI - the answer to sustainable agriculture?

There has never been a greater need for research in agricultural science. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has predicted a potential 60% increase in the demand for food by 2050 as the population reaches 9 billion.

In this latest edition of our newsletter we continue to look at **climate-smart agriculture** with a focus on the **System of Rice Intensification (SRI)** and the impact it is having across the world. On that theme we share a **recent news** article about the power of **SRI in Nepal** and we look at how a forthcoming **conference in Paris** could have a global influence on the future of climate change and agriculture.

Why does SRI matter?

In his latest blog Francis Dodds looks at the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and its role in climate-smart agriculture.

SRI has shown to increase crop yields by up to 50% and in this blog Francis explains its origins, its success and its future.

[Read the blog here](#)

A Climate Smart Village

According to the World Bank, 47% of Nepalese farmers have less than half a hectare of land.

A recent article in the Business Standard shows there is a silver lining to this farming black cloud in a programme creating a 'Climate Smart Village.'

[Read the article here](#)

Making research more effective

Burleigh Dodds is committed to working in partnership with experts to make agricultural research more effective.

How will we do this? Editorial Director, Francis Dodds has posted a brief video blog explaining our approach and how by being different we are introducing real innovative change.

[Watch the video blog here.](#)

The most important conference on the planet?

There is just over a month until arguably the most important international conference of recent times.

The end of November 2015 will see Paris host the 21st session of UNFCCC, known as COP21.

[Read here about COP21 and why it is so important to agriculture.](#)