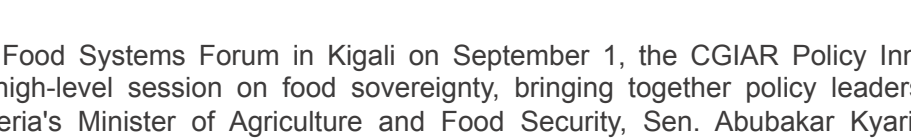


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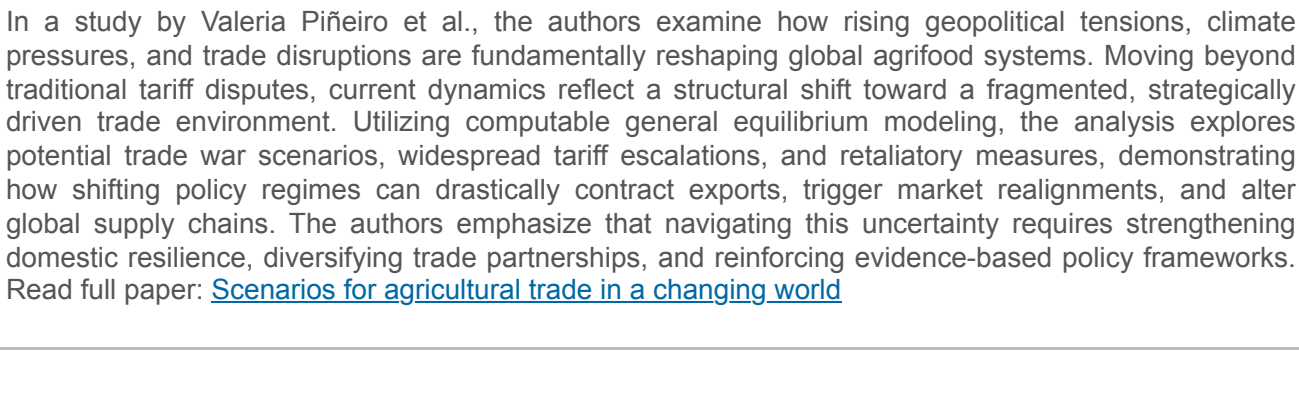
AFRICA'S NEXT AGRIFOOD

To turn Africa's youth population boom into an engine of decent jobs, the Youth Agriculture Accelerator (YAA) from CGIAR Policy Innovations invites young entrepreneurs to submit bold agripreneur startup ideas across four tracks: sustainable agriculture jobs, smarter value chains, inclusive opportunities for women and underserved youth, and skills-to-jobs bridges. Applicants aged 18–35 with an Ethiopia-focused idea can apply individually or in teams of up to three; pre-selected teams will receive mentoring and compete in a live Shark Tank-style pitch day in Addis Ababa, with top ideas winning \$1,500 in seed funding to pilot their concepts. Applications close on September 30, 2026, with Pitch Day set for December 1, 2026, during the Youth Jobs, and Voice in Africa's AgriFood system conference. Submit your idea [here](#).

A new analysis by *Carly Trachtman* and *Ruth Hill* from IPPRi examines 39 national fertilizer subsidy programs in low- and middle-income countries, identifying key lessons for sustainable policy reform. While many programs are designed as universal, administrative hurdles and supply shortages make true universality rare, resulting in practical targeting. Although subsidies remain generally progressive by reaching poorer, farm-dependent households, formal targeting regimes alone do not guarantee equitable outcomes. The authors stress that severe data gaps regarding beneficiaries hinder evidence-based reform, highlighting the need for governments to invest in stronger data systems and administrative capacity for data-driven agricultural support. Read [more](#).

In a new report, Thomas Reardon et al. explore how Kenya's rapidly expanding potato value chain is

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strategy. Addressing feed shortages, low nutrition quality, and resource competition is essential for sustainable intensification. The study emphasizes strategic investments in high-quality forage varieties, climate-smart feed practices, and efficient supply

chains are key to strengthening food security, rural livelihoods, and environmental resilience. Read [more](#).



identification to evidence synthesis and interactive AI consultations—empowering stakeholders to make political landscapes, select analytical frameworks, and translate evidence into actionable policy reforms. Read [more](#).

CAADP Implementation: Validation Workshop on Diagnostics and Analysis

The CGIAR Policy Innovations team, in collaboration with regional partners, convened a validation workshop on the domestication and implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Research and Development (CAADP) Strategic Framework (2016-2036). Extensive on-Care Forum

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