

“CGIAR joins global farmland grab” – *Against the grain*, September 2009

The international agricultural research establishment has got caught up in the current scramble for land being waged by a number of governments and corporate investors to secure food supplies abroad. GRAIN has identified over 100 such deals, most of them triggered late last year by the food

and financial crises. In the middle of this year the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) estimated that 15–20 million hectares, mostly in Africa and Asia, had recently been leased, bought up or were under negotiation to produce food for foreign shores. The World Bank has plunged into a major

study on the issue, to be finalised by the end of 2009. Land grabbing has even become a feature of most official food security policy discussions at the highest political levels this year, including the G8, the African Union and the UN General Assembly.

For the full text, go to: <http://www.grain.org/articles/?id=52>

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