

Resource Constraints

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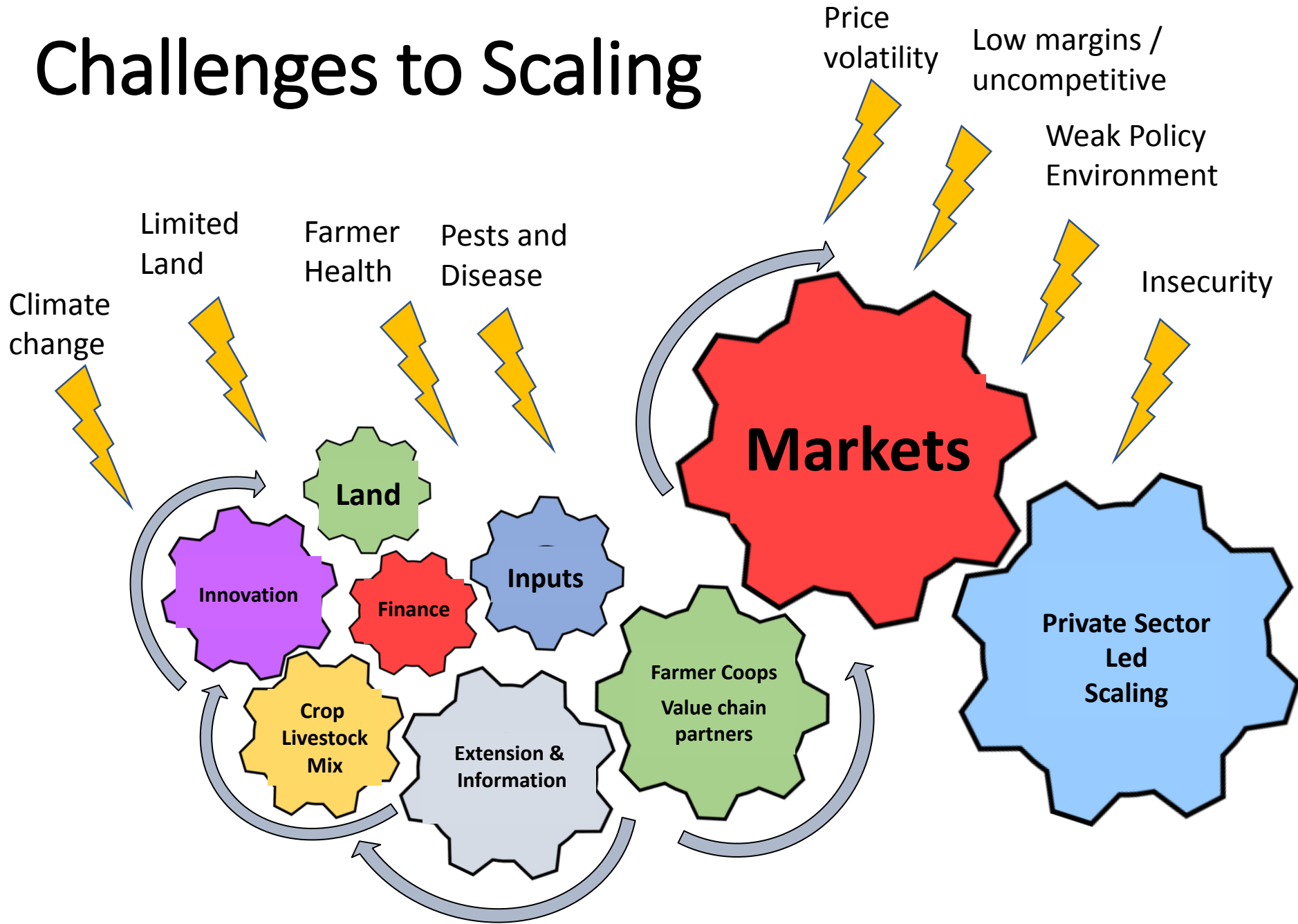
This breakout session will look at some of the key constraints to scaling up opportunities in agriculture in developing economies. These include:-

Assets: Land, Quality soil, Water, Inputs (seed, fertilizer, agro-chemicals, Information and Finance

Skills: Organization, Production, Business, Innovation

Risks: Climate, Health, Markets, Pests & Disease, Security

Challenges to Scaling



Discussion

For farmers to be able to scale-up new opportunities, they need to have the right set of basic conditions,

- **Key assets**
 - Land, water, good soil, quality inputs,
- **Products that grows in the environment,**
 - Ability to adapt the environment?
- **Market demand and margins that will support the investments**
 - Flexibility to adapt to markets
- **Organization and links to markets**
 - Farmer groups that can take advantage of value chain opportunities
- **Innovation, advice and information**
 - Ability to assess risks and adapt to them
- **Conducive policy environment**
 - Clear priorities, consistent implementation, reasonable governance, ministry coordination
- Do these conditions exist?
- How are bottlenecks identified and tackled?
- What can be done to enable farmers to address key challenges?