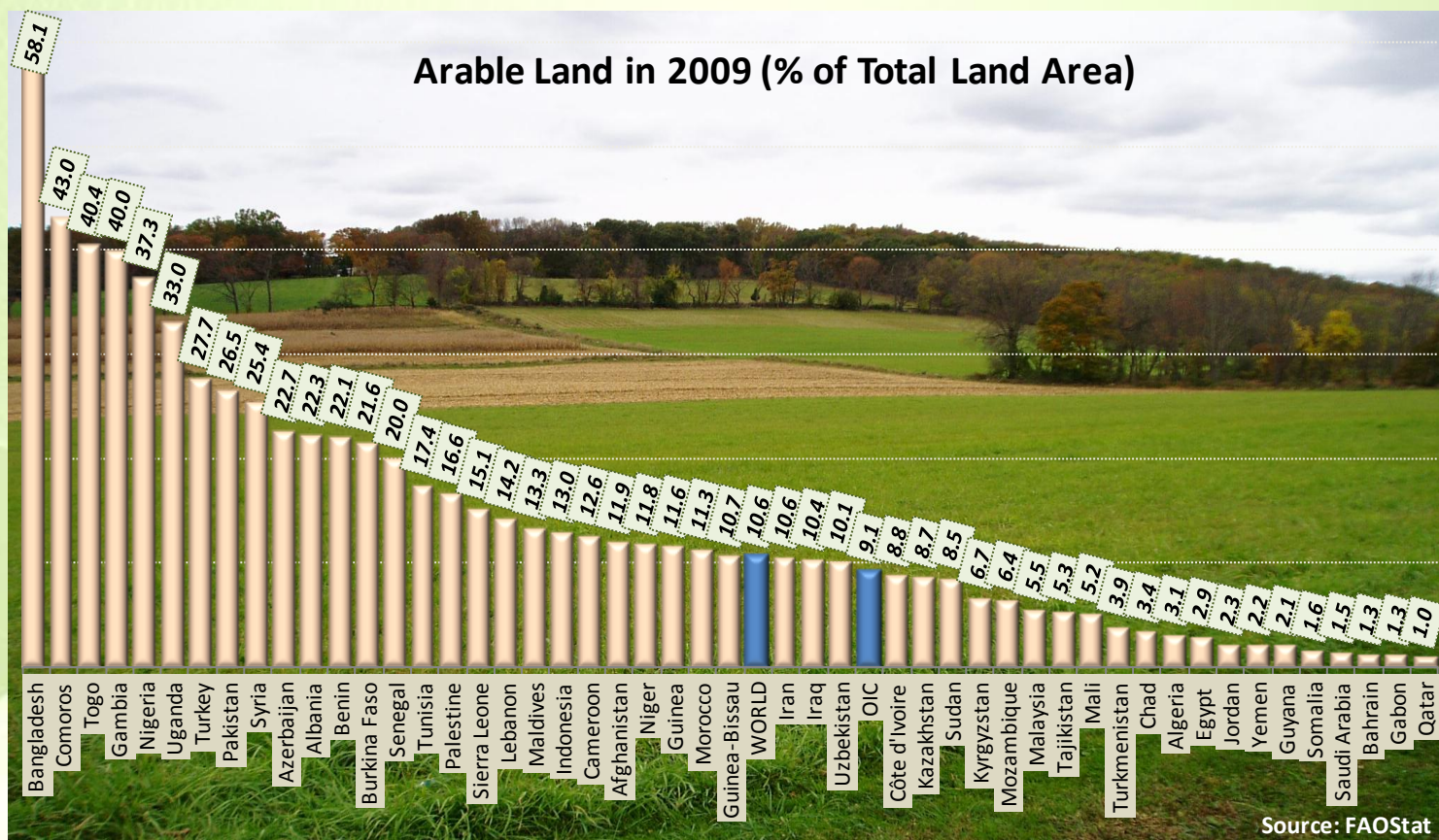


DID YOU KNOW?

- **Arable land** includes land under temporary crops (double-cropped areas are counted once), temporary meadows for mowing or for pasture, land under market or kitchen gardens, and land temporarily fallow. Land abandoned as a result of shifting cultivation is excluded. It should also be noted that data for “Arable land” are not meant to indicate the amount of land that is potentially cultivable.
- 10.6% of total land area of the world was arable land in year 2009 while it was 9.1% in the OIC member countries, on average. However, the percentage of arable land in total land area was above the world average in 26 member countries.
- Bangladesh took the lead with having 58.2% of its total land as arable land. It was followed by Comoros, Togo and Gambia where arable land also constitutes more than 40% of total land area.
- On the other hand, the share of arable land was below 2% in 13* member countries.
- Compared to year 2000, the arable lands of 31 member countries increased with respect to their total land area in year 2009. Among them, Gambia, Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso held the top three positions through improving their arable land by 12.0, 8.3 and 6.8 percentage points, respectively.



*Having arable lands below 1%, Libya, UAE, Kuwait, Brunei, Mauritania, Suriname, Oman and Djibouti are not depicted in the figure above.