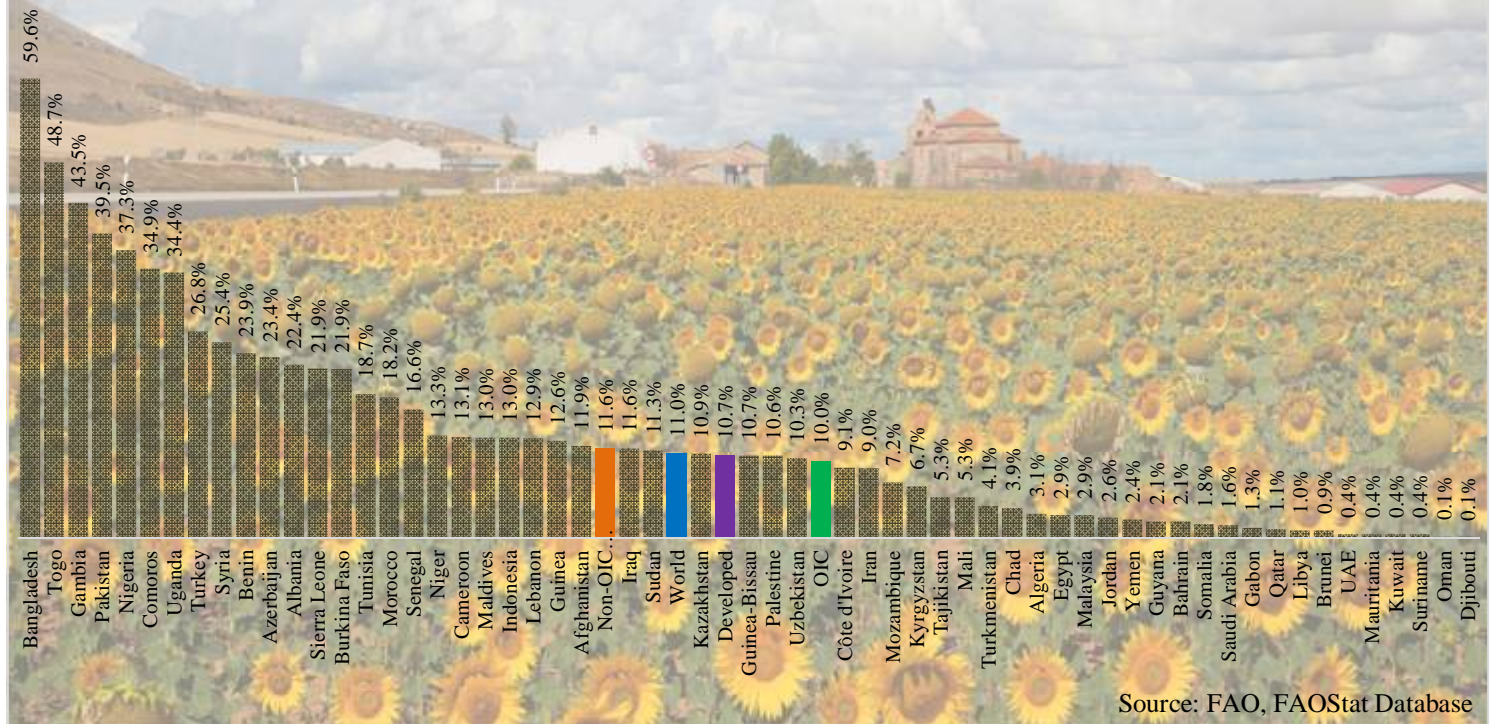


DID YOU KNOW?

Arable Land (% of Land Area, 2015)



- ✓ **Arable land** includes land under temporary crops, 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.
- ✓ 11% of total land area of the World was arable land in year 2015 while it was **10%** in the OIC countries as a group. However, the percentage of arable land in total land area was above the World average in **26 OIC countries**.
- ✓ **Bangladesh** took the lead with arable land share of **59.6%** in its total land. It was followed by Togo and Gambia where arable land constituted more than 40% of total land area.
- ✓ However, the share of arable land in total land area was **below 2%** in **12 OIC countries**.
- ✓ Compared to 2005, the share of arable land area in total land area of **33 OIC countries** increased in year 2015. Among them, **Gambia, Togo** and **Uganda** held the top three positions through increasing their arable land shares in their total land areas by **11.4, 10.1 and 4.6 percentage points**, respectively.
- ✓ On the other hand, the arable land shares in total land areas of **Palestine, Turkey** and **Nigeria** decreased by **5.8, 4.1, and 2.2 percentage points** between 2005 and 2015.