

Humanity's food security at risk

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On this winter day, the world was upside down: it was raining in the Arctic Circle and snowing in Rome.

The contradiction was not lost on those gathered at the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, located near the top of the world. The scientists, activists, executives and government officials were in Longyearbyen, to mark the 10-year anniversary of what has become known as the Doomsday Vault, which stores seeds of the world's most important crops deep in a mountain against the apocalyptic consequences of climate change and war.

The challenge they're facing now is that the climate is changing far quicker than they'd imagined. The facility sprung a leak last year after construction had failed to take into account that the permafrost could melt. Norway is now spending about \$20 million to secure and improve the facility. But it's not just the building.

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