

RESEARCH PROGRAM DIRECTOR - ASIA

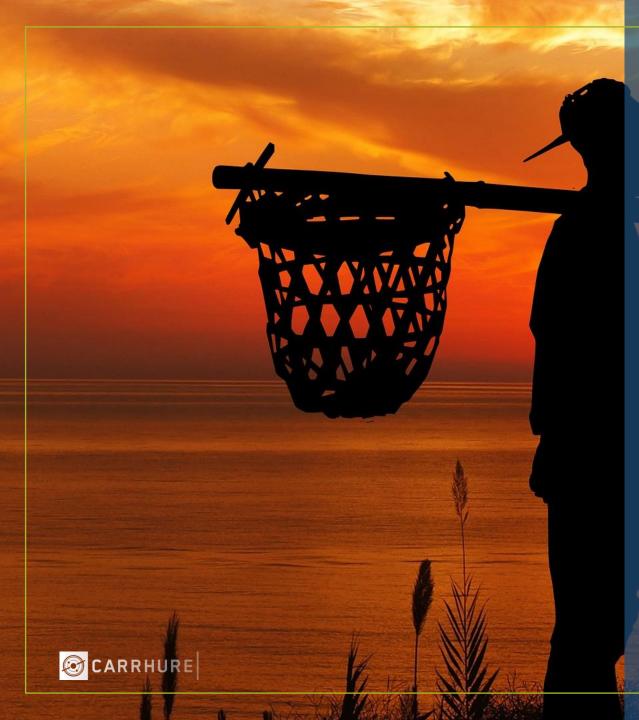
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About ICRISAT

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) (https://www.icrisat.org/) is a non-profit, non- political organization that conducts agricultural research for development in the drylands of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Covering 6.5 million square kilometers of land in 55 countries, the semi-arid or dryland tropics has over 2 billion people, and 644 million of these are the poorest of the poor. ICRISAT and its partners help empower the people of the semi-arid tropics to overcome poverty, hunger and a degraded environment through better agriculture. ICRISAT is headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana State, in India, with two regional hubs (Nairobi, Kenya and Bamako, Mali) and country offices in Niger, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Ethiopia and Mozambique. ICRISAT conducts research on five highly nutritious drought-tolerant crops: chickpea, pigeon pea, pearl millet, sorghum and groundnut.

ICRISAT envisions a prosperous, food-secure and resilient dryland tropic. To achieve this, its mission is to reduce poverty, hunger, malnutrition and environmental degradation in the dryland tropics. It approaches this through partnership-based international agricultural research for development that embodies Science with a Human Face. ICRISAT was founded in 1972 by a consortium of organizations convened by the Ford and the Rockefeller foundations. Its charter was signed by the FAO and the UNDP. Since its inception, its host country India has granted a special status to ICRISAT as a UN Organization operating in the Indian territory making it eligible for special immunities and tax privileges. ICRISAT is led by a full-time Director General under the overall guidance of an international Governing Board. ICRISAT is a member of the CGIAR, which unites organizations engaged in research for a food-secure future.

The position is based at ICRISAT HQ in Hyderabad, India.

For more details, please visit their website at: https://www.icrisat.org/

Key Responsibilities

- Represent ICRISAT in the Asia region through liaison with governments, pan-Asian networks and authorities, organizations and initiatives.
- Enhance partnerships in the Asia region, especially with regional/sub- regional organizations, national agricultural research and extension systems (NARES), non-governmental organizations and the private sector.
- Contribute to the strategic management and leadership of the Institute.
- Contribute to delivering on ICRISAT's Strategic Plan, Theories of Change and Country Strategies through professional research management and leadership that prioritizes and focuses the Institute's global research for development programs.
- Lead, coordinate, review and monitor the research activities in Asia, including resource mobilization, annual budgeting, research planning, priority assessment, proposal development, partnership relations, staff evaluation and research reporting.
- Lead the research effort of the Institute in understanding the challenges faced by farmers and communities of the semi-arid tropics of Asia and deliver a coherent research for development agenda for this region.





Key Responsibilities

- Participate in the ICRISAT Research Committee that formally drives the Institute's research agenda and so ensure science quality and research excellence across the Institute and especially within the Asia Program.
- Nurture and sustain internal cross-Program interactions and teamwork, working closely with other Directors and leaders in ICRISAT to ensure strong support for and engagement with the implementation of research activities globally.
- Assist in public awareness activities and greater visibility of ICRISAT in the region.
- As part of ICRISAT's broad partnering programs, represent the Institute in engagements within the CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs) and other CGIAR platforms.
- Contribute strongly to ICRISAT in the context of the changing CGIAR environment, working within the positive engagement of ICRISAT in the One CGIAR, including country engagement in Asia; and
- Perform other responsibilities assigned by the DDG-R and/or the DG





Appendix

- Organizational Chart
- ICRISAT Strategic Plan to 2020
- Financial Statement
- Annual Report 2018





