

ICRISAT joins One CGIAR partnership to transform food and water systems

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The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), the leader in tropical dryland agrifood system innovation, has joined the One CGIAR integrated partnership, comprising the CGIAR System Organisation and One CGIAR research centers. The expansion of the One CGIAR integrated partnership supports a united approach to transforming food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis.

ICRISAT has signed the CGIAR Integration Framework Agreement (IFA), which was developed by the research centre boards and CGIAR leadership to confirm and clarify the path to a united One CGIAR. All existing parties to the IFA have welcomed ICRISAT into the integrated partnership.

“The challenges the world faces today are so complex and interconnected that we can best deliver a food nutrition secure future by working together,” said Professor Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, CGIAR System Board Chair. “ICRISAT plays a vital role in delivering that goal in the semi-arid tropics, and its welcome participation in the integrated partnership will enable One CGIAR to deliver greater impact where it is needed most.”

Following an April 2023 resolution by the Governing Board of ICRISAT on the intent to join the One CGIAR integrated partnership, a joint statement was issued by the CGIAR System Board Chair and ICRISAT’s Board Chair, paving the way for ICRISAT to sign the IFA.

Professor Prabhu Pingali, Chair of the ICRISAT Governing Board, said that the strategic partnership has the potential to drive profound transformation across the world’s arid regions, combining ICRISAT’s global leadership in dryland agrifood systems with One CGIAR’s reach and impact.

“As a preeminent authority in semi-arid agriculture, ICRISAT anticipates deploying its innovative solutions to address the intricate challenges inherent in our global food, land, and water systems and looks forward to working in close cooperation

through the integrated partnership.â••