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CIRAD is involved in scientific  
communities in North and South  
alike:

- ▶ providing easy access  
to international research networks,
- ▶ sharing and generating  
know-how and knowledge with  
its partners,
- ▶ incorporating the human dimension  
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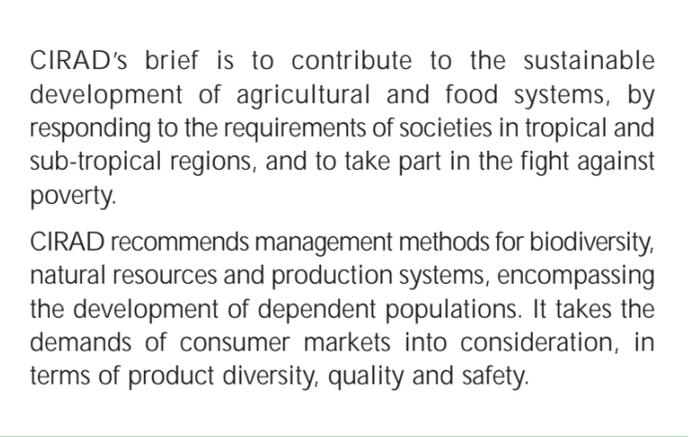
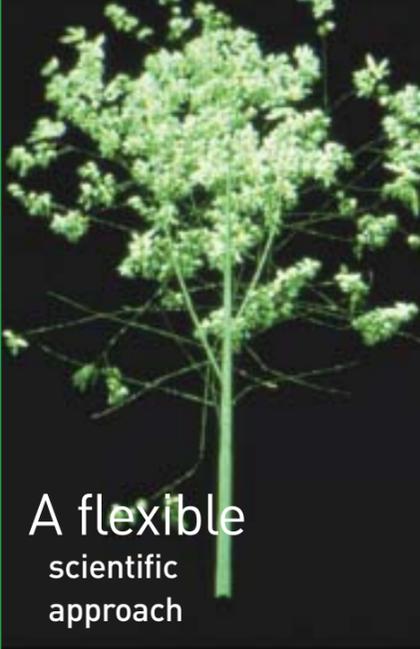


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Partnerships focusing  
on the scientific challenges  
for the development  
of hot regions

# CIRAD



## A mission at the heart of worldwide challenges

CIRAD is a French agricultural research centre working for development in developing countries and the French overseas regions.

It focuses on research partnerships. It centres its programmes on the worldwide challenges represented by sustainable development and the fight against poverty, food insecurity and the reduction of inequality.

CIRAD works hand in hand with development agencies and organizations, based on a shared conception of solidarity and worldwide security.

## A flexible scientific approach

CIRAD adapts its research programmes to developments on the national, European and international stage. Scientific excellence is a major requirement of its mission. It encourages interdisciplinarity and an integrated approach to problems tackled in a forward-looking way:

- ▶ its scientific priorities are governed by global and local challenges, and are drawn up in conjunction with partners in the South;
- ▶ its skills and areas of activity include the life sciences, human sciences and engineering sciences, and evolve through mastering new technologies;
- ▶ its operational structures and research units are based on the criteria applied by international scientific communities.

## Expertise geared towards developing countries

CIRAD's scientific expertise is based on the latest advances made in science and technology. The establishment is involved in the scientific aspects of sustainable development, in three major areas:

- ▶ agriculture and food, in terms of security and safety;
- ▶ management of natural resources, water and land, biodiversity and ecosystems, crop adaptability to global changes, environment and risk management;
- ▶ firms and organizations, decision support and governance.

Its scientific choices cover different scales: from gene to variety, from plants and animals to products, from analyses to decisions, and from small plots to large territories.

## One objective

Sustainable development

## An operating principle

Partnership

## A major requirement

Innovation and research development

## A major asset

Knowing how the land lies

CIRAD's brief is to contribute to the sustainable development of agricultural and food systems, by responding to the requirements of societies in tropical and sub-tropical regions, and to take part in the fight against poverty.

CIRAD recommends management methods for biodiversity, natural resources and production systems, encompassing the development of dependent populations. It takes the demands of consumer markets into consideration, in terms of product diversity, quality and safety.

CIRAD strives to work closely with countries in the South. It is increasingly involved in strengthening their institutional and individual capacities.

CIRAD is involved in skills centres, cooperative research units and transnational technological platforms. This serves to consolidate and renew its national, European and international alliances.

CIRAD innovates and responds to the unmet and emerging scientific needs of its partners. Its rationale centres on joint projects and the pooling of results.

Its scientific skills cover production, management, promotion, training and dissemination of knowledge. This enables CIRAD to bolster local, regional and international innovation networks.

CIRAD is supported by more than half a century of knowledge and experience acquired in the tropics by way of on-going research programmes. Its staff members work in the French overseas regions and in some 50 countries in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, Asia and the Pacific.

For many decades, CIRAD has been helping to improve the competitiveness of its economic networks using research findings. Its decentralized regional structure endows it with flexibility, reactivity and synergic potential.

# CIRAD at a glance

CIRAD has seven departments (Annual Crops, Tree Crops, Fruit and Horticultural Crops, Animal Production and Veterinary Medicine, Forestry, Territories, Environment and People, and Advanced Methods for Innovation in Science) split into 60 research and service units.

Its research units, the elementary operational level, are built on principles of interdisciplinarity, multidisciplinary and transversality.

In developing countries, its staff members work through scientific bases in some 50 countries, as well in the French overseas regions. Montpellier is the establishment's main research hub in metropolitan France.

Its 1800 staff members, including 750 researchers, work hand in hand with national and regional research and higher education organizations. The fact that it is involved in many different scientific communities sets it at the heart of a worldwide network of more than 10 000 researchers.

It has an annual operating budget of 170 million euros.

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