



Speaker Biographies

Dennis Garrity

Director General, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)



Dennis Garrity has been Director General of the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Nairobi, Kenya since October 2001. ICRAF is one of fifteen international agricultural research centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Dr. Garrity's work on developing agroforestry alternatives to slash-and-burn agriculture is widely recognized, as are his efforts to develop institutional innovations related to farmer-led organizations in sustainable agriculture and natural resources management. He has also actively promoted the landcare movement in Southeast Asia. Dr. Garrity received a B.Sc. in agriculture from Ohio State University, and M.Sc. in agronomy from the University of Philippines at Los Baños, and a Ph.D. in crop physiology from the University of Nebraska. See: www.worldagroforestrycenter.org

Papa Abdoulaye Seck

Director General, Africa Rice Center (WARDA)



Papa Abdoulaye Seck has been Director General of the Africa Rice Center since October 2006. He has wide-ranging experience in agricultural R&D planning, implementation, evaluation and management and is particularly noted for his in-depth knowledge of the needs and aspirations of the national agricultural R&D systems in sub-Saharan Africa. Before joining the Africa Rice Center (WARDA), Dr. Seck was the Director General of the Senegal Agricultural Research Institute (ISRA) and Advisor to the Prime Minister of Senegal. Since 2003, he has been a member of the Academy of Science and Technology of Senegal. Dr. Seck was the Chair of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) from 2003 to 2005. He is a member of Executive Committee of the West and Central African Council for Research and Development (WECARD/CORAF) and of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR). Dr. Seck has strong connections with the Consultative Group on

International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), having been a member of its Executive Committee and a member of the Board of Trustees of WARDA. He earned his PhD in policy and analysis relating to agricultural economics from the Université de Dijon, France, in 1989. In 2005, he was conferred with the title of *Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Lion* by the Government of Senegal for his services to the country. See: www.warda.org

Marianne Banziger

Director, Global Maize Program, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)



Marianne Banziger is the Director for CIMMYT's Global Maize Program and based in Nairobi, Kenya since 2005. CIMMYT engages cutting-edge science related to maize and wheat to offer developing country farmers better food security and livelihoods. In Africa, CIMMYT's research has produced new maize varieties that are tolerant to drought, low soil fertility, Striga, disease and insect pests, disease resistant high yielding wheat varieties, and conservation agriculture and soil fertility management practices. Indeed, over 50% of the improved maize and wheat varieties in Africa trace back to CIMMYT origins. Improved varieties and technologies are developed and made available in collaboration with national agricultural research systems, local seed companies, NGOs and farming communities. Dr. Banziger obtained her PhD in crop physiology at the Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich Switzerland in 1992. She joined CIMMYT as a

Post-Doctoral Fellow and Scientist, before she moved to southern Africa in 1996. Dr. Banziger's research focused on the abiotic stress tolerance in maize, in particular drought and low soil fertility. See: www.cimmyt.org