

# Appointment of AfricaRice Director General and CGIAR Regional Director for West and Central Africa

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**AfricaRice** is the region's primary rice research organization with a strong record in science for development and capacity building. It is focused on reducing poverty, achieving food security, and improving livelihoods of farm families and other rice value-chain actors in Africa by increasing the productivity and profitability of rice-based agri-food systems, while ensuring the sustainability of natural resources including by achieving significant water productivity improvements through a systems approach to rice production.

CGIAR is a global research partnership delivering evidence and solutions for a food-secure future. Through its collaborative, action-oriented approach, CGIAR helps transform food systems and nutritional security to reduce poverty in developing countries. CGIAR's research is carried out by CGIAR Centers (<https://www.cgiar.org/research/research-centers/>) distributed across the globe in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations, farmers and the private sector. In short, CGIAR improves people's lives through the transformation of food, land and water systems, helping build a world where everyone has an opportunity to fulfil their potential.

This role is an exciting opportunity for someone who has a passion to develop West and Central African potential, to use rice-based agri-food systems as a proof point and partner with other committed and innovative leaders contributing to the world's most pressing food, land, and water challenges.

As AfricaRice Director General, you will bring to the role high-level political and sectoral visibility to develop a corporate strategy, inspire the AfricaRice team and convene the best partners to produce science for impact in rice-related agri-food systems for the African continent. Concurrently, as CGIAR's Regional Director for West and Central Africa, you will drive, convene, and amplify CGIAR's collaboration with national science organizations and non-governmental organizations as well as develop strong private sector relationships. You will steward and lead efforts to ensure that CGIAR – through its interconnected Research Centers – operates in a manner that is substantially more than the sum of its parts.

This is a top leadership role in an exciting, dynamic and international environment that requires strategic vision, scientific excellence, humility, innovative and cutting-edge thinking, collaboration, dialogue, networking, change management, emotional intelligence as well as political acumen.

We hope you are interested in this role and we are excited to receive your application. To apply, please submit a CV and covering letter, detailing how you fulfil the role description and personal specification to <https://candidates.perrettlaver.com/vacancies/> quoting reference **5971**. **The deadline for applications is 9am BST Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

The position is located in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and comes with a competitive salary and benefits package for this location.

*AfricaRice and CGIAR are committed to fair, safe, and inclusive workplaces. We believe that diversity powers our innovation, contributes to our excellence, and is critical for our mission. Recruiting and mentoring staff to create an inclusive organization that reflects our global character is a priority. Cognizant of the constitutional requirement regarding nationality from a AfricaRice member country, we encourage applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, ages, disability statuses, sexual orientations, and gender identities. We particularly welcome applications from women.*

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