

About AIRCA

AIRCA -- the Association of International Research and Development Centers for Agriculture was created in 2012, by a like-minded group of international research and development centers that see the need for more integrated action to deliver sustainable agricultural intensification at a landscape scale. AIRCA is a nine-member alliance of international research and development institutes committed to increasing food security by supporting smallholder agriculture and rural enterprises within healthy, sustainable and climate-smart landscapes. Find out more about AIRCA on our website www.airca.org

History and added value of the landscape approach



Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Director General of the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture and outgoing Chair of AIRCA, was one of the driving forces behind the formation of AIRCA. In this interview she talks about the early days of AIRCA, what we have achieved so far and particularly why we consider the landscape approach so crucial for sustainable rural development. [Read more](#)

AIRCA White Paper: "Transforming Rural Livelihoods and Landscapes"

AIRCA launched its first White Paper at the Climate Change COP19 in Warsaw. [Read more](#)

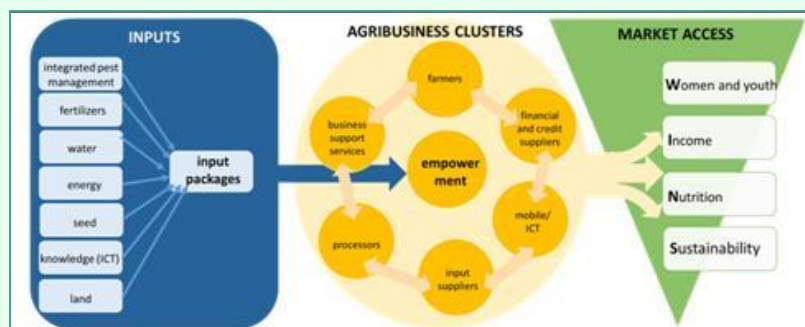
Interview with Dyno Keatinge: AIRCA's vision and way forward

Dr Dyno Keatinge, Director General of AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center, began his tenure as AIRCA Chair in July 2014. He is also Chair of [GlobalHort](#), a consortium which promotes horticulture for development. He is passionate about research having more impact on farm families' income and nutrition, and would like to see more support for integrated research. [Read more](#)



Spotlight on *icipe*: understanding insects to boost health and food security

In each issue, we will have a portrait of one AIRCA member. We will start this series with *icipe* which hosts the AIRCA Secretariat since December 2013. Established in Kenya in 1970, *icipe*'s founders recognised that the mainly developing countries in the tropics had special problems that were not being adequately addressed by scientists and organisations in the North. [Read more](#)



AIRCA Lake Victoria Initiative

Seven of the nine AIRCA members have joined hands to develop a project for the Lake Victoria Basin. Focusing on women and youth, AIRCA members will combine their skill sets and expertise to improve incomes and nutrition in the basin through so-called input packages, for example integrated pest management, fertilizers, water, energy, seed, knowledge management/ICT and land management. [Click here to read the concept note](#)

AIRCA Annual Steering Committee Meeting, Nairobi

On 19-20 February, AIRCA, held its annual steering committee meeting. The International Center for Insect Physiology and Ecology, *icipe*, hosted the meeting at their impressive new Bee Health Laboratory building, in Nairobi, Kenya. Representatives of all nine AIRCA members attended the meeting, where AIRCA's achievements and progress in 2014, as well as plans for 2015, were discussed.

You are also invited to visit us on

www.airca.org



<https://www.facebook.com/AIRCAalliance>



<https://twitter.com/AIRCAalliance>

Contact: Marita Dieling
Executive Secretary AIRCA, mdieling@airca.org
c/o *icipe*, Duduville, Kasarani, Nairobi, Kenya

AIRCA founding members

Click on the logo to view organization's website



AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center

Alleviates poverty and malnutrition in the developing world through the increased production and consumption of nutritious and health-promoting vegetables.



CAB International (CABI)

Improves people's lives by providing information and applying scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment.



Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)

Specializes in agriculture and natural resources, combining research, education and outreach to provide innovative solutions for sustainable development.



Crops for the Future (CFF)

Enables the wider use of underutilised crops to diversify agricultural systems, improve well-being and manage natural resources



International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA)

Working in partnership to deliver agricultural and water scarcity solutions in marginal environments.

Contact: Marita Dieling
Executive Secretary AIRCA, mdieling@airca.org
c/o icipe, Duduville, Kasarani, Nairobi, Kenya



International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

Enables sustainable and resilient mountain development for improved and equitable livelihoods through knowledge and regional cooperation, for improved well-being of men, women, and children of the greater Himalayas in a healthy mountain environment.



African Insect Science for Food and Health (icipe)

Helps alleviate poverty, ensure food security and improve the overall health status of people in the tropics by developing and extending management tools and strategies for harmful and useful arthropods, while preserving the natural resource base through research and capacity building.



International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC)

Enables smallholder farmers in developing countries to increase agricultural productivity, generate economic growth and practice environmental stewardship by enhancing their ability to manage mineral and organic fertilizers responsibly and participate profitably in input and output markets.



International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

The multilateral development organization of 41 Member States that is dedicated to the promotion of bamboo and rattan for improved livelihoods. INBAR works to improve the well-being of producers and users of bamboo and rattan and ensure a sustainable resource base.

Contact: Marita Dieling
Executive Secretary AIRCA, mdieling@airca.org
clo icipe, Duduville, Kasarani, Nairobi, Kenya