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invite you to a lecture on

Science and Innovation for Food Security and Peace



Dr. Bram Govaerts
Director General, CIMMYT, Mexico

on 24 June 2025
Agricultural Engineering Auditorium
10:00 AM

About the speaker



Dr. Bram Govaerts
Director General, CIMMYT, Mexico

Dr. Bram Govaerts is a Belgian bioscience engineer and soil scientist currently serving as the Director General (Secretary General and CEO) of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT). With a Ph.D. in Bioscience Engineering – Soil Science, along with Master's and Bachelor's degrees in related fields from KU Leuven, Belgium, he has dedicated his career to transforming global agri-food systems. Govaerts is renowned for his work on sustainable intensification, conservation agriculture, and farmer-centered innovation, particularly through initiatives like Mexico's MasAgro, which impacted over 2.5 million people.

His approach integrates scientific research, technology, market access, and capacity building, improving productivity and resilience for smallholder farmers in regions like Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. His contributions have been recognized with several prestigious awards, including the 2014 Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application, and he is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy. He also serves as an A.D. White Professor-at-Large at Cornell University. Through his leadership, Dr. Govaerts continues to champion sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, and rural development across the globe.

About the chair



Dr. R. S. Paroda
Preddent, IARI Alumni Association
and Former Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR

Dr. Rajendra Singh Paroda is a renowned Indian agricultural scientist known for his contributions to plant breeding, genetics, and sustainable agriculture. Born in 1942 in Ajmer, Rajasthan, he has held several prestigious positions, including Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India.

Dr. Paroda has played a significant role in global agricultural research, serving as the first chairman of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) and as Executive Secretary of the Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI). He has been instrumental in advancing agricultural policies and research collaborations worldwide.

His contributions have been recognized with numerous awards, including the Padma Bhushan in 1998 and the Norman Borlaug Award in 2006. He has also presided over key scientific conferences and initiatives aimed at improving agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Dr. Paroda continues to be an influential figure in agricultural research and policy, advocating for innovation and development in the sector.



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Programme

- 10:00 AM** Welcome Address
Dr. Anupama Singh
Patron, IARI Alumni Association & Jt. Director (Edu) , ICAR-IARI
- 10:10 AM** Introduction of the Speaker
Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao
Chief Patron, IARI Alumni Association & Director, IARI
- 10:15 AM** IAA-IARI Eminent Expert Lecture
Dr. Bram Govaerts
Director-General, CIMMYT, Mexico
Science and Innovation for Food Security and Peace
- 10:50 AM** Chairman's Remarks
Dr. R. S. Paroda
President, IARI Alumni Association & Chairman, TAAS
- 11:00 AM** Interactions with Audience
Moderated by: **Dr. Anupama Singh**
Patron, IARI Alumni Association & Jt. Director (Edu) , ICAR-IARI
- 11:15 AM** Vote of Thanks
Dr. Anil Kumar Singh
Secretary, IARI Alumni Association & Former DDG(NRM), ICAR
- 11:25 AM** Tea & Photo Session



