Under the Director General’s supervision, the oversight, integration and coordination of our R4D portfolio will rest with the DDG-Research, who will chair the Research Committee (RC). The RC will play an advisory role to the MG on R4D policies and priorities. It will also promote a systems perspective to our agenda by defining top-level outcomes from which priority systems within the IMOD framework are derived. The RC membership includes the Directors of ESA and WCA, the four Research Program Directors, RPM Director, Global Leader-Knowledge Sharing and Innovation and the Head of the Impact Assessment Office.

The research-for-development agenda will be achieved through the following Research Programs to be led by a Research Program Director as follows:

- Director, Resilient Dryland Systems – Peter Craufurd,
- Director, Markets, Institutions and Policies – MCS Bantilan
- Director, Grain Legumes – CLL Gowda,
- Director, Dryland Cereals – Oscar Riera-Lizarazu

The new Research Programs on Grain Legumes (dealing with chickpea, pigeonpea and groundnut) and Dryland Cereals (dealing with sorghum and pearl millet) will integrate cutting-edge tools in biotechnology for enhancing the efficiency of crop improvement research.

An Assistant Director each for ESA and WCA will be designated, and Country Representatives in the regions will assist and represent their ESA/WCA Directors as necessary. Regional Coordinating Committees in ESA and WCA, chaired by the Director of each region and composed of Assistant Directors/Country Representatives and Research Program representatives will provide support to the Directors on research program and regional issues.