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# Foreword

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This document has been produced with a view to facilitating the work of the fifth External Program and Management Review Panel of ICARDA. It gives a synthesis of ICARDA's research and human resources development and provides signposts of what is available when the Panel wants to look deeper.

As the starting point the document provides the Mandate and Mission statements. This is followed by an update on action taken on the recommendations of the fourth External Program and Management Review of ICARDA conducted in 1999/2000.

As an introduction to the Center's research, there is a summary of the evolution in research projects, program structure and scientific staffing since the last EPMR. This is followed by ICARDA's Poverty and Livelihood Strategy. A section is included on key impacts of research conducted during the last five years. The final section provides a brief profile of each of the six MegaProjects, Regional Programs and Research Support Units. These profiles cover achievements, current activities and future directions.

I sincerely hope that *Harvest of Research 2000-2005* will provide the Panel a clear point of entry into its multifaceted review of ICARDA.



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