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Current position: Senior Fellow, Meridian Institute, USA

M. Ann Tutwiler was the Director General of Bioversity International, an international research-for-development organization and a [CGIAR Research Center](#). As the Director General of Bioversity international, she was responsible for forging effective research partnerships and overseeing the organization's strategic priorities and research agenda.

Tutwiler has almost 30 years of experience in agricultural policy and development in the public and private sectors. She served as Deputy Director General (Knowledge) at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from January 2011 to November 2012. During this period, she coordinated the development of cohesive Rome food agency positions on Rio+20 for FAO, with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), World Food Programme (WFP) and Bioversity International. As a member of senior management at FAO, she managed five technical departments including Agriculture and Consumer Protection; Natural Resources Management and Environment; Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture; Economic and Social Development; and Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research and Extension.

From June 2009 to January 2011, Tutwiler worked for the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), leading and coordinating USDA's participation in the President's 'Feed the Future' initiative and developing USDA's international research strategy. Previously, she served as Senior Advisor of International Affairs for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She created and managed the agricultural markets program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation from 2006 to 2009. Tutwiler was Government Relations Director for a multinational agribusiness firm for ten years and co-founded a global think tank in agricultural trade policy.

Tutwiler holds a master's degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, USA, and a bachelor's degree from Davidson College, USA, where she received the John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service in 2005. She holds certificates in agribusiness from Purdue University, USA, and INSEAD, France.

Tutwiler joined the IWMI Board of Governors on March 1, 2019.