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New CGIAR Consortium CEO to lead the change

The Consortium Board of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research has announced the appointment of the first Consortium Chief Executive Officer, who will lead the CGIAR in the implementation of its new business model. Mr Lloyd Le Page is currently leading the Sustainable Agriculture and Development division of Pioneer Hi-Bred, a Du Pont business. In this global role he has focused primarily on working with small farmers and improving agricultural value chains in Africa and Asia.

Chair of the Consortium Board, Carlos Perez del Castillo, said Mr Le Page had been chosen for this new position following a rigorous global recruitment process, and is ideally suited to leading the CGIAR to forge stronger and more effective partnerships and lead the implementation of the CGIAR's new strategic, results-based research program.

"Mr Le Page will bring strong leadership and great depth of experience to the CGIAR," Mr Perez del Castillo said. "We believe he will be able to bring new elements to the CGIAR reform program, catalyse more effective partnerships with the private sector, donors, stakeholders, farmers and the CGIAR centers, to ensure the reform process has impact on the ground.

"Most of all, he is bringing a fresh vision to the CGIAR and a great deal of commitment and enthusiasm for contributing to the success of the reform process, and ultimately, impact where it counts – in reducing poverty and hunger, improving human health and nutrition, and enhancing ecosystem resilience through high-quality international agricultural research.

"Mr Le Page has had a successful career in farming and agri-business over the last 20 years, and brings with him a great deal of partnership and practical experience at local, regional and global levels. He has designed and led a number of public-private partnerships, and has been active serving on many non-profit boards and advisory groups, including work with major donors and national governments. He has gained the trust and confidence of many of the stakeholders that make up the international agricultural research community and has been consulted by some of the CGIAR centers in the development of consortium research programs."

After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree, he then spent several years running farms in southern Africa. During that period, he was deeply involved in many parts of the value chain ensuring farmers' produce reached consumers, a new facet of CGIAR reform. He then joined Du Pont business Pioneer Hi-Bred, one of the world's leading agricultural businesses, and ran a number of successful supply operations in Africa. Eventually, he ran the supply management operations throughout Africa for Pioneer and gained experience in linking the private sector with farmers in the developing world. In 2004, Lloyd moved to Pioneer Hi-Bred's head office in Des Moines, Iowa to establish and lead its Pioneer's sustainable development activities.

Le Page is a British citizen whose parents were missionaries in Africa, where he spent his childhood and the majority of his career. He is married with 2 children and currently lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

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