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**Current position:** Director General  
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Dr. Mark Smith was appointed as the Director General of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in August 2020. He was formerly IWMI's Deputy Director General – Research for Development, bringing more than 25 years of research and program management experience in water resources, agriculture, climate and sustainability.

He was formerly Director of the Global Water Programme at the International Union for Conservation of Nature ([IUCN](#)). He has led innovative, multi-regional programs in Asia, Africa and Latin America addressing river basin management, transboundary cooperation, climate change adaptation and nature-based solutions.

Dr. Smith has a doctorate in ecology and resource management from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a master's in climatology from the University of Guelph, Canada.