

Namukolo Covic Appointed Regional Director East & Southern Africa Amid Boost to Regional Leadership



Frequently Asked Questions

What does the role of Regional Director, East and Southern Africa (ESA) involve?

- As is currently the case, the Regional Director, ESA leads CGIAR's engagement with countries and sub-regional organizations in the ESA region, such as the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) and the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) as well as help to link CGIAR research to the CAADP process in the region.
- The position of Regional Director, ESA will be dual-hatted with that of the ILRI Director General's representative in Ethiopia for the period of their current contract.

Why was the new role of Regional Director, Continental Africa created?

- CGIAR is adding a role of Regional Director, Continental Africa to the current roles of Regional Director, East and Southern Africa (ESA), Regional Director, West and Central Africa (WCA), and Regional Director, Central and West Asia and North Africa (CWANA).
- The Regional Director, Continental Africa provides a clear, single entry-point and a fully dedicated counterpart for Africa's continental institutions including the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union (AU), the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the Africa Academy of Sciences.
- The additional Regional Director for Continental Africa position further strengthens the representation and voice of Africa-based and Africa-facing leaders in the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).
- The position of Regional Director, Continental Africa will be dual-hatted with that of the next Director General of IITA for the period of their contract.

Who do the Regional Directors in Africa report to?

- All of CGIAR's seven Regional Directors, along with the Global Director, Partnership & Advocacy, will report to the Managing Director, Regions & Partnership.

Why is the current alignment of Regional Director roles with Center Director General roles changing?

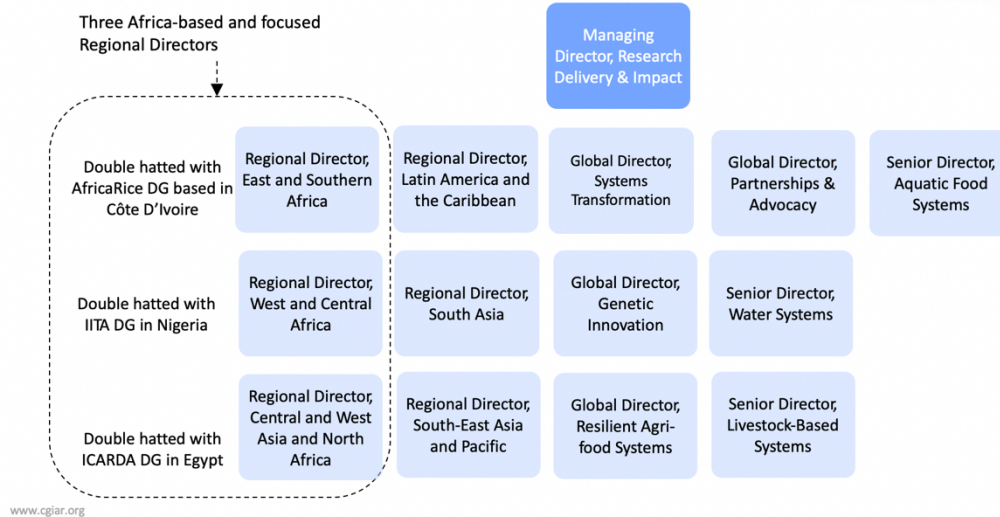
- Currently, the Regional Director, WCA is dual-hatted as Director General, IITA while the Regional Director, ESA is dual-hatted as Director General, AfricaRice.
- Going forward, the position of Regional Director, WCA will be dual-hatted with that of the next Director General of AfricaRice for the period of their contract. This physically locates the Regional Director, WCA in the region they represent.
- The Regional Director, ESA will be dual-hatted with the ILRI Director General's representative in Ethiopia, again physically locating the Regional Director in the region they represent.
- The Regional Director, Continental Africa will be dual-hatted with the Director General, IITA based in Nigeria.
- With updated, dual-hatting arrangements, the revised structure provides for a better alignment of CGIAR's Center footprints and Regional Director roles.
- This realignment is being implemented in the context of the recruitment of Directors General for AfricaRice, IITA and ILRI as the current, highly respected leaders of these three Centers retire.

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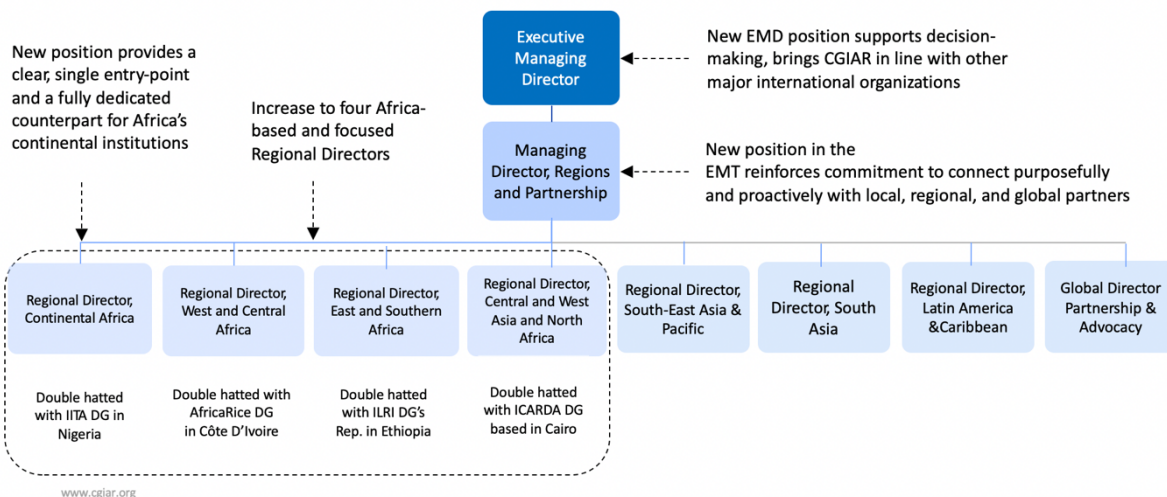


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What does the role of Regional Director, WCA involve?

- As is currently the case, the Regional Director, WCA leads CGIAR's engagement with countries and sub-regional organizations in the WCA region, such as CORAF.
- The position of Regional Director, WCA will be dual-hatted with that of the next Director General of AfricaRice for the period of their contract.

What does the role of Regional Director, CWANA involve?

- The position of Regional Director for CWANA remains unchanged.
- The position of Regional Director for CWANA is dual-hatted with that of Director General of ICARDA for the period of their contract.