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Dr. William Dar Director General, ICRISAT



Dr. William D. Dar, an accomplished researcher, science leader and administrator, has created outstanding impacts in the Philippines, Asia and Africa, guiding crucial periods of renewal for major national, regional and international institutions. Time and again, national and international public agricultural R4D institutions in periods of difficulty have called on him to build teamwork, unify vision and strategy, raise morale, and increase donor support for their food security missions. Gaining wide praise for his achievements, Dr. Dar was called into the international arena. Prior to donning his well acclaimed role of Director General of ICRISAT in 2000, he has held many prestigious positions including Presidential Advisor on Food Security and Rural Development of the President of Philippines; Secretary of the Philippine Department of Agriculture; Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD); Director of the Bureau of Agriculture Research (BAR) of the Department of Agriculture; and Vice President for R& D and Professor at the Benguet State University (BSU), Philippines. In his present capacity as Director General, ICRISAT's research agenda became more focused, decentralized and regionally targeted; projects are more sharply formulated and implemented solving smallholder farmers concerns, major crop and system issues and opportunities. Dr Dar's transformational leadership has turned ICRISAT into a forward looking institution. In April 2010, ICRISAT led by Dr Dar won the CGIAR's Science Award for Outstanding Partnership together with the World Vegetable Center (AVRDC), for improving the lives of women and children in West Africa. In 2008, it had won for the fifth time the King Baudouin Award, the most prestigious in the CGIAR, along with eight other centers. Throughout his successful career, Dr. Dar has received numerous awards and honours, including the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA) Special Award for Biotechnology and Life Sciences sector 2014, the Excellence in Agricultural Leadership Award by the Association of Agricultural Technology in Southeast Asia (AATSEA), Thailand in November 2013, and the prestigious MS Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture in June 2013. He will long be remembered for his dynamic and visionary leadership of ICRISAT, for fostering science with a human face, and, through a global network of partners, for advancing inclusive market-oriented development for the smallholder farmers of the semi-arid tropics of Asia and Africa.

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Mr. Salil Singhal Chairman and Managing Director, P.I. Industries Limited



Mr. Salil Singhal, Chairman & Managing Director, P.I. Industries Limited and a highly admired Industry leader in chemicals, agriculture and environment sector, has been serving the Industry since 1965. He was Chairman of the Pesticides Association of India, now called the Crop Care Federation of India, for 20 years. Subsequently he was elected as Chairman Emeritus for life. He also served as the member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Chairman of FICCI's Environment Committee for 5 years. Mr. Singhal was the Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Northern Region and headed CII's National Council for MSMEs. Presently he is serving as the Co-Chairman of CII National Council on Agriculture and is involved in many agricultural related policy issues. The veteran industrialist is also an active member of CII's National Innovation Council, and the Task Force on Corporate Governance. Mr. Singhal is holding several positions such as the Chairman of Secure Meters Limited and Wolkem India Limited; Director of Somany Ceramics Limited; Director of Lake Palace Motels Pvt. Ltd., to name a few. Under his able leadership, PI Industries has gained enormous trust and credibility as a leading agri-inputs company with a strong presence across the length and breadth of the country. Mr. Singhal brings a strong ethical, environmental and customer focus to the businesses, making PI Industries not only international in outlook but also strong in research and development. Each company in the Group is known to be in the forefront of technology. Mr. Singhal enjoys high respect for his commitment to agriculture and environment; promoting fair and transparent business practices in the industry and for espousing the cause of farmers.