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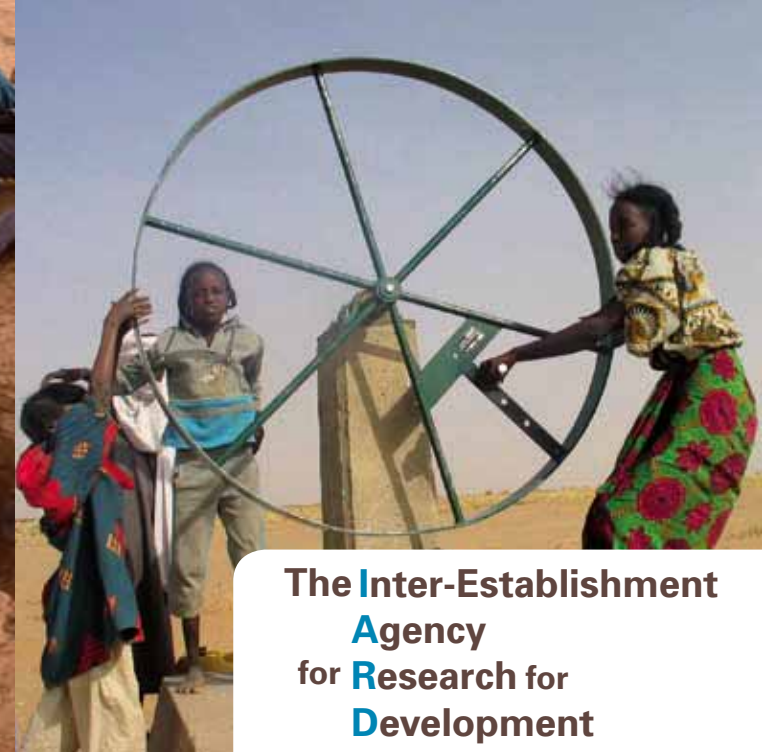
The agency is governed by a steering committee (Cora) which stimulates strategic thinking between North and South partners. The members of this committee are representatives of French research bodies, of the main multilateral* organizations and qualified personalities representing the Southern continents.



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The Inter-Establishment Agency for Research for Development

* CGIAR: Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research/WHO: World Health Organization/Nepad: the New partnership for Africa's development

It is intended to act as

A driving force by stimulating strategic thinking, generating proposals and providing expertise on research for development of the South

A mobilising force for all the actors in research for development

An active force for building up Southern scientific communities by supporting researcher training

A North-South institution



» The French research actors pool their efforts for the development of Southern countries.

» A mission entrusted to the IRD

The IRD was entrusted with the founding and management of the agency. The IRD is devoted to research on the development of intertropical areas and has been conducting research for sixty years in various fields such as water resources, climate, biodiversity, natural hazards, health, food security, international migrations...

The first calls for proposals

- > Ripiecsa, *interactions between ecosystems, climate and societies in West Africa*
- > The Souths today, *human and social sciences*
- > Avian influenza
- > Biodiversity, Indian Ocean, Madagascar
- > Systerra, *aquaculture*
- > Population and development

» For further information : www.aird.fr

6 founder members



» Promote research for development

The Inter-Establishment Agency for Research for Development was founded in 2006 to intensify and coordinate the French policy concerning the development of Southern country through research.

It is tasked with amplifying French research efforts for development by:

- > mobilising the potential of the French research teams: universities (CPU), Cirad, CNRS, Inserm, Institut Pasteur, IRD
- > pooling various types of financing: French, European or international.



» A programming based on priority themes...

The agency's programming is based on calls for proposals open to the scientific community in North and South and connected with the priority themes defined by the steering committee among the relevant topics for research for development.

» ... and on the strengthening of Southern scientific communities

Strengthening and building up Southern scientific communities likely to produce the knowledge necessary for their development is a priority. The Agency intends to carry out scientific activities and develop related training including:

- > training through research
- > support for Southern research teams
- > regional research programmes
- > scientific supervision for regional technology platforms

The missions of the agency and its committee

- > Conduct continuous discussion of the concepts of research for development
- > Define relevant scientific topics for research for development
- > Define priority themes for the agency's programming
- > Identify, mobilise and combine the skills and resources of all potential partners, North and South
- > Issue calls for proposals and through these launch research-for-development programmes comprising a wider North-South scientific community
- > Evaluate the research programmes launched and managed by the Agency

The priority themes

- > Governance and public policy
- > Health
- > Nutrition and food security, agricultural and aquacultural products
- > Impact of climate change and societies adaptation:
 - population and sustainable development
 - sustainability of ecosystems, biodiversity and anthropisation
 - management of natural resources
- > Energy for the South: new and traditional forms of energy

These priority themes will be improved by the discussions conducted by the steering committee.

