



**TRUST FOR ADVANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES(TAAS)  
IARI, New Delhi, India**

**Dr. M.S. SWAMINATHAN AWARD**

for

**LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE**

*Presented to*

**Dr. William D. Dar**

**CITATION**

Dr. William D. Dar, Director General, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Patancheru, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, has made outstanding contributions towards food security and agricultural sustainability in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. His work has created great impact on the lives of resource poor farmers. Dr. Dar has also actively promoted Public-Private-Farmer partnership linking strongly the end users with the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) as well as International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs). Under his leadership, effective research collaboration has been established in areas like germplasm exchange, biotechnology, crop improvement, water conservation, capacity building, and policy reorientation.

Dr. Dar has had a distinguished career as an educator, agricultural scientist and able research administrator. Being a great promoter of regional cooperation, Dr. Dar also served as Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI).

Prior to joining ICRISAT, Dr. Dar had served as Advisor to the President of the Philippines; Secretary, Department of Agriculture of the Philippines; Executive Director of the Philippine Council of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD); Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), Department of Agriculture; and the Vice President (R&D) of Benguet State University, Philippines.

In recognition of his significant contributions, Dr. Dar has been honoured with a number of awards and degrees of Doctorate of Science. He also received the Life-time Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions in the field of pulses research from the Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD).

Dr. Dar is a champion of the poor. He successfully led ICRISAT into renaissance and excellence with a motto of "Science with a Human Face". His transformational leadership has turned ICRISAT into a forward looking institute, financially strong and producing scientific breakthroughs as public goods for greater developmental impact. His passion is to help alleviate the socioeconomic conditions of the poor living in the semi-arid tropics of Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

In view of his outstanding contributions, the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) has great pleasure in awarding him the prestigious Dr. M. S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture.

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