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He provides leadership for building the framework and principles for enabling rapid and large scale impact of improved rice systems technologies along the value chain. This includes innovations in gender and marginal farmer inclusion, mulit-channel delivery of seed and crop production and post-harvest innovations, ICT for extension and capacity building.

The purpose is to provide an environment for IRRI with strong public, private and civil society partnerships that is catalytic for technology out-scaling and up-scaling. The unit supports and complements IRRI’s research divisions of social sciences, crop and environmental sciences, plant breeding and partnerships and communication. The team may form expert alliances for ICT for Extension, for farmer business organization and as appropriate.

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