The CIRAD is a public industrial and commercial establishment (EPIC), under the joint supervision of the Ministry for Research and the delegated Ministry for Overseas Aid and Francophony.

**Missions**

The CIRAD, a scientific organization specialized in agricultural research applied to warm climates, contributes to rural development in tropical and sub-tropical countries by providing the following services:

- laboratory research, on station and in producer situations.
- expertise, diagnosis and services.
- technology transfer.
- production and marketing, procedures, plant material.
- product development and management.
- training, teaching and institutional support.
- scientific and technical information.

**Fields of Activity**

- annual crops (sugarcane, cotton, food crops, agrosystems).
- tree crops (cocoa, coffee, coconut, rubber, oil palm).
- fruit and horticultural crops (fruit trees, banana, plantain and pineapple, horticultural products).
- animal production and veterinary medicine (rangeland and wildlife management, animal production, animal health).
- environmental economics and sustainable development.
- forestry (trees and plantations, forest products, natural forests).
- territories, environment and people (family agriculture, land and resources, savannas and irrigated systems, humid and insular tropics).
- advanced methods for innovation in science (agrifood systems, agronomy, plant biotechnologies and genetic resources, economics, policies and markets, plant modelling, crop protection).

**Key Figures**

- A budget of 152.5 million euros (2001).
- 1,800 employees, including 900 executives.
- 800 researchers and technicians hosted each year for work experience or training.
- research unit in France: in Montpellier, in the Paris region, in Corsica and also in the French overseas departments and territories.
- researchers in 50 countries working within national structures or supporting development operations.
- international aid to more than 90 countries in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, South America and Europe.
- 28 programs, spread over 7 departments.
- 2 libraries 150,000 works, 4,200 periodicals and 20 international databases.