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## *Memorandum of Understanding signed between Cemagref and IWMI in the field of water management*

**Pascal Viné, Director General of Cemagref and Colin Chartres, Director General of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), have signed, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aiming at developing a mid-term collaboration programme on water management.**

Cemagref and IWMI, which have been collaborating since 1992, are willing to follow up this cooperation on a range of research topics regarding various aspects of water management, at both scale of irrigation systems and hydrographic basins.

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The MoU sets up a framework for collaboration which may comprise the following elements: participation to join research projects, exchange of staff, transfer of technical and scientific information, training, etc.

This agreement aims at continuing their mid-term collaboration programme in the following research areas:

- modelling and automation of water delivery systems;
- performance of irrigation equipment and system;
- economics of water resources and agricultural use;
- integrated management of irrigated areas;
- irrigated land drainage;
- concepts and tools for integrated management of river basins;
- prediction of flows in ungauged basins.

Thanks to this joint programme, Cemagref and IWMI aim at developing research methodologies fit to decision-support computerized systems and tools in the field of water management.

Founded in 1984, **IWMI**, an international research institute, member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR, set up in 1971 to support the green revolution) has a mandate to improve land and water resource management for food, livelihoods and environment. It targets more specifically water and land management challenges faced by poor communities in developing countries. The priority research themes involve : agricultural water management at river basin level; land and water productivity in order to improve livelihoods; urban development and its impact on urban water management, agricultural productivity and food safety; and water management environmental aspects.

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