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ICARDA co-organized and participated in the third International Agronomy Congress in India on 26-30 November 2012 to discuss the critical issue of agricultural diversification and management in the face of climate variability and change. Held in New Delhi and inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing, H. E. Dr. C. D. Mahant, the conference brought together over 1200 participants.

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The meeting was attended by Dr. Kamel Shideed, ICARDA's Assistant Director General, and Dr. Ashutosh Sarker, Regional Coordinator for ICARDA's South Asia and China Regional Program. Dr. Shideed was the lead speaker for a technical session on diversification and the globalization of agriculture



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