

GRDC signs strategic alliance agreement with ICARDA

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[The Grains Research and Development Corporation](#) (GRDC) has signed a strategic alliance agreement with the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) to formalise ongoing collaboration.

GRDC Board Chairman and Mt Barker grower, Terry Enright said the partnership would create products to benefit Australian grain producers and poor farmers in developing countries.

"Under the agreement, the GRDC will support joint research on spring bread wheat improvement and chickpea breeding for drought tolerance and disease resistance," he said.

Mr Enright and ICARDA Director General, Dr Mahmoud Solh signed the agreement during Mr Enright's May visit to Syria, where he also met researchers to discuss further collaboration.

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