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Memorandum

To: All IRS, SMG, VS and students
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Copy: MG Members, Global Leader-KMS, Head-Library and Information Services
Subject: **Launching of Open Access Model: Digital Access to ICRISAT Scientific Publications**

ICRISAT has now adopted to implement the Open Access policy to share and disseminate widely the results of the Institute's research and development activities. This will make it possible to:

- more systematically assemble and preserve the scientific output of the institution;
- provide scientific information services to external users, with special focus on universities, researchers, and research institutes in the developing countries, especially those in the SAT;
- provide easier access to the entire range of scientific publications of ICRISAT in full text;
- enhance the profile of the researchers and the institution and will contribute to increasing the impact of the outcomes, i.e. increased number of citations of scientific articles of our researchers, and thus improve the generation of international public goods; and
- provide tangible and consistent indicators for the performance evaluation of staff and the institute, and demonstrate the public value and scientific, social and economic relevance of our research.

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