

Short biography – Dr Pema Gyamtsho, ICIMOD Director General

Dr. Pema Gyamtsho is the Director General of ICIMOD. He had served the Royal Government of Bhutan for over three decades in natural resources management and planning; rural development; agriculture; forestry; livestock and food production; rangeland management; livestock development; participatory approaches; research and extension institutional building; climate change and environmental protection; biodiversity conservation; and organic farming. He also previously had led ICIMOD efforts in policy and partnerships and regional rangeland management work.

In his previous role as Minister of Agriculture and Forests, he was involved and often led the enactment of over 60 pieces of legislation and throughout his career he has also worked at the grassroots level where he has overseen the formation of over 400 farmers' groups and cooperatives.

Dr. Gyamtsho holds a PhD in Natural Science from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich.