



BIOGRAPHY

Dr Patrick Moriarty

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, [IRCWASH](#)



“I find the most satisfaction working in the messy interface between policy, strategy, research and practice – finding smart ways to achieve big goals”

Dr Patrick Moriarty is a strong champion and recognised global advocate for a systems approach to the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene [WASH] crisis. He is an authority on sustainability, local water governance and applying systems thinking to the wicked problems of providing safe water and safely managed sanitation to people.

He is passionate about providing leadership to the global WASH community; ensuring that IRC contributes to igniting and supporting sector wide change that creates the strong national and local WASH systems that deliver improved services to all. He builds teams and networks that challenge the status quo in WASH, inspiring people to work effectively to purpose: bringing water and sanitation services to everyone, everywhere that last forever.

As a senior Leader, respected voice, writer and blogger with more than 25 years of global experience in water, sanitation and hygiene, Patrick inspires and empowers partnerships to effective collective action. He has a wide and deep knowledge of the use of research, learning and evidence to drive change in policy and practice. He provides high-level strategic advice and support to a broad range of governments, the private sector, organisations, and networks. Currently, Patrick is the Chair of the steering committee of water and sanitation’s global partnership, Sanitation and Water for All

Over the last six years, as IRC’s CEO, he has led a successful process of organisational change, restructuring and rebranding creating a family of strong district, country and global programmes united around a common vision and strategy.

Patrick holds degrees in Geography (Phd), Environmental Technology (MSc) and Civil Engineering (BAI). He has ample experience working across domestic water and sanitation and water resource management in Africa and South Asia, including more than ten years living in Ghana, Zimbabwe and Niger.

Patrick is a native English speaker and is fluent in French.

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