

**Dr Eugene Terry**  
**11 June 1937 – 7 April 2026**



The Kirkhouse Trust warmly honours the life and service of **Dr Eugene Terry**, who worked closely with the charity as Seed Systems Consultant (2013–2020) and as a valued member of its Science Policy Advisory Group.

Dr Terry was an internationally respected leader in agricultural science whose career was marked by a profound and lasting impact on seed systems in Africa. For the

Kirkhouse Trust, he played a pivotal role in strengthening understanding of both formal and informal seed systems in West Africa, guiding the charity's strategy for the dissemination of improved legume varieties and helping to shape the charity's policies. He provided practical insight, through reports, engagement with donors and agricultural institutions, and active participation in the charity's annual consortium meetings.

Beyond Kirkhouse Trust, Dr Terry served as a Trustee of the Syngenta Foundation and Chair of the World Agroforestry Centre. He worked at the World Bank, was Director-General of the West Africa Rice Development Association (now AfricaRice) and was the Founding Director of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF). He also chaired the BecA-ILRI Hub Advisory Panel, on which KT's founder, Sir Edwin Southern, served at his invitation.

Dr Terry's intellectual generosity, strategic judgement and lifelong commitment to improving agricultural livelihoods in Africa made a lasting contribution to the charity and to the wider scientific community.

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