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For the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and its partners, the link between research and policy is of paramount importance in their goal to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions in developing countries. Collaboration between researchers and decision-makers, however, is complex, multifaceted, and often difficult to implement. Further, research is very often designed and carried out without regard for its potential users or beneficiaries. How should research agendas be developed? What is the role of the private sector in developing research? Which actors are involved in the process? How can the needs of decision-makers be better understood? How can researchers better engage with decision-makers? These are some of the questions that this document addresses.