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Sagadevan Mundree was appointed Director of the Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities (CTCB) at Queensland University of Technology in January 2016. Prior to that, Sagadevan was Deputy Director of the CTCB for 5 years. He leads a research Team that is focused on making crops more resilient to environmental stresses such as drought and salinity and more nutritious. Prior to joining QUT, he was a Senior Executive in the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (QPIF) where he led a Team that was responsible for QPIF's Investments in Research, Development and Extension in all the primary industries of Queensland. Sagadevan is a former academic from the University of Cape Town and served as Chief Executive Officer of South Africa's National Innovation Centre for Agricultural Biotechnology. He holds a PhD in Molecular and Cell Biology, which he completed at Auburn University (USA) on a Fulbright Scholarship, an MBA from the University of Cape Town and recently became a Senior Executive Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School. Sagadevan is a member of the South African Academy of Science and served on the National Biotechnology Advisory Council.