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# National Institute of Food and Agriculture Reorganization

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# Overview

- **Reorganization Background**
  - Danforth Study
  - Create 21
  - REE Mission Area Reorganization
- **Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008**
- **From CSREES to NIFA**
- **5 Grand Societal Challenges**
- **NIFA Organizational Structure**



# Reorganization Background

- **Danforth Study**
  - Initiated by Congress
  - Focus: NRI & Competitive Research
- **Create 21**
  - Initiated by Land-grant Institutions
  - Focus: Formula Funds & Federal Leadership
- **REE Mission Area Reorganization**
  - Initiated by Under Secretary
  - Focus: Program Coordination & Resource Utilization



# **Food, Conservation, and Energy Act 2008 “Farm Bill”**

- **Required Secretary of Agriculture to establish NIFA**
- **Farm Bill and Guiding Principles called for Integration across Programs, Functions, Funding Authorities, and Funding Mechanisms**
- **NIFA established October 2009**



# From CSREES to NIFA

- **Optimize organizational structure to effectively serve stakeholders**
- **Enhance quality, relevancy, and performance of programs**
- **NIFA organizational structure announced October 2010**



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**NIFA will enhance and elevate  
the stature of  
food and agricultural sciences  
and ultimately grow support for  
research, education, and Extension**



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# **NIFA Mission Statement**

**Leading Food and Agricultural  
Sciences to Create a Better Future  
for the Nation and the World**



# Refocusing NIFA Science

- **NIFA investments will focus on 5 grand societal challenges:**
  - **Climate change**
  - **Bioenergy**
  - **Food safety**
  - **Nutrition and childhood obesity**
  - **Global food security**



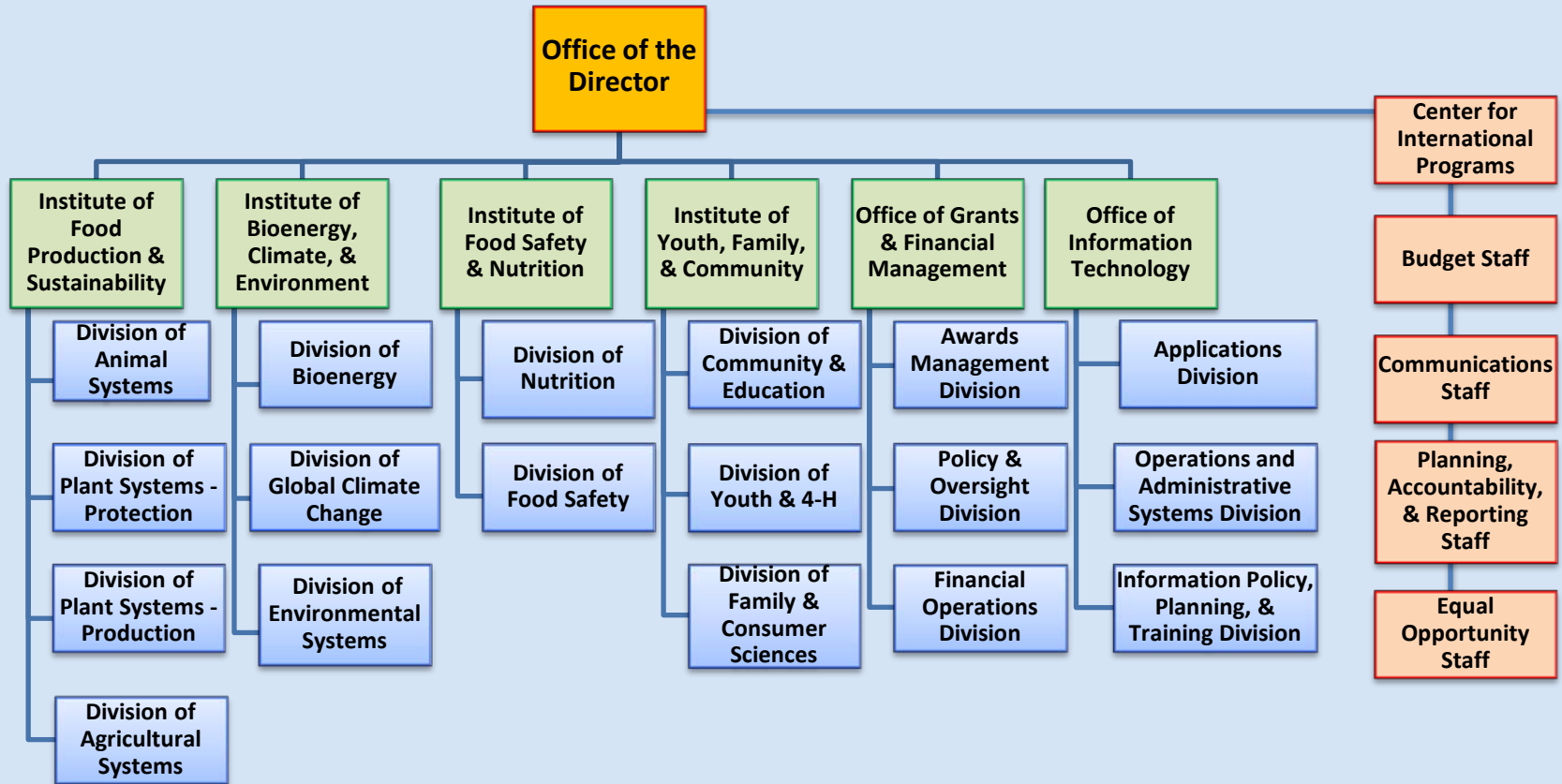


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# NIFA Organizational Structure



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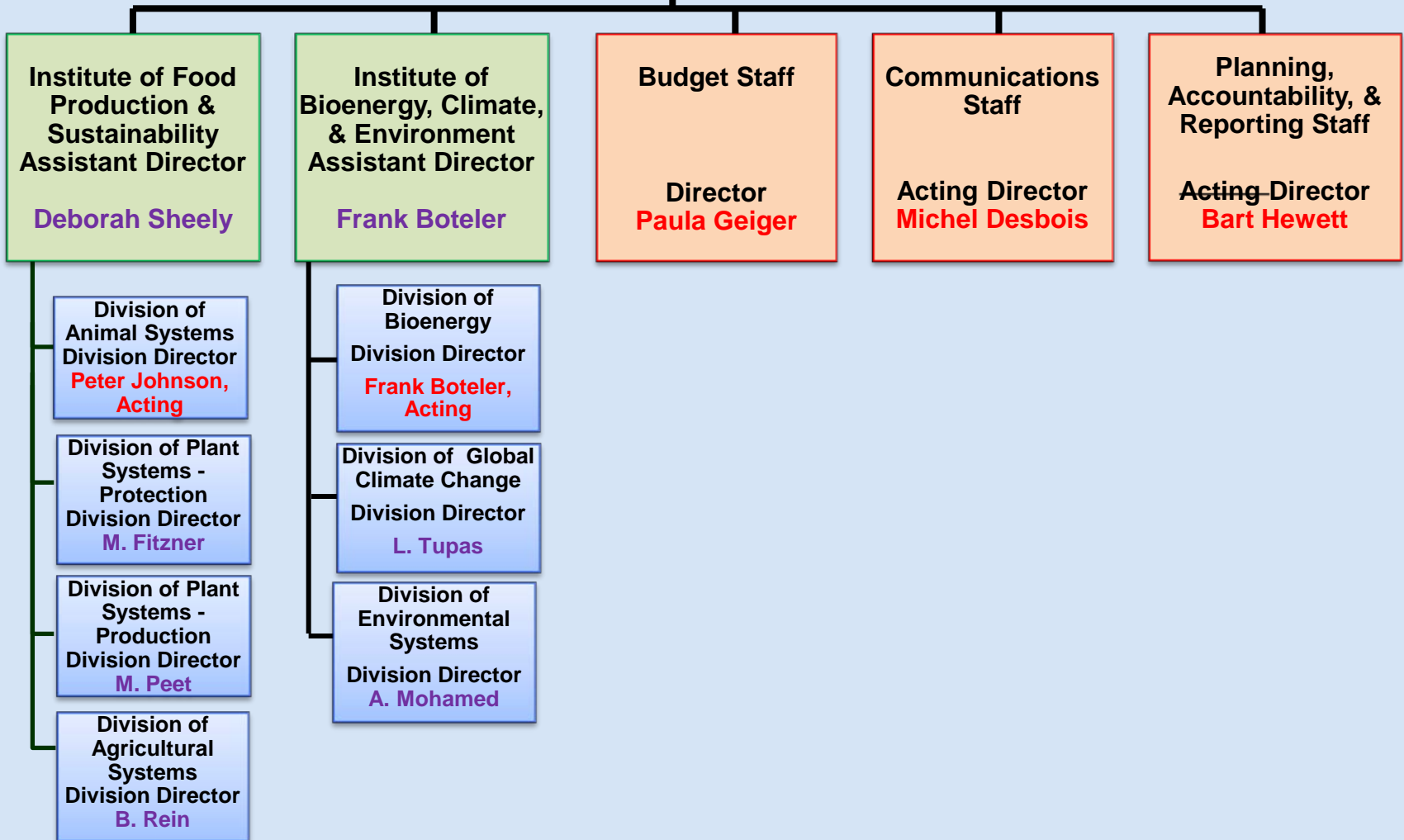


# Administration and Functions of Institutes in NIFA

- **Institutes to be led by principal scientists + assistant directors with experience in USDA administration and policies,**
- **Will look to examples of best practices for operations of the institutes, and**
- **Will seek advice and input from external groups of stakeholders and expert scientists.**



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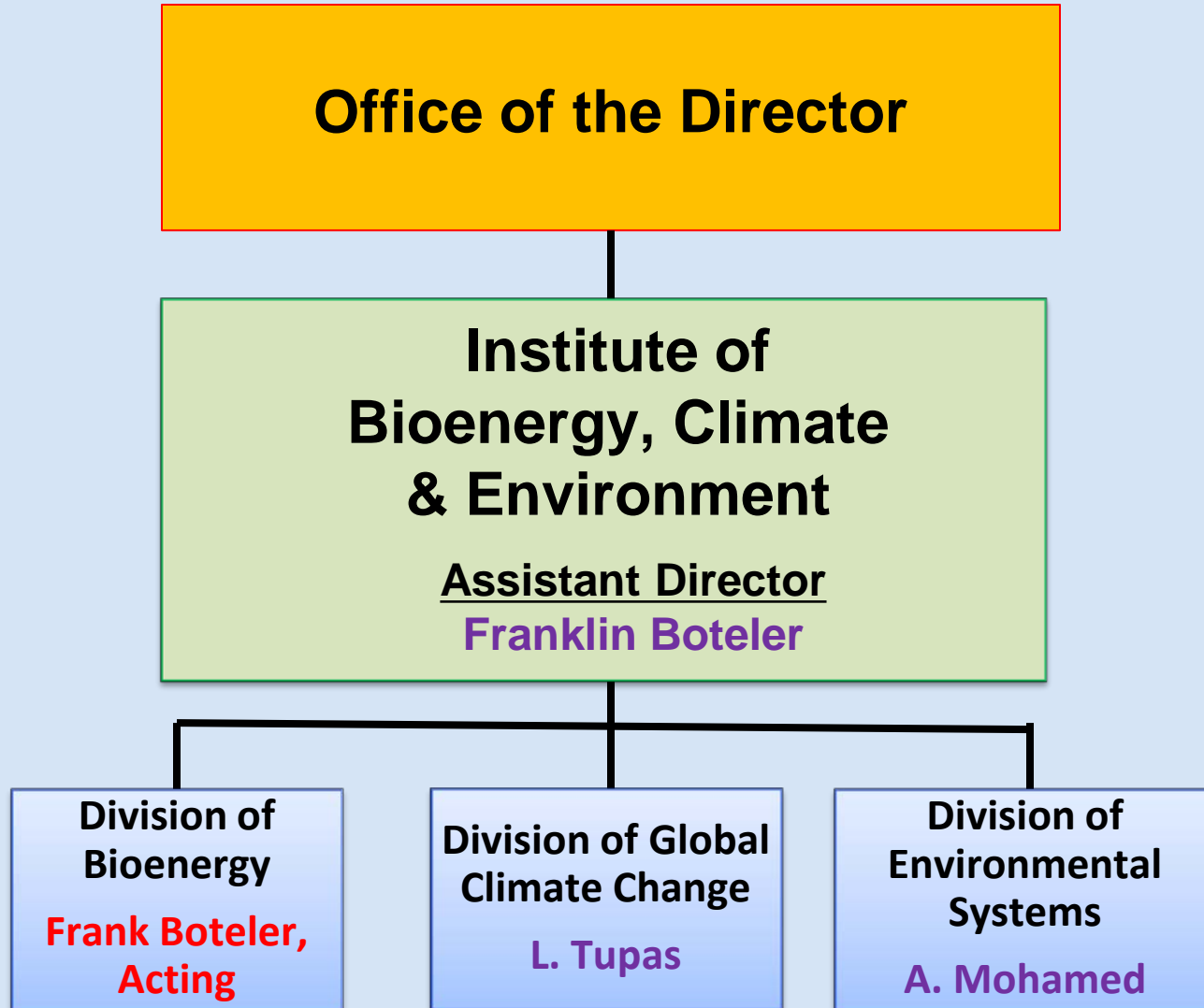
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*Reducing childhood obesity*  
*Improving food quality*







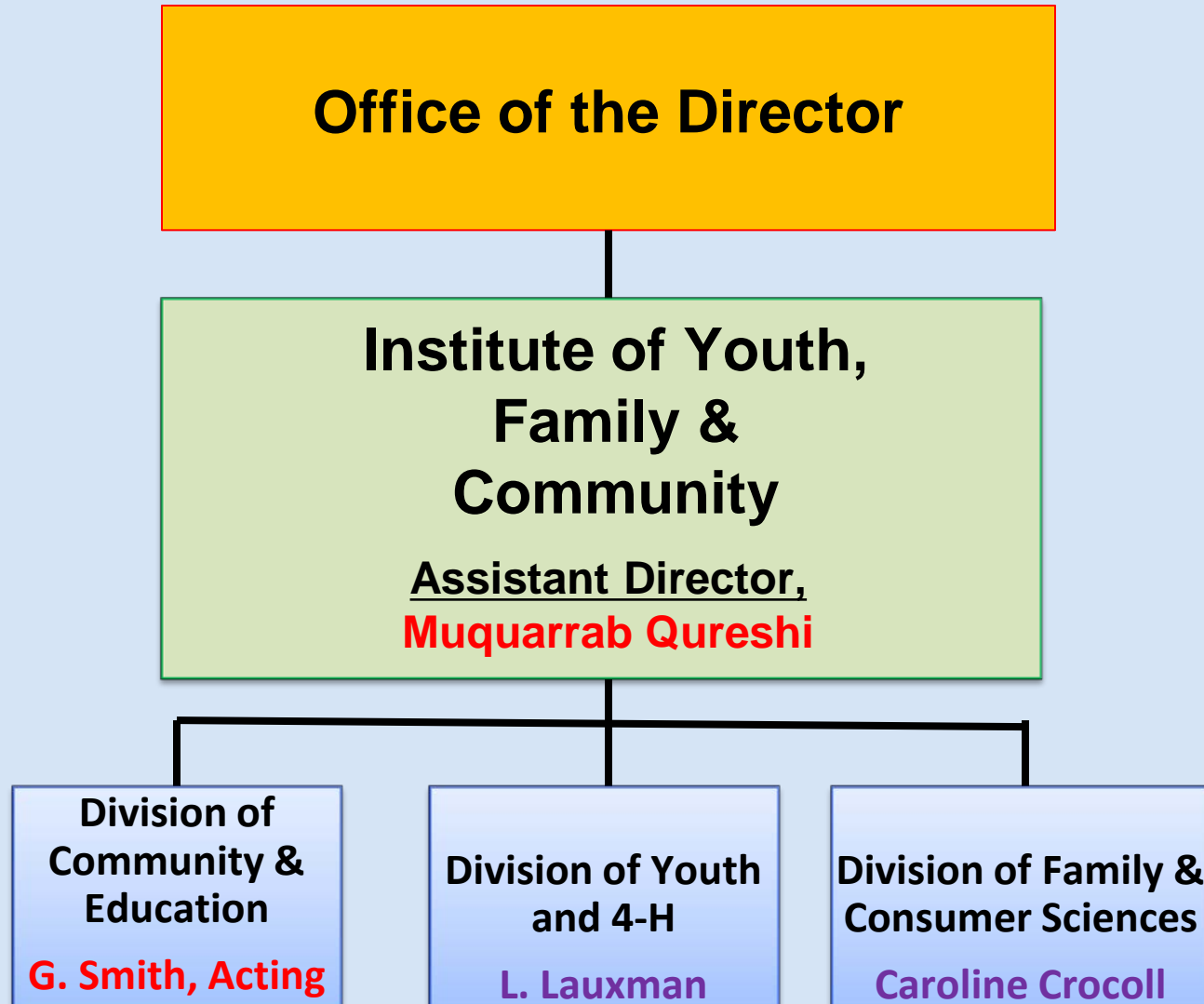
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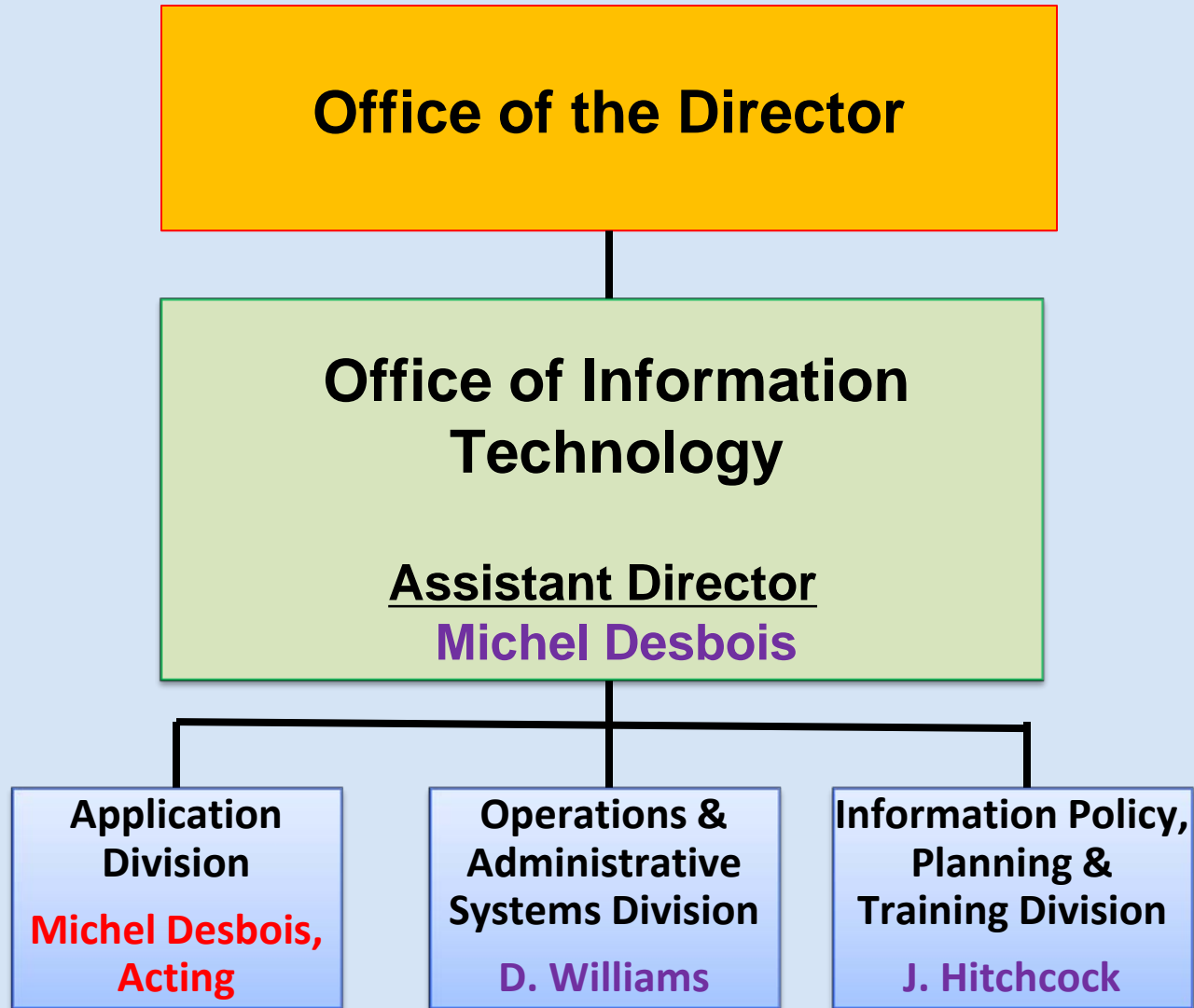
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in developing countries*











# NIFA's Next Steps

- ~~• Establish Principal Scientist positions for each of the new Institutes~~
- Ensure that educational functions of NIFA are effectively integrated across the agency
- Ensure that NIFA is recognized as a globally engaged science agency
- Establish a Human Capital Development Task Force for NIFA
- Establish a NIFA – 'Best Place to Work Initiative'



# NIFA's Next Steps cont.

- **Establish a Science Leadership Council**
- **Establish Mission Critical Chartered Teams**
- **Establish a Competitive Programs Task Force**
- **Establish an Infrastructure and Capacity Programs Task Force**
- **Establish a Science Policy Task Force**



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