



## Side Event Booking Form

Please fill this form to book your side Events and return it to: <a href="mailto:TendaiT@nepad.org">TendaiT@nepad.org</a>	
<b>Title of event:</b>	Contribution of the Coalition for African Rice Development for the implementation of CAADP
<b>Promoting organization(s)</b> <i>(please provide names, telephone and e-mail addresses)</i>	<p><b>Name and full contacts:</b></p> <p><b><i>Coalition for African Rice Development, c/o Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, P.O. Box 66773-00800, Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya, telephone: +254-20-3675-225, e-mail: <a href="mailto:hiraoka@agra-alliance.org">hiraoka@agra-alliance.org</a></i></b></p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b></p> <p><b><i>Hiroshi Hiraoka, Coordinator</i></b></p>
<p><b>Give a short description of the event (300-350 words) indicating thematic focus, objectives, and potential contribution to the session of the CAADP Partnership Platform and Agriculture and Food Security in general.</b></p> <p>The CARD Initiative was launched by NPCA, AGRA and JICA at the occasion of the Fourth Tokyo International Conference for African Development in May 2008. With the goal of doubling the rice production in 10 years in Sub-Sahara Africa, thereby contributing to the food sovereignty and economic development in the region, the CARD Initiative has been, on one hand, assisting 23 SSA countries in formulating and implementing their National Rice Development Strategies (NRDS) which is fully in line with the framework of CAADP, with some advanced countries having started to secure funding for some parts of the investment needs. On the other hand, the CARD Initiative coordinates interventions of key developing partners mainly through sharing vital information to allow them to plan according to their own comparative advantages. Recently, the Initiative has started its work on the enabling environment for the private sector and currently is working on the mechanization value chain in the seven countries out of 23. In the future, the Initiative will gradually increase its dialogue with various types of the private sectors regionally and globally, so that they become more aware of the huge potential of the rice production (/ and other regions) and their voices are heard by the African governments for their actions.</p>	
<b>Expected number of participants</b>	



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<b>Do you envisage inviting Ministers or other VIPs to the side event?</b>	No
<b>Would you need any equipment for the side event? If yes, indicate the needed equipment</b>	Note: this is for the purposes of determining the kind of venue particular side events may require.  Laptop, projector and four wireless microphones
<b>Is interpretation required?</b>	Yes
<b>Preferred date and timing of event</b>	6 p.m., First day of the event (3 or 4 May) before the welcome cocktail
<b>Date of event request</b>	13 April 2012

**Please note:**

- *Limited rooms have been booked for side meetings. Participants are advised that the secretariat is responsible only for room allocation. Time slots and rooms will be accommodated according to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional services (such as catering, technical equipment, etc.) may be obtained at an additional cost. Please contact the events manager for assistance*
- *A calendar of side events during the conference will be published on notice boards and on the website - [www.nepad-caadp.net](http://www.nepad-caadp.net)*
- *No interpretation for side events will be provided by the NPCA. Information on interpretation, as well as on expected number of participants in the event, will be only used for the selection of appropriate meeting room and facilities. Providing and paying for interpretation is solely a responsibility of the promoting organization. (please contact the events manager for assistance.)*