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Implementation of the Uganda National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS)

by

The Director Crop Resources/ NRDS Task Force –Uganda

at

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7th- 11th November 2011
Speke Resort, Munyonyo, Kampala**

Welcome and Appreciation for hosting the CARD 4TH General Meeting

- Uganda welcomes all of you distinguished participants.
- Uganda appreciates CARD Steering Committee, CARD members and all stakeholders for selecting us to be the host of the 4th CARD GM.
- We will be glad to host another CARD meeting.
- Feel at home – Uganda has good weather all year round, a leading producer of a variety of foods, hospitable and peaceful people, etc.



Rice Production

Year Crop Production (MT)	2008	2009	2010	Estimated % Growth between 2008 and 2010
Rice (un-milled)	177,857	205,765	218,111	22.63%
Maize	2,314,909	2,354,664	2,373,501	2.53%
Cassava	2,875,619	2,952,171	3,017,118	4.92%
Wheat	-	-	-	-
Millet	274,857	249,510	267,973	-2.50%
Banana	4,229,292	4,522,043	4,594,396	8.63%
Beans, dry	911,667	924,728	948,771	4.07%



Priority areas on SIEM

	Policy/ Institutional	Infra- structure	Human resource capacity	Provision / Support	Information / Knowledge
Seed				1	
Fertilizer				2	
Irrigation / water management		3			
On-farm technology dissemination				4	7
Mechanization					
Quality improvement	6			5	
Access to market					
Access to credit				2,4,5	
Overall policy tools					



List of Priority Interventions & Its Alignment of In-Country CAADP Framework

DSIP = CAADP framework for Uganda

Priority Project	No. DSIP Sub-program /CAADP
1. Seed Generation, Multiplication, Distribution	2.2 Quality Farm Input 1.8 Strategic Enterprise
2. Rice Yield Enhancement	1.4 Land Management 1.8 Strategic Enterprise
3. Water for Rice Production	1.5 WfAP 1.8 Strategic Enterprise
4. Rice Production Mechanization	1.6 Mechanization 1.8 Strategic Enterprise
5. Support to Rice Value Addition and Improve Marketing	2.3 Value Addition 2.5 Collective Marketing 1.8 Strategic Enterprise
6. Rice Industry Secretariat Strengthening	1.8 Strategic Enterprise
7. Generation and dissemination of Information and knowledge	1.8 Strategic Enterprise



List of some of the Champions

Name	Job Title	Organization
H.E. Y.K.Museveni	H.E, the President	President's Office
Vice President	Vice President	Vice President's Office
Hon. Prime Minister	Hon. Prime Minister	Office of the Prime Minister
Hon. Tress Buchanayandi	Hon. Minister-MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
Hon. Nyira Zerubabbel	Minister of State (Agriculture)	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
Mr. C.M. Kassami	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Devt.
Mr. V.R. Rubarema	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
Amb. Philip Idro	Chairman	National Rice Processors' Association



List of some of the Champions

Name	Job Title	Organization
Mr. Okaasai S. Opolot	Director, Crop Resources	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
Dr. Dennis Kyetere	Director General	National Agricultural Research Organization
Mr. Alex Lwakuba	Ag. Commissioner Crop Production & Marketing/ ACCP&M	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
Dr. Tom O. Okurut	Executive Director	National Environment Management Organization
Dr. Silim Nadhy	Executive Director	National Agricultural Advisory Services
Dr. Roseline Nyamutale	Director	Sasakawa Global 2000 Uganda

Note that this list is not exhaustive, there are several stakeholders in Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives, Ministry of Local Government, Private Sector, NGOs, Development Partners (such as JICA, FAO), etc.



Actions Taken to enhance NRDS implementation

- ✓ A comprehensive proposal with all the 7 prioritized interventions developed and submitted for GoU funding.
- ✓ Disseminated the NRDS and concept notes of the prioritized interventions in the following fora:
 - Rice Stakeholder's workshop (Attended by over 80 stakeholders including Private Sector and DP's (FAO, JICA, WFP, EC, SG2000, Brac) on 12th July 2011 at Hotel Africana
 - On World Food Day of 16th Oct. 2011 at Abi-ZARDI Arua District,
 - PowerPoint documents were distributed.



Success in obtaining Support for NRDS Implementation (FY2011/12)

Priority Project	Indicated Support	Estimated % contribution to the total target production increase
1. Seed Generation, Multiplication, Distribution	**GoU , **SG2000 , Brac-Uganda	Information still unavailable
2. Rice Yield Enhancement / Fertilizers & Credit	GoU	NO funding yet
3. Water for Rice Production	**GoU , ** AfDB , ** IDB (feasibility studies)	1% (about 500 -1000Ha increase and improved yield in existing)
4. Rice Production Mechanization	GoU	NO funding yet
5. Support to Rice Value Addition and Improve Marketing	GoU, ** Africa Rice Centre/CIDA , **SG2000	Information still unavailable
6. Rice Industry Secretariat Strengthening (Rice data, Policy finalization)	GoU and JICA, (In kind support), **FAO	Higher level output
7. Generation and dissemination of Information and knowledge for rice promotion	**GoU , **JICA	10% (10,000Ha) and more with input from existing GoU interventions.
Total estimated increase in production area/ productivity		10-20%

****Support from the organizations in bold have already been secured.**



Issues/Challenges faced in Developing the Implementation Framework

- Working Sessions
 - Stakeholder involvement is still weak.
- Negotiating with Champions
 - This Financial year rice is not the priority crop for Government support (DSIP) however the Government has still continued to provide funds for the old projects and is seeking a loan for rice irrigation and seed project from IDB.
- Securing funds
 - Some interventions such as construction of irrigation infrastructure are very expensive thus its challenging to find funding support for them.



List of Abbreviations

CARD	Coalition for African Rice Development
EC	European Commission
FAO	The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GoU	Government of Uganda
IDB	Islamic Development Bank
SG2000	Sasakawa Global 2000
WFP	World Food Program



Appreciation

- All stakeholders especially CARD Secretariat and JICA for supporting the prioritization process
- All stakeholders who have made indication to supporting some of the priority areas.
- All the organizers of this CARD 4TH GM

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As we pursue rice self sufficiency

Thank you