

Scaling up rice value chain development in Africa through south-south cooperation

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Why should CARD support South-South Collaboration?

- The countries that have significantly improved rice productivity have overcome constraints and seized opportunities in all value chain links
- They have increased yields, reduced post harvest losses, cut down marketing costs while improving alignment with consumer taste and quality preferences
- It would be a great advantage to Africa if the proven technologies, technical know-how and ability to make changes could be passed from country to country to accelerate development



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Why should CARD support South-South Collaboration?

- African countries have been motivated to join CARD to be able to benefit from learning and sharing experiences with each other
- In view of the common interest in increasing global rice supplies non-African countries such as Brazil, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Viet Nam have expressed willingness to share their knowledge and appropriate technologies
- This is also true of other crops and agricultural commodities



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How CARD will support South-South Collaboration

- There have been too few exchanges because they are difficult to arrange and expensive in overheads when organized individually
- IFAD will provide US\$ 0.5.m to FARA to interact with the CARD Secretariat, AfricaRice and IRRI to match African interests in accessing new technologies, acquiring technical knowhow, skills and tools from Southern capacities in these areas
- And facilitate South-South collaboration in ways that will achieve the greatest impact with the scarce available resources



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Objectives of South-South collaboration in rice

- exchange of information and know how and experiences in production, policy planning, business processes and marketing
- Needs identified in the context of evolving NRDS will provide entry points for exchanges taking into account the established capacities of southern providers, based on their experiences and comparative advantages



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Objectives of South-South collaboration in rice

- Identify, adapt and utilise new processes & technologies



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Specific Objectives

- A stocktaking will determine the relative capacities of Southern, including African, sources of technologies, technical skills and capacities
- South-South exchange events designed and delivered
- the outcomes, best practices in south-south collaboration assessed and follow up requirements determined
- lessons learnt in South-South exchanges captured and incorporated into funding proposals for expanded exchanges in rice and other crops



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Target countries

- Target countries include: Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Liberia, Rwanda, Togo, Zambia
- There will be mutual benefits but the prime purpose is to enable Africans to access know-how and technologies from more advanced industries in Asia and Egypt



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Activities

Gaps in African rice production methods and technologies identified

Exchange visits to expose and evaluate what is available that is applicable to Africa

Successes in rice production processing and marketing identified

Training and assistance in adaptation to African rice industry contexts



The South-South Platform in action
Value adding exchanges



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Activities

- A consultant will work with the NRDS Task Forces and other key actors to identify the deficiencies in technology, technical knowledge and rice value chain actors' capacities for change that could be effectively addressed through South-South exchanges
- There will be a combination of a desk study of the NRDS, taking advantage of the sector matrices which are available for all NRDS countries, e-conferencing and site visits



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Activities

- IRRI will take advantage of its staff in the respective Asian countries to assess the offers of capacity strengthening with the track records and capacities in such collaborations
- AfricaRice will take advantage of its connections with national research systems across sub-Saharan Africa to identify opportunities for knowledge exchange



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Activities

- The activities will be incremental and not duplicative of south-south activities that are already under way
- A tracer study will be conducted to identify follow up activities and to report on the outcomes and uptake of the topics of the exchanges
- Funding proposals will be submitted for expanding South-South collaboration in rice and other crops, livestock, fisheries and forests under CAADP national and regional investment plans



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Conclusion

- A functional platform will have been established for South-South collaboration in exchange of technology, transfer of technical know-how, and for strengthening capacity for change
- A system established for capturing and transferring the lessons learnt and best practices in implementing South-South collaboration
- Leveraging other initiatives and relevant partnership agreements or initiatives involving CARD members such as FAO, the World Bank, UNDP etc.



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Conclusion

- Subject to availability of additional resources, an expanded programme will be pursued, with the view to:
 - Strengthening of the CARD Secretariat's information and communications systems
 - Increasing the number of south-south exchanges taking advantage of lessons learnt and applying the best practice developed in the initial exchanges



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CARD GM decisions and recommendations sought on:

- The validity and appropriateness of the proposed South-South collaboration
- Confirmation of the demand for participation by NRDS delegates on behalf of their rice value chain actors
- Southern country participants in this CARD GM agreement to serve as national contact persons and facilitators



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