

Draft Concept Note
The Fourth CARD General Meeting

Background and objectives

Since the launching in 2008, the CARD Initiative has been supporting 23 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to formulate and implement the National Rice Development Strategies while ensuring that these strategies are in line with the overall national / sector development strategies, particularly CAADP.

In this Meeting, some tangible results of the Initiative will start to emerge by way of operationalization of priority interventions identified by the NRDS Task Forces of the First Group (Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Uganda). The Second Group countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, CAR, DR Congo, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Liberia, Rwanda, Togo and Zambia) are steadily following the steps of the First Group countries and some of them will have already identified their priority interventions.

Meanwhile, with the focus of the developing partners shifting towards agriculture and food security, on one hand, and more concerted interventions on the other, it is worth clarifying how the country-wise interests of each developing partners are becoming more favorable to the rice-related investments. Also, as a crucial vehicle to build human resource capacity of the CARD countries, it is high time to clarify what the South-south cooperation countries can offer to this end.

The general objective of this Meeting is to share the progress made by all the CARD stakeholders since the previous Meeting in Tanzania and to discuss the way forward of the Initiative. More specifically the Meeting will:

- Share the updates of the NRDS formulation and implementation in the CARD countries with particular attention to the priority interventions elaborated by the First Group countries;
- Share the updates of the interventions and collaborations by the Supporting Partners with emphasis on the recent evolution of country assistance strategies;
- Share the information on the facility, human resources and past achievements of the south-south cooperation countries;
- Discuss the way in which the priority interventions of the First Group countries match the current (and if possible, future) assistance strategies of CARD Supporting Partners, CAADP framework, and potential contributions of the South-south cooperation countries, and;
- Discuss the way forward for accelerated actions towards operationalization of rice-related interventions in the CARD countries.

Date and Venue

22 – 23 November 2011, Kampala, Uganda

Participants

Steering Committee members

Supporting Partners

South-south cooperation partners

CARD Countries (G1 and G2)

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 22nd November 2011

Time	Event	Time allocation
08:30 – 09:15	Opening ceremony	
09:15 – 09:20	Agenda 1: Minutes of the previous meeting	
09:20 – 09:35	Agenda 2: Overview of the Meeting (adoption of agenda)	
09:35 – 10:30	Agenda 3: First Group countries (1) General presentation by the Secretariat with additional comments by G1 countries	P:30 min (gen) + 25 min (4 cts)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda 3: First Group countries (2) General presentation by the Secretariat with additional comments by G1 countries (continued) Discussion	P: 50 min (8 cts) D: 40 min
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Agenda 4: Second Group countries (1) General presentation by the Secretariat with additional comments by G2 countries	P: 30 min (gen) + 90 min (9 cts)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda 4: Second Group countries (2) General presentation by the Secretariat with additional comments by G2 countries General comments by the CARD SC members Discussion	P: 20 min (2 cts) P: 20 min D: 20 min
17:30	Closure of Day 1	

Day 2: Tuesday, 23rd November 2011

Time	Event	Time allocation
08:30 – 10:30	Agenda 5 : Steering Committee members Presentation by the Secretariat with additional comments by SC members Discussion	P: 30 min (gen) + 55 min (11 org) D: 35 min
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda 6: South-south cooperation Presentation by SSC countries Discussion	P: 60 min D: 30 min
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Agenda 7: Discussion on selected topics Discussion	D: 90 min
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	Agenda 8: Next steps Discussion	D: 60 min
17:00 – 17:30	Agenda 8: Co-chairs' summary / AOB	D: 30 min
17:30	Closure of Day 2	

Day 3: Tuesday, 24th November 2011

Time	Event	
All day	Field trip	

Chairmanship

Event	Co-chairs
GM 1 (Oct 2008)	Oshima and Ngongi
GM 2 (Jun 2009)	Oshima and Ngongi
GM 3 (May 2010)	Jones, Sourang, Oshima and Ngongi
GM 4 (Nov 2011)	