

COALITION FOR AFRICAN RICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2011

1. CARD Initiative's achievements & 2011 objectives

1.1 G1 Countries

- Have identified priority investment project outputs required for immediate funding by the government and development partners.
- Year 2011: Promote operationalization of priority investment projects (elaboration of concept notes, advocacy actions)

1.2 G2 Countries

- Some countries have developed NRDS and launched.
- Year 2011: Launch NRDS and start implementation in all the countries. Then, take the same procedures as G1 countries, i.e. elaboration of needs-resource gap and identification of priority investments.

1.3 Reinforcement of NRDS implementation through coordination with CAADP

- In coordination with NPCA (NEPAD Secretariat), NRDS Task Forces have initiated interaction with CAADP Country Team to explore the mode of collaboration.
- Promote institutional exchanges between NRDS Task Force and CAADP Country Team. To contribute to CAADP process with regard to rice sector.

1.4 South-South Cooperation

- As part of IFAD Small Grant, a research will resume in Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam (all CARD GM participants) to identify the availability of their training facilities and human resources.
- Also another IFAD project will be implemented by FARA which includes a study tour to South East Asian countries inviting selected CARD member states.

1.5 Regional projects

- CARD Secretariat has not taken any action as of now although its necessity was highlighted in the past General Meetings, etc.
- In 2011, CARD Secretariat will start identifying subjects/areas where regional projects are required and start taking actions, based on priority investments identified by the First Group countries.
- Meanwhile, the FAO Japan TF Project could provide a regional forum to discuss specific issues (sub-sectors) in rice development.

1.6 CARD development partners (SC, SP and donors participated in GMs)

- Need to identify more potential partners. Need to start sharing information to a wider relevant audience.

1.7 Development of information sharing structure

- Develop an information sharing structure for effective flow of CARD-related information among key stakeholders.

1.8 Participation of private sector

2. CARD Secretariat's action plan

2.1 G1 Countries

- Coordinate and support NRDS implementation, mainly operationalization of priority projects.
- Support TFs lobby local stakeholders including government, CAADP and donors.

2.2 G2 Countries

- Coordinate and support NRDS launching.
- Coordinate and support NRDS implementation, mainly operationalization of priority projects.
- Support TFs lobby local stakeholders including government, CAADP and donors.

2.3 Interaction with development partners

- Continue to provide information to existing partners.
- Identify potential development partners and provide information on CARD.
- Research on sector / country assistance policies of key partners.

2.4 South-South Cooperation

- Support IFAD SSC research undertaken by FARA, mainly concerning coordination.
- Identify SSC needs & resources and to elaborate the way in which they match.

2.5 Regional projects

- Try to identify possible regional projects based on the outcome of priority projects
- Discussions at FAO Regional Workshop

2.6 Coordination with other initiatives / projects

- CAADP
 - Increase exchange between CAADP and CARD/NRDS both at country and regional level.
 - Integrate outcomes of the NRDS process into CAADP process
- FAO Projects
 - Occasions for NRDS working level officials to exchange information on their progress on implementation.
 - Discussions over specific themes as a part of addressing regional issues.

2.7 Meetings

- 5th SC Meeting (Feb 2011 in Sierra Leone)
- 4th General Meeting (Nov 2011 in Uganda)

2.8 CARD website

- Continue to upload information and update the contents of the website

3. Staffing

3.1 Secretariat staff

- N Ngongi – Director of the Secretariat
- H Hiraoka – Coordinator: Overall management and Group 1 Countries
- K Fujiwara – Technical Coordinator: Technical management, Group 2 Countries and communication (CARD Website)
- R von Kaufmann: IFAD Small Grant project (FARA)
- G Bigirwa
- S Nevin - Operation Coordinator: Logistical management, communication (NRDS Task Force & donors)
- C Bwire : AGRA internal administration, communication (consultants, AGRA, local suppliers)

3.2 Consultants (paid by the Secretariat)

- Technical assistance: undertake CARD process especially facilitation of NRDS implementation by NRDS TFs. To cover 18 CARD countries (where JICA Experts are not available).
- Translation / editing: English-French translation of official letters, meeting reports, NRDS documents, etc.
- Web-page: Maintenance and updates of the website.

3.3 JICA Experts (non-paid)

- Ex-Suzuki (Ethiopia), Niki (Kenya), Nanya (Mali), Haneishi (Uganda) and Sugimoto (Zambia) to facilitate NRDS implementation by the Task Forces.