

# The Fifth Steering Committee of the Coalition for African Rice Development

Freetown, Sierra Leone 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011

## Participants

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Dr Attiogbevi Somado	AfDB
Dr Namanga Ngongi	AGRA
Mr Brahim Kebe	FAO
Dr Monty Patrick Jones	FARA
Dr Luyaku Loko Nsimpasi	IFAD
Mr Joseph Rickman	IRRI
Mr Kenzo Oshima	JICA
Dr Kazumi Yamaoka	JIRCAS
Dr Komla Bissi	NEPAD/NPCA
Dr Osman Gyasi Kadir	World Bank

## Observers

Mr Eric Witte	USAID
Ms Nancy Estes	USAID

## Invited speaker

Dr Vo Tong Xuan	Tan Tao University, Vietnam
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## Agenda 1

Minutes of previous meeting and its follow-up

## Agenda 2

Progress of CARD Initiative (Report from Secretariat)

- G1 countries: implementation of NRDS
- G2 countries: finalizing and launching of NRDS
- Alignment with CAADP
- Third CARD General Meeting
- Meetings attended (FAO Regional Workshops, Africa Rice Congress, GRiSP write-up workshop, Africa Green Revolution Forum , International Rice Policy and Investment Conference at International Rice Congress)and FAO

## Agenda 3

Updates of activities of SC members (Report by Secretariat followed by discussion)

## Agenda 4

South-south cooperation (Discussion)

- Presentation of Dr. Xuan followed by discussion
- Stocktaking of human and infrastructure resources – contribution by SC members
- Status of CARD South-south cooperation countries (nomination of Focal Points)

#### **Agenda 5**

The Fourth General Meeting and the Sixth Steering Committee – chairmanship (Discussion)

#### **Agenda 6**

Rice (agriculture) statistics (Discussion)

- Stocktaking on SC members' intervention on agriculture statistics in CARD countries
- Final Report of AfricaRice Emergency Project
- Brainstorming on the way ahead on rice statistics and identification of future intervention by SC members

#### **Agenda 7**

CARD Initiative Secretariat Plan 2011 (Report by Secretariat)

- G1 & G2 countries
- Alignment with CAADP
- South-south cooperation (covered in Agenda 5)
- Regional interventions
- Membership and Partnership
- Private Sector

#### **Agenda 8**

Any other business

## Timetable

Day 1: Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011

Time	Event	Presenter
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening remarks</b> - Welcome notes by Professor Monty P Jones, FARA - Remarks by Dr Namanga Ngongi, AGRA - Remarks by Mr Kenzo Oshima, JICA - Official opening by H.E. Dr Ernest Bai Koroma, the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone	
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Agenda 1: Chairmanship and Previous Meeting</b>	
	<b>Agenda 2: Progress of CARD Initiative</b> - NRDS implementation / CARD Secretariat	Secretariat
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:30	<b>Agenda 3: Updates of SC members</b> - Summary of major development/programs - WAAP, GRiSP, IFAD Small Grant, etc	Secretariat Members
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 16:30	<b>Agenda 4: South-south cooperation</b> - Presentation of Dr. Xuan followed by discussion - Stocktaking of human and infrastructure resources - Status of CARD South-south cooperation countries	Dr. Xuan
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Agenda 5: The Fourth General Meeting and the Sixth Steering Committee</b> - chairmanship and agenda	Secretariat
18:30 – 20:00	Welcome cocktail	

Day 2: Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Time	Event	Presenter
08:30 – 09:30	<b>Agenda 6: Rice (agriculture) statistics</b> - Stocktaking on SC members' intervention - Final Report of AfricaRice Emergency Project - Brainstorming on the way ahead	AfricaRice
09:30 – 10:00	Coffee break	
10:00 – 12:00	<b>Agenda 7: CARD Initiative Plan 2011</b> - G1 & G2 countries - Alignment with CAADP - Regional interventions - Membership and Partnership - Private Sector	Secretariat

12:00 – 13:00	<b>Agenda 8: Any other business and Wrap up</b>	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	

**SIDE EVENT: Cooperation in rice sector development in Mano River Union countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone)**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
14:00 -	Registration	
14:30	Opening	
14:35 – 14:45	<b>Remarks by Hon. Dr. Joseph Sam Sesay, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</b>	
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Progress of MRU countries under the CARD Initiative</b> - National Rice Development Strategies - Needs resource analysis (Guinea, Sierra Leone)	Secretariat
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Presentations of on-going rice-related interventions of development partners in the sub-region</b> - WAAPP Plus - Cooperation of JICA in MRU countries - Implementation of GAFSP in Sierra Leone - Africa Rice Initiative in MRU countries - AGRA's future activities in Liberia and Sierra Leone - Cooperation of USAID in MRU countries	World Bank JICA IFAD AfDB / AfricaRice AGRA USAID
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Discussion on future actions and cooperation in rice development in the Sub-region</b> - This includes the Q&A of the presentations	