

The Fifth CARD Steering Committee

Syllabus

Opening

- **Note:** H.E. the President of SL is expected to grace the opening ceremony. However, due to the uncertainty of his schedule, the meeting will proceed, if he is not available at the ceremony.

Agenda 1: Chairmanship and minutes of the previous meeting

- Minutes: This meeting will look through the minutes of the GM3, rather than the SC meeting for practical reasons.
- Only the Executive Summary is perused as the reconfirmation of salient points agreed. Particular emphasis should be put on “4. Next Steps (page ii and onwards)” as the basis of this meeting.

Agenda 2: Progress of the CARD Initiative

- Timeframe
 - Presentation by Mr. Hiraoka (30 minutes)
 - QA and discussion (45 minutes)
- Points of discussion
 - Progress of the G1 countries. This could dominate the discussion with various focus, including:
 - Interpretation of the results (tendency), noting that this is the outcome by the government
 - The way in which the SC members, with different comparative advantages, will address to their priorities
 - Progress of the G2 countries. Some points of discussions would be:
 - Improvement in the process, reflecting the lessons learnt in the G1 process.
 - Actions for less advanced countries, including the strengthened process assistance by PAOs
 - Alignment with CAADP. Discussion shall be facilitated towards:
 - Common perception on the way in which the NRDS implementation contributes to the CAADP implementation at the country level (i.e. elaborating CAADP programs to bankable actions on the ground)
 - Actions to further strengthen the linkages between the CARD Initiative and the CAADP process both at in-country level and at the

regional level (i.e. institutional linkages between the CARD Secretariat and the NPCA Secretariat)

- Meetings
 - Any suggestions on meeting that CARD should attend in order to expand the network for better chances of increased funding opportunities or other purposes?

Agenda 3: Updates of SC members

- Timeframe
 - Comments / presentation by SC members (5 minutes each)
 - QA and discussion
- Points of discussion
 - As in the Agenda 2, this session could discuss the way in which the SC members, with different comparative advantages, will address to their priorities.

Agenda 4: South-south cooperation

- Timeframe
 - Presentation by Prof. Xuan (30 minutes)
 - QA and discussion (45 minutes)
 - Proposals by the Secretariat (15 minutes)
 - Discussion (30 minutes)
- Points of discussion
 - Prof. Xuan
 - Concerning the proposals by the Secretariat, following should be discussed / decided.
 - Whether the three organizations (i.e. AfricaRice, IRRI and JIRCAS) will make contributions to the build-up of the database of the facilities and human resources.
 - Pros and cons of having focal points in the south-south cooperation countries.
 - Selection of thematic areas

Agenda 5: The Fourth General Meeting and the Sixth Steering Committee

- Timeframe
 - Presentation by Mr. Hiraoka (10 minutes)
 - QA and discussion
- Points of discussion

- Consensus on the dates and overall framework of the Agenda
- Suggestion on selected topics to be discussed on Day 2 afternoon (if framework is approved)
- Chairmanship

Agenda 6: Rice (agriculture) statistics

- Timeframe
 - Presentation by Japan-funded AfricaRice ERI Project (30 minutes)
 - Stocktaking of the SC members on improvements in statistics (30 minutes)
 - QA and discussion
- Points of discussion
 - Appropriate selection of practical items, considering limited resources.
 - Identification of actions based on the above.
 - Compatibility of statistics activities of AfricaRice, FAO and other SC members.
 - Funding opportunities.

Agenda 7: CARD Initiative Plan 2011

- Timeframe
 - Presentation by Mr. Hiraoka (30 minutes)
 - QA and discussion
- Points of discussion
 - This session will discuss various important issues of the future of the Initiative and ideally all of them shall be discussed well. Of particular importance are:
 - G1 countries: contribution of the SC members for lobbying
 - G2 countries: continued contribution of the PAOs, particularly in the Gambia, Côte d'Ivoire and DR Congo,
 - Interaction with development partners: the expansion of such network – how far shall the CARD go?
 - Expansion of the CARD countries
 - Regional dimension
 - More linkage with CAADP and with the FAO Regional Workshops and practical steps forward

Agenda 8: Any other business and wrap up