

The Fifth General Meeting of the Coalition for African Rice Development

5 – 6 February 2013, Dakar, Senegal

CONCEPT NOTE

General objectives

- To review the progress of the rice sector development in Sub-sahara Africa in the last five years of the CARD Initiative at the following levels (Agenda 7 / 8)
 - Increase in production
 - Increase in investment both in public and private
 - Development of capacity of national level stakeholders to implement the National Rice Development Strategies in line with the sector framework such as CAADP
 - Inclusion of the private sectors into the dialogue of the Initiative
- To gain consensus on the key activities of the Initiative in the second five years of the Initiative, among others: (Agenda 8)
 - With a view to providing enabling environment to the private sector as the indispensable stakeholder for the rice sector development, include wide spectrum of private sector players in the forum to promote the dialogue between the public and private sectors.
 - Particularly through conducting rounds of policy dialogues between the two sectors at the national level on selected key topics.
 - Continue updating of gap / priority analysis every 2.5 years for each CARD member countries and improve the quality of the work
 - Accelerate harnessing the capacities of the CARD South-South countries through
 - Identification of project through matching of needs and available capacities
 - South-south video seminars, conducted by the CARD Secretariat, to complement on-site interventions
 - etc...

Specific objectives of this General Meeting

- To review the progress of the Initiative since the Fourth General Meeting in terms of
 - Implementation of NRDS (Agenda 2)
 - Public-private dialogue on promotion of mechanization (Agenda 3)
 - Promotion of South-south cooperation (Agenda 4)
 - Updating of activities by the SC members (Agenda 5)
- To discuss the way in which the CARD Initiative, vis-à-vis other initiatives, contribute to the promotion of the various private sectors and to consider expanding its network to the private sector to that end(Agenda 6)
- To review the rice sector development in SSA in the last five years (Agenda 7)
- To discuss the achievement of the CARD Initiative in the last five years, the outlook of the Initiative's actions 2013 – 2018 (Agenda 8)
- To share the overview of the TICAD V and the CARD Side Event (Agenda 8)

PROPOSED AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday 5th February 2013

Time	Event	Presenter
08:30 – 09:05	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by a co-chair of the CARD Steering Committee • Remarks by His Excellency Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Senegal • Official opening by Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment <p>Approval of the Co-chairs</p> <p>Approval of Agenda</p>	
09:10 – 09:15	Agenda 1: Minutes of the previous meeting	
09:15 – 10:45	<p>Agenda 2: Implementation of NRDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall progress, analysis and recommendation • Presentation of selected countries (7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Zambia 	Secretariat Country delegates
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 11:45	<p>Agenda 2: Implementation of NRDS – continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and conclusion 	
11:45 – 12:30	Agenda 7: Overview of the progress in the rice sector in Sub-Sahara Africa	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Agenda 3: Promotion of mechanization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall progress, analysis and recommendation • Country presentation (4 to 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cameroon, Madagascar, Senegal, ○ Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda • Discussion and conclusion 	Secretariat Country delegates
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Agenda 4: South-south cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements of the Secretariat (database / VC seminar) • IFAD small grant for AfricaRice / IRRI / FARA, including mechanization follow-up tour to the South East Africa • Discussion on future steps 	Secretariat
17:30	Closure of Day 1	

Day 2: Wednesday 6th February 2013

Time	Event	
09:00 – 10:00	Agenda 5: Summary of SC members activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Discussion and conclusion 	Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30	Agenda 6 : Roles of the Government in promoting private sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Africa Initiative 	NEPAD
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda 6 : Roles of the Government in promoting private sectors (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ghana, Tanzania and Mozambique • Roles of the CARD Initiative in promoting enabling environment for the private sector • Discussion and conclusion 	Country delegates Secretariat
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Agenda 8: Summary of the First Half, TICAD V and Outlook of the Second Half <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the CARD Initiative 2008 – 2013 • Outlook of the CARD Initiative 2013 – 2018 • TICAD V Side Event – outline and expected outcomes • Discussion 	Secretariat Secretariat JICA
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda 9: Co-chairs' summary / AOB	
17:00	Closure of Day 2	