

**CARD Seminar via Video Conference for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation  
Programme General Information 2012**

## **1. Outline**

### Background

### Objective

- Share the experiences and knowledge of CARD South-South partnership countries in the areas key to promoting rice production (seed distribution, quality assurance and water user association), and utilize the gained insights as a reference in implementation of NRDS of the participating countries.

### Target participants

- Government organisations (staff involved in seed distribution, irrigation and dissemination), private-sector companies (seed seller, rice miller), farmers' groups

### Format

- Lectures via video conference

## **2. Details**

### Title

- South-South Cooperation Seminar via video conference for the rice sector development in Sub-Sahara Africa

### Schedule (to be confirmed)

- Seminar 1: Wednesday, 19 September 2012
- Seminar 2: Friday, 19 October 2012
- Seminar 3: Friday, 16 November 2012

### Target countries

- Seminar 1: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda (also participants of the CARD training course at Tsukuba, Japan)
- Seminars 2 and 3: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda

### Target organisations

- Refer to 'Expected Module Output and Contents'.

### Venue

- JICA overseas office of the above-mentioned countries. Tsukuba Center is added as venue for Seminar 1.

### Number of participants

- Maximum 10 people per venue

Language used in the seminar

- English

Programme Objective

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Overall Goal

- To increase rice production in Sub-Sahara African countries to 28 million tons (paddy basis) in 2018.

Expected Module Output and Contents

|                        | <b>Theme and Objective</b>  | <b>Eligible participants</b>   |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Seminar 1<br>(19 Sept) | <p><b>Current situation of seed multiplication and distribution in South-East Asian countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed explanation of the works done in each step of seed multiplication and distribution, with clarification of the roles played by public and private sectors</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government organisations (Staff involved in seed distribution)</li> <li>• Seed companies (private sector)</li> <li>• Representative of farmers' group</li> </ul>              |
| Seminar 2<br>(19 Oct)  | <p><b>Efforts of small-scale farmers to improve rice quality at post-harvest, on-farm level and practices at rice mills and distribution in South-East Asian countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the actions taken at the key processes covering rice farms, rice millers, storage and distribution, with particular focus on small-scale farmers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government organisations (Staff involved in dissemination)</li> <li>• Small-medium scale rice millers (private sector)</li> <li>• Representative of farmers' group</li> </ul> |
| Seminar 3<br>(16 Nov)  | <p><b>Current situation of water user association in South-East Asian countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed information on institutional frameworks of WUA commonly operating in these countries and how the government and WUA share responsibilities as well as cost.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government organisations (Staff involved in irrigation/dissemination)</li> <li>• Representative of farmers' group</li> </ul>  |

### **3. Conditions and Procedures for Application**

#### Conditions for participation

- Minimum requirements
  - Meeting the conditions of the eligible participants described above.
  - In case of the farmers' group, the candidate should have experience in rice farming.
- Desirable conditions
  - In case of government organisations, the participant has knowledge of rice farming.
  - Having been involved in the implementation of NRDS in any way, regardless of the organisation he/she is from.
  - Having participated in a training organized by JICA (Training in Japan, Third-country training in Egypt, JICA/IRRI long-term rice farming training)

#### Document to be submitted

- Application form

#### Selection Process

- Closing date for submission of application form: Friday, 27 July, 2012
- Notice of Acceptance: Friday, 17 August 2012
  - Accepted participants will be notified through JICA overseas offices.

### **4. Others**

- No transportation cost or per diem will be paid to participants.

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