

Concept Note for the Technical Lecture on quality assurance in the Seed Production/ Multiplication

<Background of the Lecture>

CARD launched the Pilot Initiative for the Improved Seed Sector targeting 10 countries. The progress was shared in the regional peer review workshop in February 2014 through presentations of zero draft of Rice Seed Development Strategy from participating countries.

Reviewing the draft rice seed development strategies, the technical gaps were observed in the procedure of seed production/multiplication in terms of seed quality assurance. Taking this fact, the CARD secretariat decided to organize a technical seminar with supports from the CARD Steering Committee member institutions before the second round of Rice Seed Working Week to finalize the Seed Development Strategy.

<Purpose of the Lecture>

1. To form common understanding about the seed production/multiplication system
2. To Deepen the understanding of participants regarding issues of seed quality and technically sound solutions

<Expected outcome>

With improved technical knowledge and understanding of the seed quality issue, participants in the seminar from the ten pilot countries in the seed initiative will be well prepared for the second Working Week on seeds, and will incorporate what they learn in the seminar in the Rice Seed Development Strategy.

<Methodology>

- Lecture and Q&A sessions through Video Conference system
- Lecture will be given by experts from Africa Rice, with additions and complementary inputs from other technical agencies such as FAO, IRRI, JICA, and JIRCAS
- Lecture of the same contents will be given separately to Anglophone countries and Francophone countries

<Date/ Time>

1st Seminar for Anglophone countries: April 23rd (Tue), 2014, 14:00 – 16:00 (Nairobi Time)

2nd Seminar for Francophone countries: April 24th (Wed), 2014, 14:00 – 16:00 (Nairobi Time)

<Attendants>

Lecturers: Seed Experts from Africa Rice, IRRI, FAO, JICA, and JIRCAS, and officers and consultants from the CARD Secretariat

Participants: Government officials, Researchers, and other stakeholders who are involved in the formulation process of the Rice Seed Development Strategy. The CARD secretariat expects the participation of as many relevant people as possible within the physical capacity of video conference room to be used. NRDS Focal Points should communicate with the owner of the Video Conference System in the respective countries (e.g. country office of JICA or World Bank) and decide who are to participate.

- 1st Seminar - Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda
- 2nd Seminar- Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Madagascar and Senegal

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