



CARD UPDATE

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TICAD VI CARD Side Event

The Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) was held on 27th and 28th August 2016 in Nairobi. Prior to TICAD VI, JICA and AGRA co-organized a side event on CARD, titling "Progress of CARD and the Future of Rice Sector Development in Africa" in Nairobi on 25th August.

The event was joined by high profile participants such as Agriculture Ministers and high rank officials from a number of African Countries, the heads of some development organizations/institutions, prominent private corporations, and representatives of rice producers from across Africa. In the event, the participants reviewed the progress made under the CARD initiative and discussed the future direction of rice development in Africa, through presentations by prominent speakers. VIP attendants such as Hon. Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Agriculture of Kenya, Hon. Minister for Agriculture of Madagascar, JIRCAS President, Hon. Deputy Minister for Agriculture of Sierra Leone, AGRA President, Vice President of JICA, Director General of AfricaRice and Director General of IRRI, commented on the key presentations and shared their views on what Africa should do toward the further rice sector development. As the conclusion, side event confirmed the remarkable progress Africa made in terms of rice production in the last 7 years, nonetheless there remains need of continuous and accelerated efforts to meet the rapidly increasing rice demand in the Continent. Further production increase calls for mobilization of additional resources and implementation of right sets of policies and integration of efforts made by rice producers, African government, research institutions, development partners and private sector. The event was concluded with confirmation of the strong commitment and supports to CARD by all stakeholders as well as the importance of CARD as a platform where all stakeholders can interact, coordinate and cooperate for the development of rice sector in Africa.



12th CARD Steering Committee Meeting

After the TICAD VI Side Event, the 12th CARD Steering Committee meeting was held in Nairobi on 29th August 2016. The SC members reached a consensus on the process of final evaluation of CARD and brainstormed a framework for the next phase of the CARD initiative after 2018 (phase II). The SC members also agreed that the 13th CARD Steering Committee will be held around December 2017.



Scaling-Up of Pilot Initiative for Improved Rice Seed Sector

All CARD member countries except for CAR and Zambia organized 1st working week and elaborated Rice Seed Road Map through scaling-up phase of CARD initiative for Improved Rice Seed sector.

16 countries, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda, have elaborated project concept notes through working weeks and some countries have already started the implementation of rice seed strategy through mobilizing fund for their concept notes. 3 Rice Seed Road Maps were officially validated in Kenya, Guinea and Madagascar.



Workshop for Seed Concept Notes, Ouagadougou, BF, January 2017

Knowledge Co-Creation Program

A two-week knowledge Co-Creation Program was conducted in Japan in September to October, 2016, on "Promotion of African Rice Development in SSA -Policy planning, Implementation, Management & Operation of rice marketing infrastructure". The purpose of the program is to develop country specific Action Plans to enhance integration of NRDS into CAAPD investment plans. The 26 NRDS Focal points and officers in charge of planning and implementation of processing and marketing infrastructure from 13 countries participated in this program. Various successful cases were shared among participants and they visited Tokyo and Niigata prefecture to learn about the Japanese system of marketing and infrastructure for rice and horticulture. A program on a different topic will be held in summer 2017.



CARD Home Page

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CARD Secretariat

Operation coordinator in CARD Secretariat was changed from Mrs. Ryoko TAKAHASHI to Mrs. Noriko CHEGE in March 2016.

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