Uniqueness of CARD...

1. No Financial Mechanism
CARD provides platform for coordination and facilitation of increased investments for rice-related development, mainly through existing funding framework.

2. Alignment to Overarching Development Framework
CARD fully aligns to CAADP as well as similar minded initiatives (e.g. New Alliance, Grow Africa, Feed the Future) to pursue harmonization and synergy.

3. Capacity Development
CARD offers vital opportunities for 23 SSA governments to enhance their capacities through implementation of NRDS that contributes to the whole agricultural development.

Process of the CARD initiative ...

1. NRDS Preparation
Forming Task Force, discussion with wider stakeholders to map out a strategy for rice sector development;

2. Prioritization (Working Week 1)
Validation of NRDS based on situation analysis, gap analysis and mapping present intervention to identify priority with wider stakeholders.

3. Concept Note (Working Week 2)
Preparing concept notes to fill the gap in prioritized area of intervention in rice value chain.

4. Mainstreaming and Fund Matching
Ensuring the alignment between NRDS and CAADP invest plan or similar overarching framework, and operationalize concept notes through fund matching with DPs.

Achievement since 2008

Rice Production in SSA (2008 – 2014)

- Target

74% increase in 7 years [FAOSTAT]
What is CARD ...

The Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) is a consultative group of bilateral and multilateral donors and African/international institutions.

With the aim of doubling rice production in Africa in ten years from 14 million tons in 2008, thereby closing the demand-supply gap and contributing to the food security as well as poverty reduction in the continent, the CARD Initiative tries to promote dialogues among partners interested in the rice development in Africa so that their interventions are improved both in quantity (allocated resources) and quality (better coordination).

CARD was launched through the initiative by Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at the margin of the Fourth Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD IV) in May 2008.

Partners ...

The organizational structure of CARD consists of General Meeting, Steering Committee (11 developing partners are the members) and the Secretariat. CARD is an open platform where any actors interested in rice value chain development including private sector and rice producing partners are welcomed.

Approaches ...

There are four pillars of approaches:

i. All aspects of rice value chain is fully taken into account through systematic analysis;

ii. Yield-enhancing technical packages are tailored to country-specific agro-ecological zones such as Irrigated, Rain-fed lowland and Rain-fed upland;

iii. Capacity development of human and institutional resources as well as promotion of the enabling environment for rice development are emphasized;

iv. South-South / Triangular cooperation is promoted.