

# Implications on Future Direction for Rice Sector Development in Africa

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## The 6<sup>th</sup> CARD General Meeting

- Held in Accra, Ghana in November 2015:
- Attendance by officials from 27 African Countries, 4 Asian countries, CARD Steering Committee Organizations, Private Sector, Farmer Representatives, Development Partners, and other stakeholders
- Meeting agenda included **“Overall View on Rice Sector Development in Sub-Saharan Africa”**
- The meeting discussed the way forward for further rice sector development in Africa



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### <Conclusions>

- Africa has achieved **significant growth** in rice production since the launching of the CARD
- Africa should make continuous efforts to **accelerate rice yield growth**.
- African countries should also consider **expanding rice cultivation in the more favorable areas** in a sustainable and balanced manner



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- In pursuit of further rice production growth, Africa should make efforts through **identification of suitable areas, prioritization, realistic targeting, and differentiated approaches** tailored to the conditions of respective areas
- Important to **maximize private sector contributions** to rice sector development, and the government needs to facilitate it through **providing an enabling business environment**



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- Need emphasis on **market-driven value chain development, improving competitiveness** of African rice (quality and price), and ensuring **price incentives (stability and profitability)** for increasing production.
- All these recommendations require **strong commitment** and **right sets of policies** by African government.
- **CARD will continue assisting its member countries** in implementation of a right set of policies through the provision of technical, facilitation and coordination support.



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