



West Africa Regional Seminar on Rice Development

CONCEPT PAPER

DATE

18 – 19 September 2012

VENUE

King Fahd Palace Hotel, Pointe des Almadies, Dakar, Senegal
<http://www.kingfahdpalacehotels.com/en>

HOST

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in partnership with the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment in Senegal

CONTACT

JICA Senegal Office



1. BACKGROUND

In 2008, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) took the lead to develop a new architecture - a Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) - with the aim to set out an overall strategy and a framework for action to contribute toward achieving an African green revolution through one increasingly important crop - rice. CARD, alongside other partners:

- Sets the goal of doubling rice production in Sub-Saharan Africa within 10 years between 2008 and 2018 (from the present 14 million tons/year to 28 million tons/year)
- Is part of a consultative group of participating bilateral and multilateral donors of both African and international institutions working in partnership with rice producing countries
- Is supported by a secretariat within the AGRA Office in Nairobi
- Harmonizes and coordinates actions among donor organizations and governments for synergies in rice development in the region

The CARD initiative was launched during the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) in Yokohama, 28 - 30 May, 2008, and today, 23 African countries receive its supports for formulation and operation of the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS). In West Africa, there are 12 CARD member countries as following:

- First Group: Cameroon, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leon that have joined the initiative in from October 2008
- Second Group: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Liberia, Togo that have joined the initiative in November 2009.

Rice has been one of the most important staples in West African region and this sub-region has 12 among the total 23 CARD countries. These countries share some common agenda of rice development both in agro-ecological dimensions and in socio-economics of rice industries while each of them represents its own unique context.

In Senegal, under strong ownership of the government, the process of CARD/NRDS has been going well, launched the pioneer initiative of Local Committees for Rice Development (CLCR) in 2011 which aim to reinforce and coordinate NRDS projects and programs at local level. Moreover, it was selected one of the 7 pilot countries for promoting the National Rice Mechanization Strategy initiated by the CARD in 2012.

In Senegal, JICA supports the implementation of CARD/NRDS process and the efforts of Senegalese government to develop the rice sector. In fact, JICA has traditionally been engaged in rice development in Senegal, through several projects such as rehabilitation of

irrigation schemes, technical cooperation on rice cultivation, improvement of rice quality, etc.

Furthermore, Senegal will host the next CARD General Meeting on February 2013, which will be an important step towards TICAD V on June 2013. In this regard, JICA decided to organize a seminar, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment in Senegal and the CARD, to contribute to attain the TICAD IV goals by sharing experiences of rice-related development among West African CARD countries, networking actors in rice sector in at regional level and promoting the CARD initiative in each country in anticipation of contributing to the next CARD General Meeting and also to TICAD V.

2. OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the West Africa Regional Seminar Rice Development is to promote the NRDS process in 12 West African countries CARD in anticipation of contributing to the next CARD General Meeting and also to TICAD V. To attain this, the seminar has four (4) specific objectives such as:

- 1) Enriching the understanding of CARD's topics (value chain approach, private public partnership, mechanization, south-south cooperation, research & Extension etc.) in West Africa
- 2) Benefiting from experiences of rice related projects in Senegal and other countries
- 3) Networking West African actors in rice sector
- 4) Considering and sharing ways to promote NRDS in each country

In this view, the seminar consists of 2 parts:

- Presentations by guest speakers aimed at West African participants
- Workshop for West African participants to organize what they learned from the presentations above and presentations by each CARD group country to propose ideas which can promote rice development in each country.

At the end of seminar, "Summary of Seminar" will be produced to share the output.

3. PARTICIPANTS (80 persons in total)

- CARD national focal points and managers and technical advisors of JICA-supported projects in CARD member countries in West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- South-south cooperation partners (Indonesia, Thailand)
- Stakeholders in rice industries (producers, service providers and agribusiness) in Senegal
- Development partners
- Government officials
- CARD Secretariat
- Embassy of Japan in Senegal

4. AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 18th September 2012

Time	Event
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony Speech of the Resident Representative of JICA Senegal Office Speech of Ambassador of Japan in Senegal Speech of Senegal's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment
09:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:10	Presentation on the aim of the seminar
10:10 – 10:25	Presentation on CARD initiative
10:25 – 10:40	CAADP/CARD collaboration
10:40 – 11:00	Senegal's initiative on rice development (Local Committees for Rice Development)
11:00 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:10	Private sector involvement in the promotion of rice mechanization in Senegal: Presentation of requests of private sector and responses of the Senegalese government.
12:10 – 12:40	Discussion
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch
13:40 – 14:10	Analysis of Value chain in West Africa by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
14:10 – 14:40	Discussion
14:40 – 15:10	Rice research in West Africa
15:10 – 15:30	Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16 :00 – 16 :05	Introduction on South-South Cooperation by JICA
16:05– 16:25	South-south cooperation in West Africa: Indonesia
16:25 – 16:45	South-south cooperation in West Africa: Thailand
16:45– 17:00	Discussion
17:30	Closing of Seminar on Day 1
19:30 –	COCKTAIL

Day 2: Wednesday, 19th September 2012

Time	Event
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants
09:00 – 09:10	JICA cooperation for rice sector in Senegal
09:10 – 09:25	Presentation of JICA's PAPRIZ project (participatory low cost rehabilitation of irrigation schemes etc.)
09:25 – 09:40	Presentation of USAID Senegal (PPP approach)
09:40 – 09:55	Presentation of WFP Senegal (lowland rice and Food for Work)
09:55 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:20	Rain fed rice development model in Ghana
11:20 – 11:40	Post-harvest processing and marketing in Nigeria
11:40 – 12:00	Tanzania's experiences on training and extension service
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Workshop for strengthening each country's NRDS and rice development ideas in West Africa by filling feedback sheets
14:30 – 16:00	Presentation on feedback sheets by in West African countries
16:00 – 16:30	Discussion
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 17:15	Summary of Seminar
17:15 –	Closing Ceremony