

CARD Action 2012 – Mechanization Support Plan

Goal

- To promote rice mechanization in selected countries through:
 - adoption of appropriate technology options;
 - implementation of appropriate policy / institutional arrangements to optimize the performance of the private sector, and;
 - implementation of interventions to materialize the above two.

Objectives

- To identify appropriate technology options (types and specification of machineries) for rice production in each of participating countries
- To identify policy / institutional bottlenecks for the provision of enabling environment for the private sector and advocate relevant ministries for favorable changes
- To formulate the plan of interventions for consideration by the development partners

Actions

- Selection of appropriate task members

- Briefing at the regional workshop (Nairobi, 28 February – 2 March)
- Policy proposal preparation process – Phase One (1 April – 20 June)
 - One-day core group session (20 – 30 April)
 - Core group work session (1 – 30 May)
 - Submission of the First Draft (Word, Power Point) to the CARD Secretariat (deadline 20 June)
- Study tour to South East Asia (1 – 20 July)
 - Visit to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam
 - Peer-review and expert consultation of the first drafts
- Policy proposal preparation process – Phase Two (1 August – **31 October**)
 - Submission of the Second Draft to the CARD Secretariat (deadline 10 August)
 - Round of meetings with key stakeholders for meetings (11 August – 10 October)
 - This should include negotiation with relevant ministries
 - Preparation of the Final Draft (11 – 31 October)
 - Stakeholders' meeting as the opportunity for the policy advocacy (1 – **15 November**)

How the CARD Secretariat supports the process

| Event | Technical inputs | Financial assistance |
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| Regional Workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide guidelines of actions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel cost (air ticket, accommodation, per diem) |
| One-day core group session | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process facilitation in preparation for the session (5-day consultant visit) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant's travel cost • Meeting cost (venue hire, lunch, coffee ONLY) – NO ALLOWANCES (sitting, travel etc.) |
| Core-group working period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Preparation of the First Draft | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advice by consultants (e-mail) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Study tour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advice from the experience of the visiting countries • Technical advice through the peer review / expert consultation sessions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel cost (insurance is <u>not</u> covered) |
| Preparation of the Second Draft | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advice by consultants (e-mail) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Interviews with key stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (if necessary) visit of CARD Secretariat staff, as necessary and appropriate (e.g. advocacy) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Preparation of the Final Draft | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advice by consultants (e-mail) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Stakeholders' meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process facilitation in preparation for the session (8-day consultant visit) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant's travel cost • Meeting cost (venue hire, lunch, coffee ONLY) – NO ALLOWANCES (sitting, travel etc.) |

How the CARD Initiative follows up

- Synthesize the results of the participating countries as the regional advocacy paper
- Consolidate the results at the CARD GM5
- Advocate at the high-level forums such as AU, G-8, G-20 through NEPAD
- Advocate at TICAD V
- Provide assistance for the policy / institutional changes as recommended, if necessary

Obligations of the NRDS Task Forces

- Ensure the participation of key people
 - Preparation of full list of participants at the different levels
 - Contact relevant organizations to ensure the participation
- Timely and thorough actions particularly during the core group working period
- Meet as many as possible during the period of meetings with stakeholders for fully-participatory results

Proposals/Action Plans for Agricultural Mechanisation Policy – at 7 countries

| Actions | Timeline | Detailed Actions | Timeline |
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| Study countries' requirements | Mid-Dec | Dispatch Invitation letters | 9 Dec |
| Select countries and invite to the Workshop | Mid-Jan 2012 | | |
| Formulate plans for establishing support system in each country | 15 Jan–15 Feb | | |
| Consider hiring local consultants for period of Apr-Nov 2012 | 15 Jan – 27 Feb | Consult with JICA HQs | 7 – 14 Feb |
| | | Consult with JICA offices | |
| Briefing at the regional workshop (Nairobi) | 27 Feb – 02 Mar | | |
| Selection of appropriate task members | Mar | | |
| Policy proposal preparation process – Phase One | 01 Apr–20 Jun | One-day launching (brainstorming) session | 20 – 30 Apr |
| | | Core group work session | 1 – 30 May |
| | | Submission of the 1 st Draft (Word, PPT) to CARD Secretariat | Deadline: 20 Jun |
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| Study tour to South East Asia | 01 Jul – 20 Jul | Visit to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam | |
| | | Peer-review and expert consultation of the 1 st drafts | |
| Presentation at mechanisation meeting side event (tbc) | 08 Jul – 12 Jul | | |
| Policy proposal preparation process – Phase Two | 01 Aug – 31 Oct | Submission of the 2 nd Draft to CARD Secretariat | Deadline: 10 Aug |
| | | Round of meetings with key stakeholders | 11 Aug - 10 Oct |
| | | Preparation of the Final Draft | 11 – 31 October |

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| | | Stakeholders' meeting as the opportunity for the policy advocacy | 1 – 15 November |
| Regional synthesis. Finalise message addressed to high-level forums | 15 Nov–15 Dec | | |
| Future Events | | | |
| Report to NEPAD. Request to convey message to high-level forums | Jan 2013 | | |
| CARD GM5 | Feb 2013 | | |
| Presentation at TICAD V | May 2013 | | |