

Promoting the private sector in mechanization

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CARD SC5

- Freetown, Sierra Leone -February 2011
- Request to address public private relationship especially with regard to mechanization

Workshop -Boosting agricultural mechanization in rice-based systems in sub-Saharan Africa

- GRISP workshop, Saint Louis, Senegal -June 2011
- 47 participants from 7 countries, machinery manufacturers and dealerships, credit suppliers, international companies, AfricaRice, IRRI, JICA, CARD, CIRAD
- "Develop a road map for mechanization in SSA"

Recommendations-Senegal

- Need a survey import taxes and duties in different countries
- Review Government policies and lobby where necessary
- Develop or link up with credit suppliers
- Import and/or manufacture local equipment and spare parts that can with stand the local conditions
- Encourage international equipment suppliers to develop direct linkages with and support local dealerships
- Thoroughly test imported equipment before release
- Support local vocational training colleges
- Support local manufacturers and fabricators -business training, demonstration of equipment and blue prints
- Undertake south- south collaboration

CARD/JICA Government Survey

- Survey 13 countries August 2011
- Government policies toward mechanization
 - Taxes and tariffs,
 - Subsidies,
 - Credit availability
 - Training institutes
- Developed by CARD, JICA, AfricaRice, IRRI collected through JICA country offices

JICA Private Sector Survey

- Survey 5 countries August 2011
- More than 81 private manufacturers and dealers
- Understand the business and enabling environment needed to promote private sector development

JICA Workshop on Agricultural Machinery

- Tsukuba, Japan- September 2011
- 16 NRDS focal persons for 1 week
- "Understanding the Enabling Environment for Public private partnerships in SSA"
 - Government commitment-policy and strategy
 - Reducing business risks-protection of investors, tariff reductions, cost reduction
 - Create mechanization demand-protection customers, financial support purchase subsidies

Outcome- Tsukuba workshop

- "Develop a checklist for Agricultural Engineering Sector"
- Actors in supply chain
- Understanding what they have to do
- What enabling environment they need to do business
- Enabling environment that government can provide

Agricultural Mechanization Stakeholders (Private Sectors)

Actors on value chain	Check list (enabling environment, capacity etc.)		
International manufactures	Warranty on exported machinery, Quality assurance,		
	Assurance of supplying spare parts		
Importing agents	Adequate stocks for immediate delivery, Local assembling		
Domestic manufactures	Quality control and warranty of products,		
Dealers	Repair and maintenance imported machines, stocks of		
	standard spare parts, Operator instruction, In-house credit		
Local workshops	Periodical and preventive maintenance,		
Financiers	Low interest credit, Long repayment period,		
Custom hiring providers	Information network, Access by farmers, High rate of		
	operation,		
Milling service providers	Accessible location, High rate of operation		
Machine operators	Farming experience, Daily inspection		
Small scale farmers	Farmer organization, saving & credit, collective shipment,		
Animal draught power	Veterinary service, Skilled trainers,		

Private-Public-Partnership (PPP) Role of Government

Actors on supply chain	Check list - what they have to do (related to capacity needs)	
Ministry of Trade (MOT)	Import tariff exemption for agricultural machinery, spare parts and raw materials, Tax reduction on importers, Distribution network for spare parts	
Ministry of Industry (MOI)	Engineering standard, Quality control, Training on technicians, SME promotion on agricultural machinery,	
Ministry of Commerce (MOC)	Rice quality standard, Rice miller association, SME promotion on agricultural machinery	
Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)	Policy & strategy on agricultural mechanization, Agricultural mechanization promotion act, Statistical data on agricultural machinery, Agricultural credit, Farmer organization, Agricultural input subsidies, Extension services, Operator training	
Agricultural machinery	Safety Inspection, Test & evaluation, Certification, Training for	
R&D institute	local artisans	
Universities	Qualified agricultural engineers	

Checklist (Example)

Actors on supply chain	Check list - what they have to do	Check list –enabling environment needed	Check list – enabling environment that government can provide
International makers		 Large market scale Reliable dealerships 	 Policy & strategy on agricultural mechanization (MOA) Test & evaluation, safety inspection and certification of quality of machinery (MOA) Tax incentives such as reduced import tariffs for machinery and spare parts (MOT)
Importing agents	Adequate stocks for immediate deliveryLocal assembling	Quick issue of L/CShort entry	Tax incentives (MOT)Short entry (MOT)
Dealers	 Repair and maintenance of imported machines Stocks of standard spare parts Operator training In-house credit 	 Two step loans, Soft loans Large scale market 	 Soft loans (MOI, MOF) Mechanization promotion (MOA)

Agribusiness Forum

- Side event organized by CARD, FARA
- Engaging the private Sector for Agri-Food Growth in South Africa-October 2011
- The "Checklist for Agricultural Engineering Sector" developed by JICA was presented by CARD for comment

CARD 4th General Meeting Seminar

- "Promoting Agricultural mechanization in SSA"-Uganda- November 2011
 - 1. Increasing rice production in SSA through mechanization
 - 2. Action taken by CARD steering Committee members
 - 3. Private sector development and roles of public sector

CARD Next steps

- Develop South South business relationship to support the development of a sustainable farm mechanization industry in rice in SSA
- Invite multi-national farm equipment manufacturers and suppliers to next CARD SC and General Meeting
- Help agricultural machinery sector develop business plans (small manufacturers, dealers, service providers, and farmers)

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS with regard to the next steps

Outcome/recommendation-Uganda

Outcomes

- Contents of enabling environment to promote agricultural mechanization established
- Each country work on action plans to materialize enabling environment

Recommendations to GM4

- Each country starts actions on promotion of agricultural mechanization as PPP
- CARD secretariat assists action plan formation for agricultural mechanization as a part of NRDS implementation process