# Introduction CARD Initiative for Improved Rice Seed Sector

6<sup>th</sup> CARD General Meeting November 18th, 2015, Accra, Ghana

**CARD Secretariat** 



#### **Background**

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- Stable and timely supply of quality seed is a key for increasing rice production and productivities
- In developing NRDS, most of CARD member counties identify seed sector as one of top priorities to be tackled

#### **Process**

- Approval of Concept Note at SC meeting in June, 2013
- Section of Targeted Countries (Expression of Interest from CARD member countries, Screening, Approval by SC members)
- Launched Pilot in 10 countries, in October, 2013
- Scale-up to another 10 countries in February 2015

#### **Objectives**

#### **Overall Goal:**

To increase the supply of quality rice seeds in CARD Countries

#### Objective:

To identify strategy for improving rice seed sector

#### **Expected Outputs:**

- Development of tailor made Improved Rice Seed Sector Strategy / Rice Seed Road Map at each country
- Development of country specific investment plans/project concept notes for interventions

#### **Implementation Process**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Working Week

Situation & Gap Analysis
Vision, Goal Target Setting
Strategic Approach
Prioritization
Inputs from resource persons
→ Drafting Rice Seed Road
Map

NRDS and Seed

Taskforce

DPs

Private CAADP Budget
Sector



Lobbying for Funding

**Updates** 

**Regional WS** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Working Week

Validation of "Seed Road Map"

3<sup>rd</sup> Working Week

Finalization of Concept Notes

Fund Matching Process

Peer review and consultation with SC members

→ Revision of the draft seed road map

Stocktaking in present rice seed sector, identifying gaps, and prioritization

→ Drafting concept notes

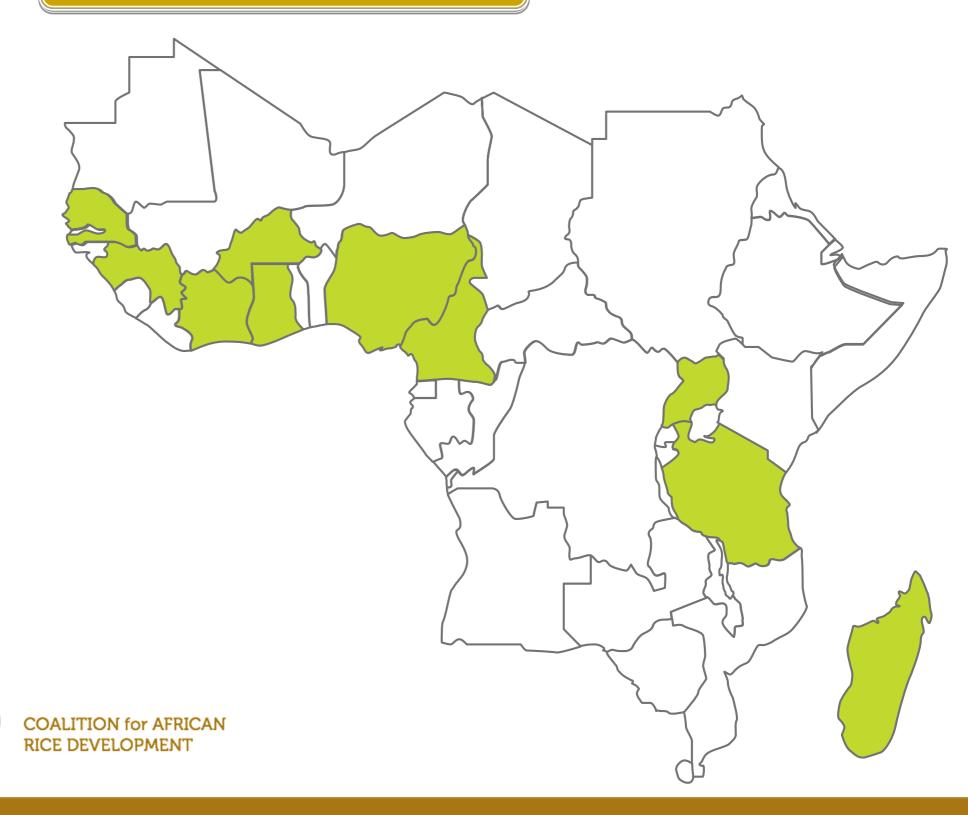
Alignment with Sector Strategy

#### **Pilot Phase – Target Countries**

Pilot 10 countries:

Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Cote d'Ivoire
Ghana
Guinea
Madagascar
Nigeria
Senegal
Tanzania
Uganda

1<sup>st</sup> Targeted Countries





### **Pilot Phase – Implementation Schedule**

Activities	Objectives
September 2013 Expression of Interests	To officially confirm the willingness of the Ministry to participate in this initiative. Consultation with higher authority by NRDS TF is necessary. Approval from SC members shall be followed.
October 2013 Formation of Working Team	To form a technical team with 10 to 15 members, consisting of the government, research institutes and private sector.
November 2013 Inception Workshop via VC system	To share overall goals, objectives, schedule and methodologies.
November 2013- January 2014 1st Working Week	To draft country specific "Seed Road Map" through situation and gap analysis with vision and target setting. Resource persons shall be invited.



# Pilot Phase – Implementation Schedule

Activities	Objectives
February 2014 Regional Workshop	To peer review the draft "Rice Seed Road Map" and obtain feedback from SC members.
April-June 2014 2nd WW for revision of the draft	To revise the documents based on the peer review results and inputs from SC members.
June 2014~ Validation/Launching of "Rice Seed Road Map"	To obtain official endorsement by the concerned Ministry in alignment with overarching frameworks in Agricultural Sector.
June 2014~  3 <sup>rd</sup> WW for Concept Note formulation and start Fund Matching	To stock take present interventions in rice seed sector and develop project proposals/concept notes for implementing "Rice Seed Road Map".



# Pilot Phase – Status of Target Countries

Country	1st Working Week (WW)	2 <sup>nd</sup> WW	3 <sup>rd</sup> WW	Validation/ Approval
Burkina Faso	Done	Done	Done	
Cameroon	Done	Done	Done	
Cote d'Ivoire	Done	Done	Done	
Ghana	Done	Done	Done	Done
Guinea	Done			Done
Madagascar	Done	Done	Done	Done
Nigeria	Done	Done	Done	
Senegal	Done	Done	Done	
Tanzania	Done	Done	Done	
Uganda	Done	Done	Done	

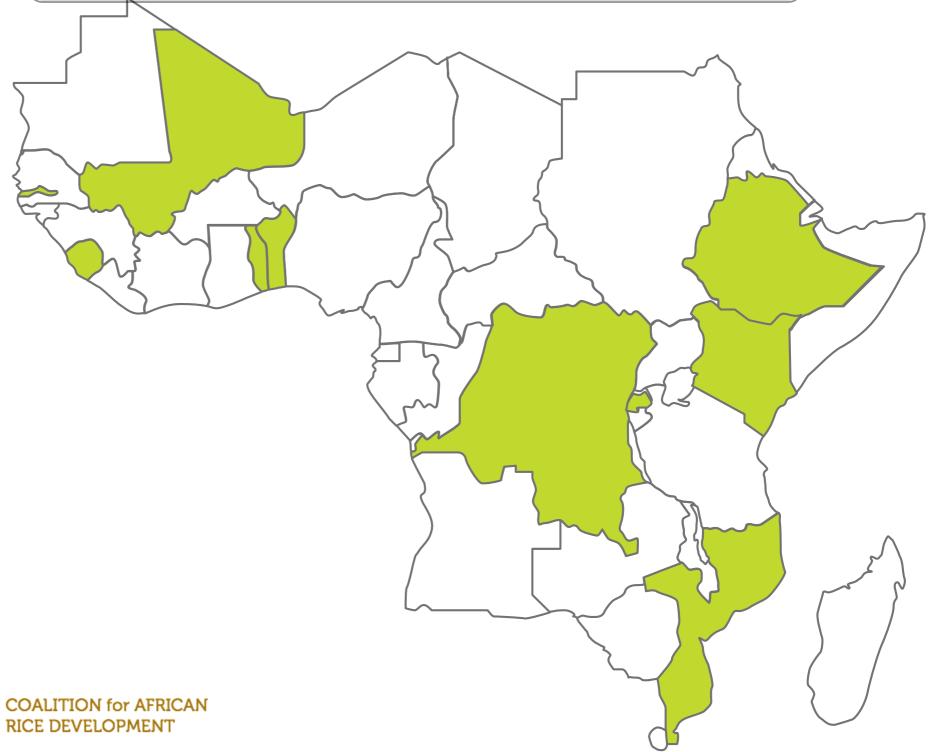


# Scale Up Phase – Target Countries

Scale-up 10 countries:

Benin DRC Ethiopia Gambia Kenya Mali Mozambique Rwanda Sierra Leone Togo

2<sup>nd</sup> Targeted Countries (from 2015)





# Scale up Phase – Implementation Schedule

Activities	Schedule
Expression of interest	February, 2015
Formation of Working Team	March, 2015
Kick off Video Conference	April, 2015
1 <sup>st</sup> Working Week (WW) and Drafting "Rice Seed Road Map"	April-October, 2015
Progress report at the CARD 6th General Meeting	November, 2015
2 <sup>nd</sup> WW for Drafting Concept Notes and Circulation for Improvement	December, 2015
Validation of Launching of "Rice Seed Road Map"	January, 2016∼
Finalization of CNs and Start Fund Matching	January, 2016∼



# Scale up Phase – Status of Target Countries

Country	1 <sup>st</sup> Working Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Working Week	Validation/ Approval
Benin	Aug 2015		
DRC	Oct 2015		
Ethiopia			
Gambia	Oct 2015		
Kenya	July 2015		
Mali			
Mozambique			
Rwanda	Oct 2015		
Sierra Leone			
Togo	July 2015		



#### **Way Forwards**

- Conducting 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Week in <u>Guinea</u>
- Conducting 1<sup>st</sup> Working Week in, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique and Sierra Leone
- Validation of "Rice Seed Road Map" and start drafting Concept Notes for its implementation in Benin, DRC, Gambia, Kenya, Rwanda and Togo
- Finalizing Concept Notes and start fund matching process (similar to NRDS implementation process)



# Thank you



