

The Fifth General Meeting of the Coalition for African Rice Development

5 – 6 February 2013, Dakar, Senegal

CONCEPT NOTE

General objectives

- To review the progress and challenges of the rice sector development in Sub-sahara Africa in the last five years of the CARD Initiative at the following levels (Agenda 7 / 8)
 - Increase in production
 - Increase in investment both in public and private
 - Development of capacity of national level stakeholders to plan and implement the National Rice Development Strategies in line with the sector framework such as CAADP
 - Inclusion of the private sectors into the dialogue of the Initiative
 - Challenges faced in the CARD initiative, implementation of NRDS and rice sector development in SSA
- To gain consensus on the key activities in the second five years of the Initiative, among others: (Agenda 8)
 - With a view to providing enabling environment to the private sector as the indispensable stakeholder for the rice sector development, include wide spectrum of private sector players in the forum to promote the dialogue between the public and private sectors.
 - Particularly through conducting rounds of policy dialogues between the two sectors at the national level on selected key topics.
 - Continue updating of gap / priority analysis every 2.5 years for each CARD member countries and improve the quality of the work
 - Accelerate harnessing the capacities of the CARD South-South countries through
 - Identification of project through matching of needs and available capacities
 - South-south video seminars, conducted by the CARD Secretariat, to complement on-site interventions
 - Provide technical support to CARD countries on operationalization of NRDS

Specific objectives of this General Meeting

- To review the progress of the Initiative since the Fourth General Meeting in terms of
 - Implementation of NRDS (Agenda 2)
 - Public-private dialogue on promotion of mechanization (Agenda 3)
 - Promotion of South-south cooperation (Agenda 4)
 - Updating of activities by the SC members (Agenda 5)
- To discuss the way in which the CARD Initiative, vis-à-vis other initiatives, contribute to the promotion of the various private sectors and to consider expanding its network to the private sector to that end(Agenda 6)
- To review the rice sector development in SSA in the last five years (Agenda 7)
- To review the achievement of the CARD Initiative in the last five years,

- To identify challenges in implementation of the NRDS
- To agree on outlook of the Initiative's actions 2013 – 2018 (Agenda 8)
- To share the overview of the TICAD V and the CARD Side Event (Agenda 8)

AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday 5th February 2013

Time	Event	Presenter
08:30 – 09:05	Approval of the Co-chairs Approval of Agenda Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by a co-chair of the CARD Steering Committee • Opening Remark by His Excellency Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Senegal • Official opening by Honorable Minister for Agriculture and Rural Equipment, the Republic of Senegal 	CARD Secretariat CARD Secretariat IRRI H.E. Hiroshi Fukada H.E. Abdoulaye Baldé
09:10 – 09:15	Agenda 1: Minutes of the previous meeting	
09:15 – 10:45	Agenda 2: Implementation of NRDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall progress, analysis and recommendation • Presentation of selected countries (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burkina Faso, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Zambia 	CARD Secretariat Country delegates
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 11:45	Agenda 2: Implementation of NRDS – continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and conclusion 	
11:45 – 12:45	Agenda 3: Promotion of mechanization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall progress, analysis and recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Country presentation Cameroon, Madagascar, Senegal, 	CARD Secretariat Country delegates
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:15	Agenda 3: Promotion of mechanization – continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation – continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda • Discussion and conclusion 	Country delegates
15:15 – 16:00	Agenda 4: South-south cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements of the Secretariat (database / VC seminar) • IFAD small grant for IFAD / FARA /AfricaRice, including mechanization follow-up tour to the South East Africa • Discussion on future steps 	CARD Secretariat IFAD/ FARA/ AfricaRice
16:00– 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda 5: Summary of SC members activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Discussion and conclusion 	CARD Secretariat
17:30	Closure of Day 1	

Day 2: Wednesday 6th February 2013

Time	Event	
09:00 – 10:30	Agenda 6 : Roles of the Government in promoting private sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Africa Initiative • Country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federation of Associations of Ghanaian Exporters (FAGE) - Ghana ○ Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania - SAGCOT 	NEPAD Ms. Marjorie Abdin Mr. Geoferry Israel Kirenga
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles of the CARD Initiative in promoting enabling environment for the private sector • Discussion and conclusion 	CARD Secretariat
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda 7: Overview of the progress in the rice sector in Sub-Sahara Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 	Africa Rice
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Agenda 8: Summary of the First Half, Outlook of the Second Half and Way Forward to TICAD V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the CARD Initiative 2008 – 2013 • Outlook of the CARD Initiative 2013 – 2018 • TICAD V Side Event – outline and expected outcomes • Discussion 	CARD Secretariat CARD Secretariat JICA
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda 9: Co-chairs' summary / AOB	
17:00	Closure of Day 2	