Rice Sector Development

Increasing Production and Building a Sustainable Seed System in Africa

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Presentation Outline

- Development Objective
- □ Rice Self Sufficiency
- □ Rice Compact Technologies and Mechanism for Upascale
- Climate Smart Rice Varieties
- Building Sustainable Seed System and Return to Investment
- Excellence in Agronomy (with the Rice Digital Tool)
- □ Regional Initiatives in the Rice Sector



Development Objective

Rapidly expand access of smallholder farmers, majority women, to high yielding agricultural technologies to improve their food production, assure food security and raise rural incomes, and deliver regional public goods by scaling up agricultural technologies across similar agro-ecological zones".



Rice Self Sufficiency - 26 High Rice Proucing Countries

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Rice Compact Technologies and Mechanism for Up-Scale



Variety performance compared to land races and associated technologies

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Rice - Clim	ate-Smart Va				
Variety	Yield (t/ha)	Ecology	Days to Maturity	Special Attributes	
NERICA L19sub1	6.0-7.0	Lowland/ Irrigated	111	Iron toxicity tolerance ; Flood tolerance	ORYLUX 6
NERICA 4	3.0-4.0	Upland	95-100	Drought and Striga tolerant.	
ORYLUX 6	6.0-7.0	Lowland/ Irrigated	100	Aromatic long grain and good grain quality	
ISRIZ-07	8.0-12.0	Irrigated/ Lowland	110	Adapted to the Sahel conditions	
Sahel 108	10.0	Irrigated/. Lowland	105-117	Adapted to the Sahel conditions	
ARICA 3	7.9	Lowland	101	Yield higher than their NERICA analogues	
Hybrids	10.0-14.0	Irrigated/. Lowland	105-110	High yields	



Highly Demanded Seeds of Climate Smart Varieties





Excellence in Agronomy with RiceAdvice Digital Tool





Benefits of using RiceAdvice

Farmers using RiceAdvice report

Yield gains of
 0.6 up to 1.8 t/ha



 Income gains of US\$100 up to \$200 per ha



- Quality Seeds,
- Nursery management
- Smart-valley soil & water management;
- Plant spacing; weed and insect control,
- Soil fertility management
- Harvesting and post-harvest management)
- Rice-Fisheries integration

GAP led to yield of 1.5-2t/ha 3.3 t/ha in upland and from 3.5 to 7.5 t/ha in lowland by farmers in Madagascar Joshua Jonathan — IP Nasarawa State, Nigeria

By adopting GAP, RiceAdvice and improved seed, I increased my rice yield from 4.3 t/ha to 6.7 t/ha (56% increase) on the same farm.



It also improves farmers' knowledge of good agricultural practices (GAPs)

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Return on investment

Net Profit

Cote, d'Ivore, Benin and Mali

Overall Net profit (USD/ha)



Benefit - Cost Cote, d'Ivore, Benin and Mali

Overall: Benefit-Cost Ratio

Farmers'

seeds



Building Sustainable Seed System

Build capacity and governance in the seed sub-sector	Stakeholders		
1. Frameworks for the establishment of the national governance system (National Seed Committee)	Seed sector stakeholders		
2. Provision of training on:			
2.1. Harmonization of regional seed policy and regulations	Research & Quality Control and Certification Agency		
2.2. Seed production practices to achieve required standards for regional seed trade	Research & Private Sector Quality Control and Certification Agency		
2.3. Seed quality control and certification procedures	Quality Control and Certification Agency \		
3. Development of country seed roadmaps			
4. Support to Identification, procurement and installation of appropriate equipment	Quality Control and Certification Agency		
5. Deployment of genetic materials	INERA/SNV		





ASI Thresher being Demonstrated at the IP in Nasarawa State, Nigeria

ASI Thresher is smaller size, pre-cleans paddy, affordable small-scale farmers; easy to move from field to field; gender friendly

- Mechanically separates rice grains from panicle without damaging the grains.
- Adapted to the conditions of manual harvesting.
- Reduces post-harvest losses (estimated at 35% when manual)
- High threshing capacity (2.5 ton/h), Low operating costs, reduces drudgery

Support to Women Processors to Enhance Market Access

- Women using the GEM parboiling technology do not suffer from heat burns and smoke related sicknesses exposure
- Provides hygienic conditions, reduces drudgery and eliminates the use of firewood (environmental-friendly)
- Parboiled milled rice has high contents of B-Vitamins, minerals, slower digestive and lower glycemic properties and has a premium price, compared to white milled rice.
- In the IP in Nigeria, over 65 million Naira (US\$181,800) was generated in 2019 by women group, from quality parboiled rice.





Parboiling Rice by RINA SARL Enterprise in Cote d'Ivoire – conditioning paddy for milling



Rice processed by Women Group on the Glazoue IP in Benin ready for market

Key Achievements – TAAT I

- **79.1 MT of breeder seeds** produced; 37 t deployed and multiplied into
 1,902.45 MT of foundation seed for producing Certified seeds in 15 countries
- 17 Technologies deployed in targeted specific agro-ecological zones improved varieties and post-harvest technologies
- 2 968 345 beneficiaries accessed and effectively used technology products and services
- **2748** Information and visibility materials disseminated
- □ 32% increased income household (USD)
- 54% increased agricultural productivity in zones of intervention (2.2 to 3.4 T/Ha)
- 0.94 Million MT Increased volume of food produced (additional)
- 622 Million USD Value of additional production (US\$)





Regional Initiatives in the Rice Sector, Mostly New

Initiative	TAAT 1 (2018 – 2021/22)	TAAT II (2023 – 2025)	AEFPF (2023 – 2025)	SEAF (2021-2022)	REWARD (Yet to Start)	Country Compacts- Dakar2 (Yet to start)
<i>Technologies of Focus</i>	Climate Smart varieties; Seeds, GAP, Digital solutions, Post- Harvest, Training	Climate Smart varieties; Seeds, GAP, Digital solutions, training	Agri-Inputs	Seeds	ECOWAS Regional trade (seed and processed rice)	Improving produtivity and epanding production
Beneficiary Countries	Benin Burkina Faso Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire DRC Gambia Ghana Guinea Bissau Madagascar Mauritania Mali Nigeria Senegal Uganda	Benin, Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire Ghana Madagascar Senegal Uganda Burkina Faso Gambia Guinea Guinea Bissau Liberia	Burundi Cameroon CAR Cote d'Ivoire DRC Gambia Guinea Bissau Kenya Liberia Madagascar Niger Senegal Sierra Leone South Sudan Togo	Burkina Faso CAR DRC Liberia Nigeria Sierra Leone	Benin Burkina Faso Cape Verde Cote d'Ivoire Ghana Guinea Guinea-Bissau Liberia Mali Niger Senegal; Sierra Leone; The Gambia Togo.	Burundi Cameroon CAR Chad Cote d'Ivoire DRC Ghana Liberia Gambia Malawi Niger Nigeria Sierra Leone South Sudan
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Country Food and Agriculture Delivery Compacts: 14 Countries with rice value chain in their compacts

Outcomes from the BoardRooms:

41 Countries Compacts



An overview of national and regional mechanisms and projects currently driving progress



A clear narrative of the country's **objectives**, production gaps, barriers, and opportunities for development



An understanding of the **financing and technical** assistance required to achieve objectives, including the volume of public investment committed by RMCs



Commitment from Development Partners



Announcement of Presidential Delivery Councils to be chairs by Heads of State and include Ministers of Finance and Agriculture





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Behind the Compacts is a Replicable Public Sector-Enabled and Private Sector-Led Model for Self-Sufficiency in Food Production

Achieving staple self-sufficiency and moving to the top of export-oriented value chains will require countries to :

- 1. Improve productivity, Case Studies of Ethiopia and Sudan on Wheat
- 2. Realize added value of production
- 3. Unleash private sector-led growth

We already have much of what it takes...

- The technologies and practices needed for Africa to feed itself already exist
- In recent years, actors have developed **replicable platforms** capable of taking innovations to scale, alleviating value chain bottlenecks, creating market infrastructure, and sustaining private sector investment

What is needed now is public sector-enabled, business-led, growth that can bring this package to scale. This will require governments to drive progress, coordinating the activities of diverse stakeholders around actioning the enablers.





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