

AGENDA1: REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING (GM9) AND PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE2



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Agenda

1. Overall Progress of CARD Phase 2

2. Recap of GM9 (Côte d'Ivoire, July 2023)

3. Progress of CARD Phase 2

- (1) Country level
- (2) Sub-regional level
- (3) Support by CARD Steering Committee members (19 organizations)
- (4) Thematic issues
- (5) Public relations

4. New membership of 5 countries (to be adopted at Agenda 8)

Interests have been expressed by Equatorial Guinea, Mauritania, Somalia, South Sudan and Zimbabwe



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1. OVERALL PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2



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Overview of Overall Indicators in Sub-Saharan Africa(SSA)

“Paddy Production” & “Yield” : Not on track

Progress Monitoring

Paddy production in SSA :

- Target (2030): 56,000,000
- Current (2024): 38,343,589
- Phase 2 Baseline (2018): 33,552,534

Area Harvested in SSA:

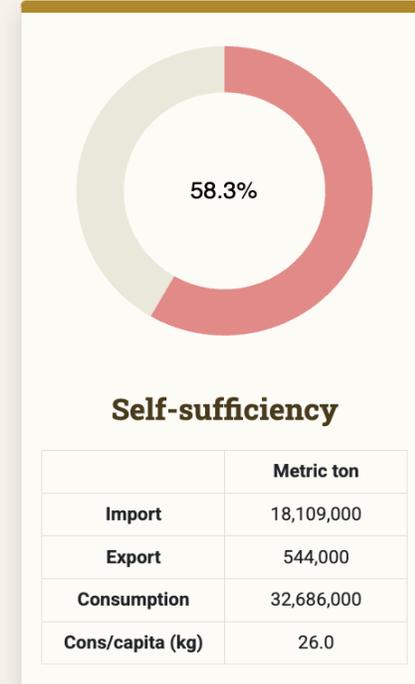
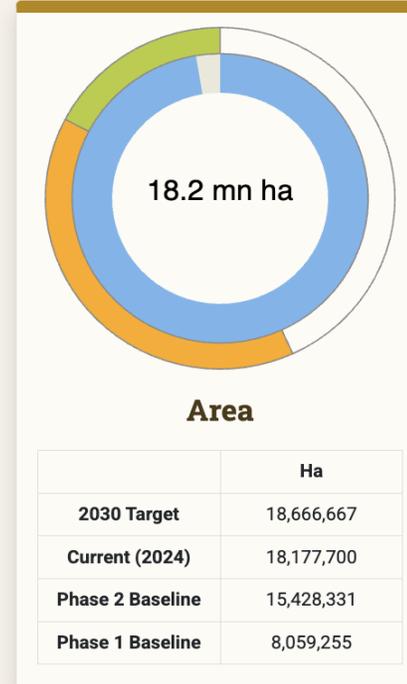
- Target (2030): 18,666,667
- Current (2024): 18,177,700
- Phase 2 Baseline (2018): 15,428,331

Yield

- Target (2030): 3.00
- Current (2024): 2.11
- Phase 2 baseline (2018): 2.17

Self-Sufficiency rate (2023):

58.3%



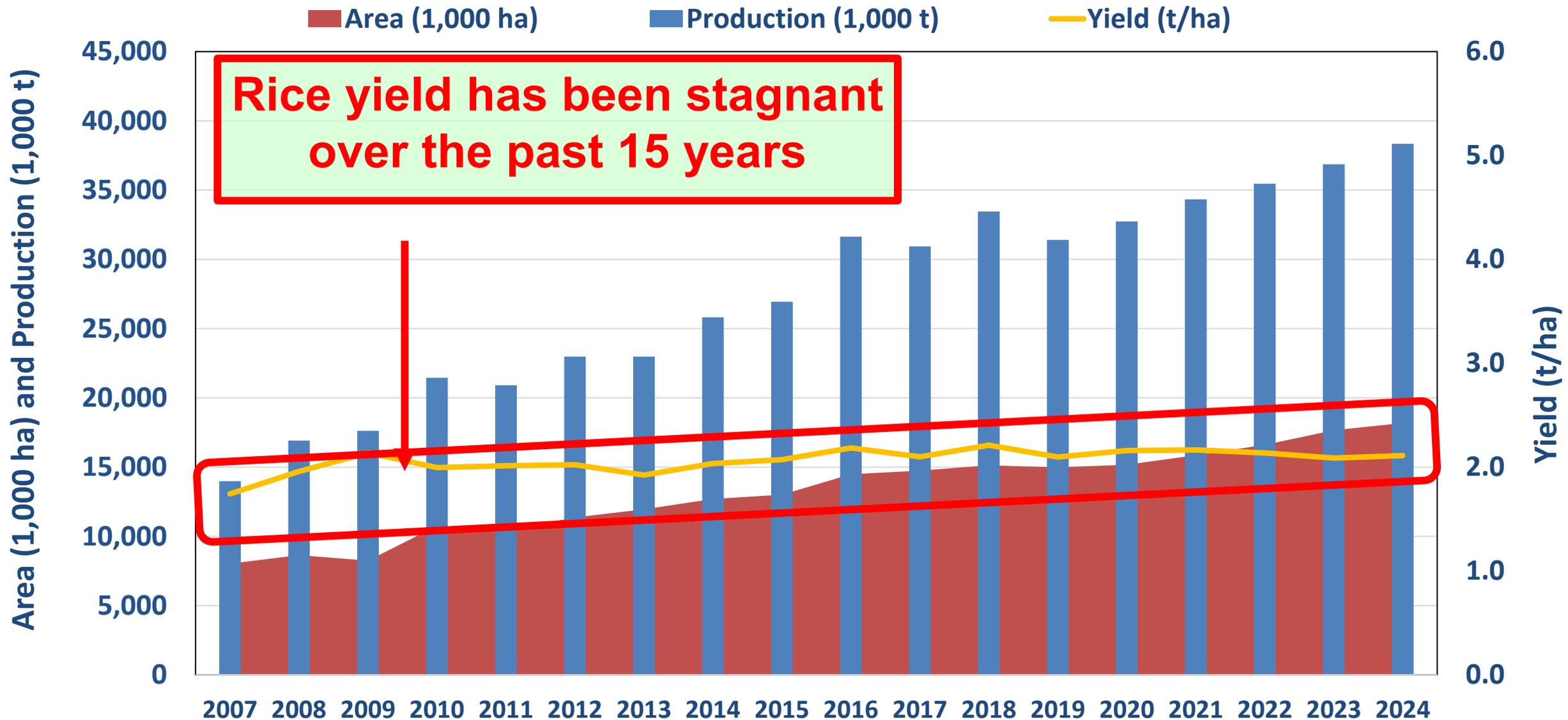
Baseline 2008
 Current situation
 Increase during Phase 1
 Target increase during Phase 2

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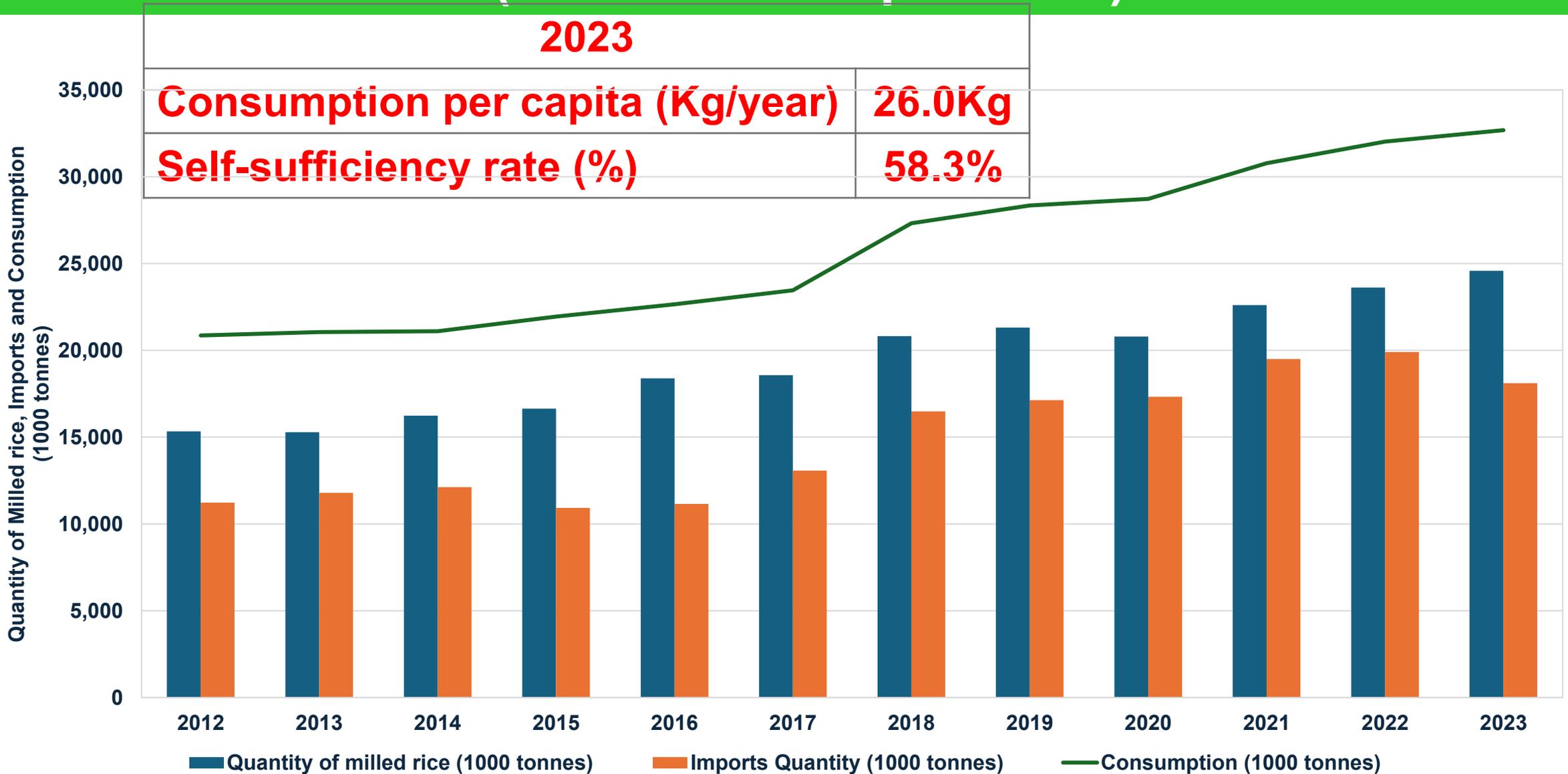
Paddy production, Area, and Yield: Phase 1 baseline, Phase 2 baseline and current: Calculated using data from FAOSTAT (figures for 2024). Not only 32 CARD member countries but all Sub-Saharan African countries are included

Self-sufficiency: Self-sufficiency ratio: FAOSTAT Food Balance Sheet (figures for 2023). Self-sufficiency ratio is calculated using the definition of FAO: $\text{Production} / (\text{Production} + \text{Imports} - \text{Exports}) \times 100$. Imports, Exports, Consumption and Cons/Capita: FAOSTAT Food Balance Sheet (figures for 2023). Data are converted from paddy to milled rice equivalent, using the rate of 0.667, which is also used by FAOSTAT. Consumption refers to the element "Food" in Food Balance Sheet.

Progress of Production, Area Harvested and Yield in Sub-Saharan Africa (2007-2024)



Overview of Production, Imports and Consumption in SSA (Milled Rice Equivalent)



2. RECAP OF GM9



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Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (GM9)

There are 12 recommendations in Co-chairs' summary.

- Improve coordination among rice value chain stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts, ensure policy alignment, and harmonize various rice-related interventions and progress,
- Promote policy dialogues between various stakeholders, especially the private sector,
- Assist NRDS and RRDS Focal Points in identifying the gaps in interventions through M&E activities and Annual Rice Sector Review meetings, and take leading roles in coordinating with development partners for filling the gaps,
- Strengthen partnerships among research institutions, private sector, RECs, development partners, and South-South cooperation partners,

→ **A. Coordination, Partnership, Annual Rice Sector Review (ARSRM)**



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Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (GM9) Cont'

- Facilitate timely mobilization of funds and investments by sharing M&E activities, especially the Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting of CARD member countries, with development partners and the private sector,
- Organize fund-matching activities for NRDS implementation under Dakar 2 initiative,

→ **B. Resource Mobilization**

- Disseminate information on issues and measures raised at the meeting to encourage private sector investment and participation in the rice value chain and promote industrialization,

→ **C. Private Sector**

- Catalyze South-South Cooperation as a means for further industrialization in member countries, taking cues from the robust private sector-led supply chains of quality rice in Cambodia and other parts of Asia and also Latin America,

→ **D. South-South Cooperation**

Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (GM9) Cont'

- Facilitate information-sharing on research, technology, and good practices related to rice sector development,
- Provide training on the CARD GeoPortal for NRDS Focal Points so that they can update their country activities, projects, and data on M&E indicators directly,
- Share good practices of the Technical Assistance component of the rice-related projects and facilitate the selection of appropriate personnel for CARD-related training, and

→ **E. Information Sharing (Public Relations) and CARD Geo Portal**

- Follow up on the Letter of Intent to join the CARD by Hon. Minister Josephine L Yanga in South Sudan

→ **F. New CARD Membership of South Sudan**



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Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (GM9): Progress

	Issues	Progress
A	Coordination, Partnership, Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARSRM is the priority activity in CARD Phase2. Since July 2024, ARSRMs were held in 11 countries.• To enhance sustainability, CARD Secretariat supports strengthening resource mobilization by each country's NRDS TF. Since July 2024, WW/WSs in 6 countries and 1 REC (ECCAS) were held with funding by 6 organizations (rikolto, IRRI, IsDB, IFAD, WB, FAO).• Details are reported later of this session.
B	Resource Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resource mobilization is put the highest priority in accelerating NRDS process.• As a first step, possibility should be explored that WS and ARSRM are held with funding from a wide range of stakeholders.• CARD secretariat supports expanding funding sources to facilitate project implementation.• Stakeholder meeting is scheduled during GM10 (Day 3: March 12).• It is the biggest challenge. Progress is reported later of this session.



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Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (GM9): Progress

	Issues	Progress
C	Private Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In organizing ARSRM in each country, participation from private sector is encouraged. • ECOWAS: The “National Chapter”/ ECOWAS Rice Observatory (ERO), consists of half from private sector. ECOWAS countries promote private sector involvement. • EAC: one member of EAC Rice Platform (ERP) is selected from private sector among three representatives in each country. • Strengthening collaboration with AGRA Country Offices is underway to promote rice value chain development in each CARD member country.
D	South-South cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training course “Rice Production Technologies for Food Security and Sustainability of African Countries” commenced at Kasetsart University in Thailand in 2025 with support from JICA. It will be organized for three years. • Brazil participated in ARSRM in Mozambique. • As a result of discussions at CARD Secretariat, it was confirmed that (a) the biggest effort should be made to accelerate implementation through resource mobilization; (b) relationships with potential stakeholders with sufficient resources (e.g., CARD SC Organization) should be strengthened rather than SSC.

Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (GM9): Progress

	Issues	Progress
E	Information Sharing (Public Relations) and CARD Geo Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CARD Sec started publishing “CARD Newsletter” on monthly basis since May 2025.• Details are reported later of this session.
F	New CARD Membership of South Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New membership of five new countries including South Sudan will be adopted at “Agenda 8: Approval of New CARD member countries (South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Mauritania, and Equatorial Guinea) “



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (1) COUNTRY LEVEL



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Progress of NRDS Process - NRDS and Concept Note elaboration - Since SC 20 July

G1 Country	NRDS Draft	NRDS Validation	Concept Note	G2 Country	NRDS Draft	NRDS Validation	Concept Note	G3 Country	NRDS Draft	NRDS Validation	Concept Note
Cameroon 	✓	✓ May/23	✓ Jun/24	Benin 	✓	✓	✓	Angola 	✓ May/25	✓ Sep/25	✓ May/25
Ghana 	✓	✓ Nov/25	✓ May/25	Burkina Faso 	✓	✓	✓	Burundi 	✓ Sep/24	✓ Nov/24	✓ Sep/24
Guinea 	✓	✓ May/24	✓ Sep/24	Côte d'Ivoire 	✓	✓ May/24	✓	Chad 	✓ Apr/25	✓ Jan/26	✓ Apr/25
Kenya 	✓	✓	✓ Aug/25	CAR 	✓ Jul/24	✓ May/25	✓ Jul/24	Congo 	✓ Mar/23	✓	✓ Feb/24
Madagascar 	✓	✓	✓ Sep/23	DR Congo 	✓	✓ Mar/23	✓ Nov/23	Gabon 	✓ Mar/24	✓ Sep/24	✓ Sep/24
Mali 	✓	✓ Jul/24	✓ Feb/25	Ethiopia 	✓	✓	✓ NRFP	Guinea Bissau 	✓	✓ Feb/24	✓ Feb/24
Mozambique 	✓	✓	✓ Sep/23	The Gambia 	✓	✓	✓	Malawi 	✓ Mar/23	✓ Sep/24	✓ Oct/24
Nigeria 	✓	✓	✓	Liberia 	✓	✓	✓	Niger 	✓	✓	✓
Senegal 	✓	✓	✓	Rwanda 	✓	✓	✓ Jul/25	Sudan 	✓	✓	✓
Sierra Leone 	✓	✓ Jan/23	✓ Feb/24	Togo 	✓	✓	✓ Mar/23	<p><July/24 – Feb/26></p> <p>NRDS: validated on 9 countries</p> <p>C/N :created/elaborated on 14 countries</p>			
Tanzania 	✓	✓	✓ Aug/25	Zambia 	✓	✓	✓ May/25				
Uganda 	✓	✓ Sep/24	✓ Jul/25								

✓ :Done before 2022

- : Not Yet

Done between Jul/24- Feb /2026

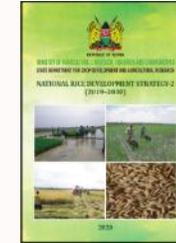
NRDS Processes (Annual & Overall Cycle)

Elaboration Phase of NRDS



Every 5-10 years
Working Week
(typically, 3 times)

Project Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project Status	Project Budget	Project Funding Source	Project Lead	Project Contact
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1. Formulation/Revision of NRDS

2. Development of Project Concept Notes (CNs)

3. Validation & Launching of NRDS

Implementation/Monitoring Phase of NRDS

ARSRM

<From 2nd year>

8. Preparation for ARSRM /other Resource Mobilization (RM) activities

Doc; Annual Summary
Update of Indicators, SIEM, CN

9. Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM)/ RM activities

10. Lobbying (same as 1st lobbying)

M&E

<1st year>

6. Formulation of M&E Framework

7. Data collection as per indicators

1st Lobbying

<Just after Validation>

4. Lobbying Sensitization to Partners/MinAgri/Ministries

5. Request Sending the request letters to partners for funding & Implementation

Objectives of NRDS processes and M/E Framework

Objective of NRDS Processes

- Boost rice production by reviewing the progress and stimulating resource mobilization

Objective & Role of the M/E framework

- ➔ - Communication mechanism with stakeholders including Development Partners on the ARSRM
- Analyze the progress of NRDS from the viewpoint of RICE approach



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M&E Standard indicators applying RICE Approach

M&E Indicators based on RICE Approach are added to Overall Indicators adopted in Phase 1

Category	Code	Indicator
Overall (O)	O1	Quantity of paddy produced
	O2	Harvested area
	O3	Yield per hectare of land
	O4	Self-sufficiency ratio
Resilience (R)	R1	Area under irrigation
	R2	Quantity of resilient variety seeds
Industrialization (I)	I1	Level of industrial milling capacity
	I2	Level of Mechanization in production
Competitiveness (C)	C1	Share of local rice in the market
	C2	Quantity of high-yielding variety seeds
Empowerment (E)	E1	Smallholder farmers' accessibility to financial services
	E2	Smallholder farmers' accessibility to technical training and services
Price	-	Retail price of locally produced and imported rice

Indicators since Phase 1

New indicators added for Phase 2

M&E and Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM) for accelerating NRDS implementation

Once NRDS is revised/
formulated

1. Monitoring Data Setting

NRDS TF determines 13 indicators and comes up with data collection methodology for each indicator

- Indicators can be less than 13 if TF decides.
- Using the Secondary data
- Set up baseline (2018) and target (2030) figures for selected indicators

Every year up to 2030 (or once every two years for Rice Sector Review Meeting)

2. Preparation for ARSRM/Other Resource Mobilization (RM) activities

NRDS TF Prepares 4 basic documents for ARSRM;

- 1) Annual Summary Report
- 2) Update of M&E Indicators
- 3) Update of SIEM
- 4) Update of CNs

(*) SIEM: Sub-sector Intervention Elements Matrices. Tool for developing Concept Notes of NRDS

Most important!

3. Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM) / RM activities

NRDS TF organizes the meeting

- Attended by rice stakeholders, including development partners
- Review the progress and discuss required additional interventions
- Dissemination through CARD website, update the country page in CARD website for wider audience.

4. Lobbying for funding

NRDS TF lobbies by using the CNs

- Continue to discuss with DPs and Stakeholders
- Dissemination through CARD website

Progress of M&E and ARSRM - Since SC 20 July 2024

G1 Country	M/E Framework agreed	1st ARSRM & RM activities	2nd ARSRM RM activities	G2 Country	M/E Framework agreed	1st ARSRM & RM activities	2nd ARSRM RM activities	G3 Country	M/E Framework agreed	1st ARSRM & RM activities	2nd ARSRM RM activities
Cameroon	Jun/24	-	-	Benin	Feb/25	May/25	-	Angola	May/25	Nov/25	-
Ghana	May/23	Leading by ERO	-	Burkina Faso	Mar/23	Leading by ERO	-	Burundi	Sep/24	-	-
Guinea	Sep/24	Leading by ERO	-	Côte d'Ivoire	Mar/24	May/24	Leading by ERO	Chad	-	-	-
Kenya	Jan/22 May/24	Nov/24	Nov/25	CAR	-	-	-	Congo	-	-	-
Madagascar	Sep/23	Aug/24	-	DR Congo	Nov/23	Feb/25	-	Gabon	Sep/24	Nov/24	-
Mali	Dec/23	Leading by ERO	-	Ethiopia	On going	Apr/26	-	Guinea Bissau	Feb/24	Leading by ERO	-
Mozambique	Nov/22	Apr/24	-	The Gambia	Apr/24	Leading by ERO	-	Malawi	May/22	Jan/26	-
Nigeria	Jun/24	Sep/25	-	Liberia	Jun/24	-	Leading by ERO	Niger	-	Leading by ERO	-
Senegal	Dec/23	Leading by ERO	-	Rwanda	Jun/22 Jun/24	Jan/25	Mar/26	Sudan	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	Feb/24	Leading by ERO	-	Togo	Oct/22	Jun/24	Leading by ERO	<p><July/24 – Feb/26></p> <p>M&E Framework: agreed in 6 countries</p> <p>ARSRM : held in 11, will be held in 16 countries in next 6 months</p>			
Tanzania	Mar/22 Jun/24	Apr/25	Mar/26	Zambia	Apr/23	Jan/26	-				
Uganda	Jul/25	Apr/26	-								

✓ :Done before 2022

- : Not Yet

Done Jul/24- Feb/2025

Planned in next 6 months

Progress of NRDS Process from Jul 24 to Feb 26 (NRDS Process, ARSRM)

□ NRDS Process

- Validation of NRDS: **9 countries**
(in total **32/32** countries)
- Creation/elaboration of C/N: **14 countries**
(in total **32/32** countries)

□ Implementation/ Monitoring Process (ARSRM)

- Holding of ARSRM: **11 countries**
(in total **11/32** countries)
- Conducting of Donor Visits: **3 countries**



Challenges of NRDS Process and ARSRM

❑ NRDS process

- Enhance capacity of NRDS T/F to enable them to conduct each NRDS process independently

❑ ARSRM

- Hold ARSRM on regular basis in each country

❑ Stakeholders' Involvement/ contributions in NRDS Process and ARSRM

- Further involvement of broader stakeholders, in particular, CARD SC members
- Secure expenses and diversify funding sources for NRDS process and ARSRM

❑ Realization of project concept notes (lobbying for funding)

- Approaching (a) national governments, (b) development partners (DPs), and (c) private sector investment for resource mobilization

Progress of M&E from Jul 24 to Feb 26 : (Formulation and Revision)

- **Total Number of M&E frameworks formulated since Jul 24: 6 countries** <Angola, Benin, Burundi, Gabon, Guinea and Uganda>
- **Revised M&E frameworks: 3 countries** <Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania>



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Challenges of M&E

- Review and simplify indicators, if necessary, to enable the NRDS Task Force to collect data independently
- Conduct data analysis and evaluation, and reflect the results in the report for ARSRM and the future activity plans



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (2) SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL



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Summary of Regional level Activities

CARD Sec provided financial and Technical supports since July 2024 in RECs level

 <p>EAC</p>	<p><Phase for Implementation of the EAC Rice Development Strategy></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Workshop (WS) on M&E of the ERDS in Jul. 2024 with 8 partner states. ✓ 1st ARSRM in Mar. 2025 with 8 partner states and WB, AfDB, JICA, AGRA, IRRI and KOPIA. ✓ Follow up Meeting @Nairobi in Aug. 2025 with 8 partner states ✓ 2nd ARSRM in Jan.2026 with 8 partner states and AGRA, IRRI, WFP and KOPIA
 <p>ECOWAS</p>	<p><Phase for Implementation of the Regional Rice Development Strategy></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Financial Support to ERO General Meeting in Abuja in May 2024 ✓ Since Oct 2025, Monthly meeting with ERO secretariat to stimulate regional/country activities ✓ Formulation of National Rice Investment Action Plans is in progress in member states ✓ Regional Round Table will be held in May 2026
 <p>ECCAS</p>	<p>Phase for Elaboration of the ECCAS Regional Rice Development Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1st WS on the formulation of the RRDS @ Yaoundé in Feb. 2024 with 9 members states while collaborating with WB, FAO, AfricaRice, IRRI, JICA and CORAF. ✓ 2nd WS on the formulation of the RRDS @ Libreville in Jun. 2025 with 8 members states while collaborating with FAO, AfricaRice, JICA and CORAF. (Planning the Validation WS in 2026)
 <p>SADC</p>	<p>Phase for Elaboration of the SADC Regional Rice Development Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Validation WS of the Strategy @Lusaka in Nov. 2024 with 14 member states.

Progress of RRDS Process (from Jul 24 to Feb 26)

RRDS Process

- Drafting of RRDS: **ECCAS**

ARSRM

- Holding of ARSRM: **EAC (2 times)**

Other Events

- Regional Round Table: **ECOWAS (April 2026, planned)**



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RRDS of Three RECs (ECOWAS, EAC and ECCAS)

	ECOWAS (Regional Action Plan (2020-2025) to accelerate the ECOWAS Rice Offensive)	EAC (EAC Rice Development Strategy)	ECCAS (ECCAS SRDR)
Vision/ Goal	Aim <u>engendering a sustainable and sustained revival of rice cultivation in West Africa</u> and to provide support for the National Rice Development Strategies of Member States towards achieving rice self-sufficiency by 2025.	Vision <u>A vibrant and sustainable rice sector for food, nutrition, and income security in the EAC region</u> <hr/> Goal Double rice production in the EAC region by 2030, enhance market competitiveness and improve intra-regional trade	Vision By 2035, the ECCAS region will have achieved food and nutritional sovereignty , while fostering sustainable economic growth. This will be made possible by competitive regional rice production , which will become a key driver of food security and economic prosperity in the region.
Purpose/ Objectives		Purpose Facilitate rice value chain integration, free movement of rice and rice-related services, technologies (such as varieties, seeds, fertilizers, machineries), and investments within EAC region	Overall Objective contribute to the transformation of rice-growing systems in order to respond effectively to the growing demand for rice at regional level <hr/> Specific Objectives •Enhancing the resilience of rice production systems to climate change (CC) and other exogenous shocks •Improve competitiveness of rice industry & boost trade within the region •Optimizing governance and financing of the rice industry

Rice production/ self sufficiency

Competitiveness/ interregional trade

RRDS of Three RECs (ECOWAS, EAC and ECCAS)

	ECOWAS	EAC	ECCAS
Components/ Target Areas	<p><u>Axes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainably Increase Rice Production 2. Process and Promote Local Rice Production 3. Promote the Regional Local Rice Market 4. Improve the Rice Development Environment 	<p><u>Strategic Objective</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase total rice production and on-farm productivity 2. Improve market competitiveness of locally produced rice 3. Enhance the EAC intraregional rice trade 4. Create an enabling environment for the mutual benefits of all rice stakeholders 5. Buildup ecological and socio-economic sustainability of rice industry 	<p><u>Strategic Areas</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the resilience of rice production systems to climate change (CC) and other exogenous shocks 2. Improving the competitiveness of the rice sector 3. Improve financing and governance of the rice industry
	<p><u>Components</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy and Regulatory measures to render the Rice Sector more productive and competitive 2. Finance and Public Private Partnership Mechanism to boost Rice Sector Development 3. Knowledge Sharing and Management (including Digitization for an improved RVC in the region) 4. Efficient Trade and Marketing Systems along the Rice Value Chain in West Africa 5. Coordination of the National Inter-professional Organizations 6. Coordination and Management of the Rice Action Plan 		

Rice production/ self sufficiency

Competitiveness/ interregional trade

RRDS of Three RECs (ECOWAS, EAC and ECCAS)

	ECOWAS	EAC	ECCAS
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are coordination and management plans of the action plan (periodic meetings for coordination, monitoring and evaluation system) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are implementation mechanisms, and monitoring and evaluation plan. 	

 Coordination & management mechanism



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Roles of RRDS (Roles of RECs)

(1) National activities

- ① Promotion of NRDS process (R&D, extension services, VC development including fostering private sector, lobbying of financial institutions, etc)

(2) Sub-regional activities

- ① Organize conferences/ meetings (annual conference/ meetings, organizing trade fairs, creating stakeholders' forum etc)
- ② Policy formulation and review and formulation of regulations/standards (Seed trade policies, tax/CET, rice standard, etc)
- ③ Research/ Capacity building/ Training (training on common regional issues such as climate change, exchange visits, fostering staff of RECs member states, etc)
- ④ Regional issues (regional seed bank, regional distribution systems of agro-inputs, rice distribution in the regional market, regional market information, etc)

(3) Coordination and management, feed back

Challenges of RRDS Process and ARSRM (Sub-regional Level)

□ RRDS Process

- Promote NRDS process in their member/partner states
- Advance sub-regional challenges, such as the rice marketing and trade, the distribution of inputs, e.g. high-quality seeds within each sub-region
- Enhance capacity of RECs to enable them to conduct RRDS process independently

□ ARSRM

- Hold ARSRM on regular basis
- Report ARSRM outcomes to higher-level advisory bodies (sectoral councils, board meetings, etc.)

□ Stakeholders' Involvement/ Contributions in RRDS Process and ARSRM

- Further involvement of broader stakeholders, in particular, CARD SC members
- Secure expenses and diversify funding sources for RRDS process and ARSRM

3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2

(3) SUPPORT BY CARD STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Support to CARD Country Activities by each organization

NRDS Validation / Launch Workshop /Sensitization Workshop/ Working Week (WW*) since SC 20 (Jul.2024)

Countries	Period	Activities	Financial support other than JICA
Mali 	Jul. 2024	NRDS Validation WS	
Burundi 	Dec. 2024	NRDS Validation WS	
The Gambia 	Jan. 2025	NRDS Launch WS	
ECCAS 	Feb. 2025	RRDS Elaboration 1 st WW	
Central African Rep. 	May. 2025	NRDS	
ECCAS 	Jun. 2025	RRDS Elaboration 2 nd WW	
Benin 	Dec. 2025	NRDS Revision 1 st WW	
Chad 	Jan. 2026	NRDS Validation WS	

WW*:

In general, A one-day workshop attended by stakeholders such as the Min. Agri, research institutions, representatives from rice value chains, farmers, and DP, in total around 40-80 participants.

Financial support for WSs/ WWs by:
Five (5) SC members
One (1) Stakeholder

Contributions Made by SC members

- **W/Ws and W/Ss were held with financial resources from SC members and stakeholders in 6 countries and 1 RECs (from July 24 to February 26).**
 - ✓ SC members: FAO, IFAD, IsDB, IRRI and WB
 - ✓ Other stakeholder: ricolto



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Expectations for CARD Steering Committee Members

- **Positively involved in NRDS process at country level and RRDS process at sub-regional level**
- **Positively explore possibilities to provide financial and technical resources**
 - ✓ organizing WSs/WWs
 - ✓ implementing projects based on the concept notes



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (4) THEMATIC ISSUES



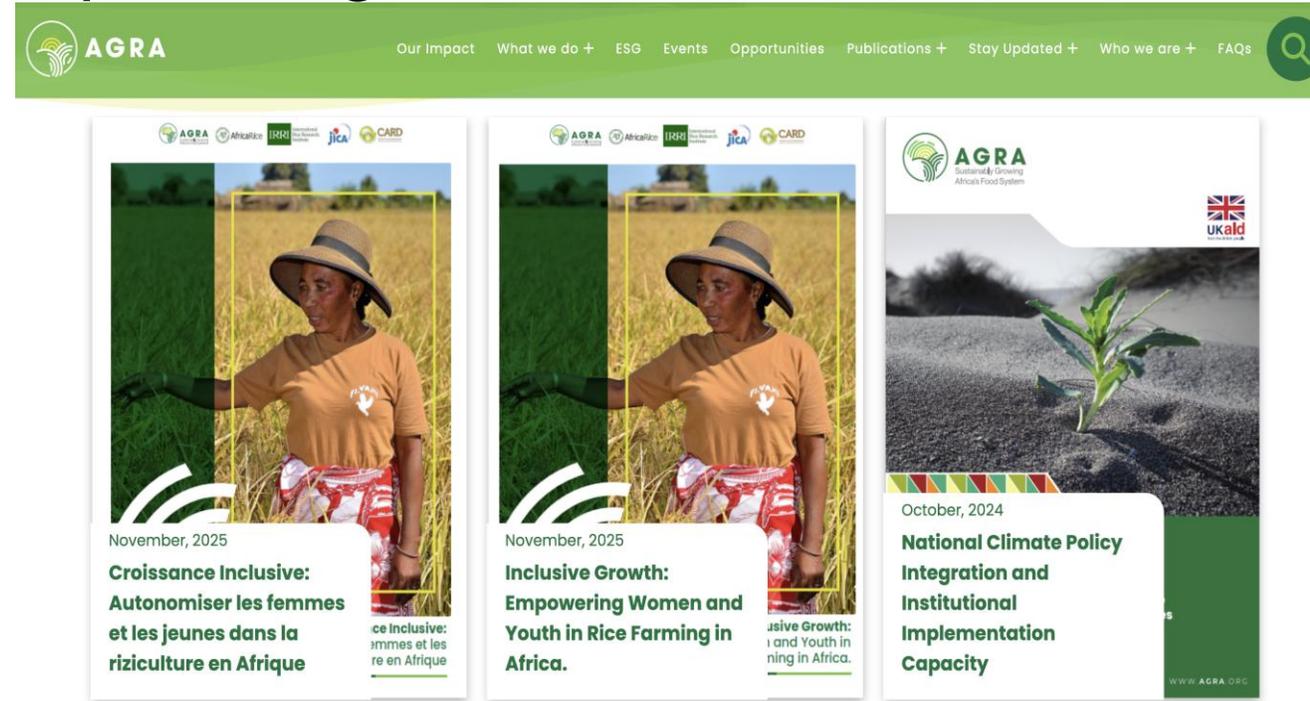
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Important Thematic Issues in Rice Development (1)

1. Policy Brief “Inclusive Growth: Empowering Women and Youth in Rice Farming in Africa”

- “women” and “youth”: gaining attention the Agrifood System. CARD Secretariat decided to make the policy brief.
- Policy brief drafting team was formed by AfricaRice, AGRA, IRRI, and JICA.
- Policy brief has been finalized. It will be published through AGRA website soon.



Link to access:

- ❖ **English version:** <https://agra.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CARD-Policy-Brief-on-Inclusive-Rice-Farming.pdf>
- ❖ **French Version:** https://agra.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CARD-Policy-Brief-on-Inclusive-Rice-Farming_FR.pdf

Important Thematic Issues in Rice Development (2)

2. Holding thematic sessions at GM10

- Disseminated technical knowledge on the important issues in rice development. Four thematic sessions were held on March 9 (Day 0)

	Thematic Issues	Lead Person	Resource Persons
1	Inclusive Rice Farming	Lillian Muasa (CARD Sec)	AfricaRice, IRRI, MINAE (Madagascar) and Women Groups Federation (Madagascar)
2	Climate Change	Ibrahima Sall (CARD Sec)	AfricaRice, IRRI, FOFIFA (Madagascar) and Mr. Harifidy Ramilison (Former Minister of Agriculture, Madagascar)
3	Sustainable Enhancement of On-farm Rice Productivity	Andry Randriantsoa (CARD Sec)	Rikolto/ Sustainable Rice Platform, JIRCAS, LRI(Madagascar)
4	Rice Marketing and Trade	Arumugam Kathiresan (CARD Sec)	AfCFTA Secretariat, AfricaRice, IFPRI, Rice Farmers Cooperative (Kenya)



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (5) PUBLIC RELATIONS



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CARD Newsletter

Published: Monthly, since May 2025

CARD Newsletter Highlights:

- Country rice production interview (from NRDS FP or senior official in rice)
- Knowledge sharing
- Regional/country activities
- New updates in CARD website

Progress of Newsletter:

- Monitored using MailChimp: captures the number of new subscribers

Date/Month	Total Subscriber	Target Subscribers by March 2026
30th May 2025	1,219	2,000
30 th Sep 2025	1,510	
6th Feb 2026	1,544	

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Africa Rice Sector Update

January 2026 | Janvier 2026



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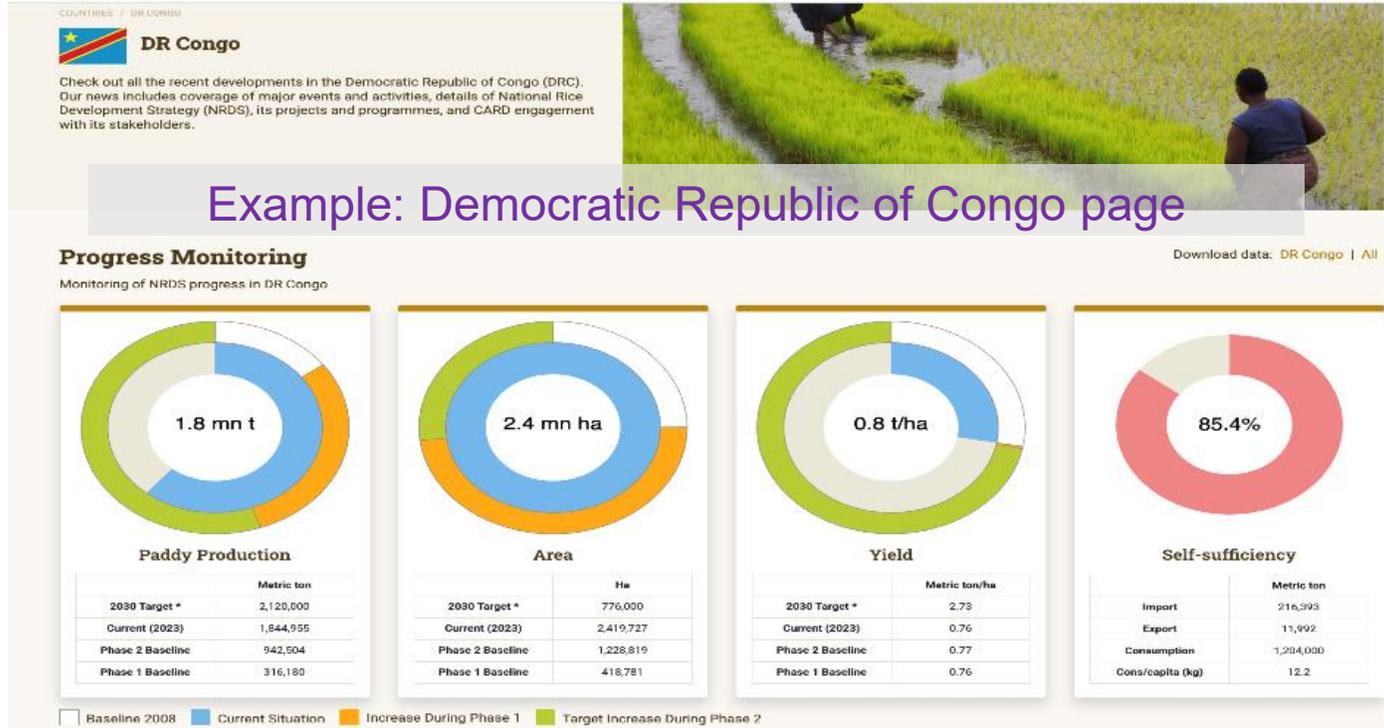


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CARD Website

1. Home page: Disseminates the latest CARD activities included in the website, progress monitoring for SSA and other activities



Example: Democratic Republic of Congo page

2. Countries and regional pages:

- Disseminates progress monitoring with **latest M&E data** for each CARD member country and Regional communities,
- Available Strategies, Projects and other activities for each country/region

3. Progress/Performance of CARD website

Period	Average views /per day	Target views by March 2026
From 2023- May 2025	150	300
May 2025- December 2025	198	

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<https://riceforafrica.net/>

CARD Geo-Portal (CARD Website)

1. In Home Page: CARD Geoportal maps rice-related activities (Projects, Research, Private investment, and Training) in all CARD member states

2. In CARD countries and regional pages: Captures the activities of each CARD member country and provides more details for the current projects

The screenshot shows the CARD Geo-Portal interface. At the top, it says "CARD Geo-Portal" and "As of August 2021". There are navigation options like "About", "Zoom To Full Extent", "Show/Hide Filter", and "Export Data". On the left, there is a "Navigation Sidebar" with "Filters" (Check All, Uncheck All) and a list of filter categories: ACTIVITY TYPE, COVERAGE, COUNTRY (with a donut chart), PERIOD, SCHEME, BUDGET, IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS, RICE APPROACH, SIEM, and CROSS-CUTTING. The main map shows Africa with various colored circles representing activities. A legend on the right lists "Activities" (Project, Research, Private Investment, Training) and "Others" (Milling Facilities, Machine Hiring Providers, Irrigation Schemes Areas, Irrigation Schemes). A "Summaries" table is visible at the bottom left of the map area.

Activities	Total Budget
463	USD 5,257,339,907

The screenshot shows the CARD Geo-Portal page for Benin. It features a detailed map of Benin with activity markers. A "Summaries" table is visible on the left side of the map area.

Activities	Total Budget
341	USD 10,083,429,824

Below the map, there is a "Projects" section with a grid of project cards. Each card shows a project title and a small image of rice. The projects listed include:

- PACOFIDE Projet d'Appui à la Compétitivité des Filières...
- PRRACAZ Projet de Renforcement de la Résilience des Communautés...
- PADIAD-BMVO -Projet d'Appui au Développement des Infrastructures...
- PDI-CVA Programme de Développement Intégré des Chaines de Valeur...
- OCRI : Ouème Bassin Climat Résilience Initiative (OCRI), en...
- PAHAAC-BVM - Projet d'Aménagement Hydro-Agricole et d'Adaptation...
- PADIAP - Projet d'Appui au Développement des Investissements...
- Projet Programme d'appui au développement des Filières...
- BJ-P12: Projet d'Appui à la Diversification Agricole
- BJ-P11
- BJ-P10: Projet de Productivité Agricole en Afrique de
- BJ-P13: Appui aux programmes de recherches pour

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4. NEW MEMBERSHIP OF 5 COUNTRIES

**(EQUATORIAL GUINEA, MAURITANIA, SOMALIA, SOUTH SUDAN,
AND ZIMBABWE)**

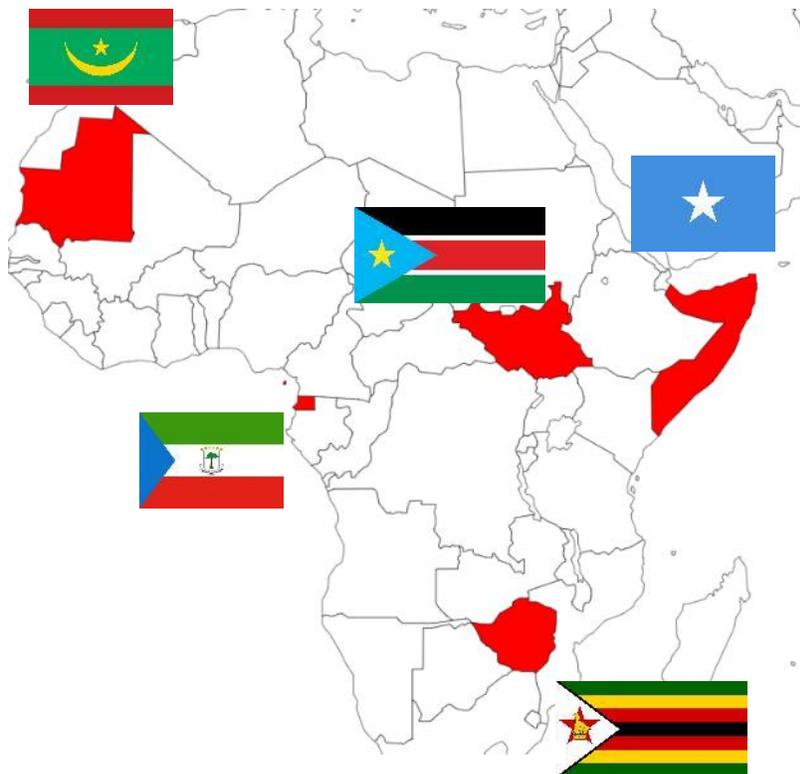


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Progress of activities toward new membership in CARD

CARD Sec. has been working towards the accession of the following 5 new countries (4th Groupe).



< 5 new countries (4th Group)>

Countries	Official letter submitted to CARD Sec.	Activities carried out by CARD Sec.
Equatorial Guinea	3 rd June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sep. 2025 / Meeting (Online), discussed with Minister of MinAgri and Meeting with staff. ❖ Dec. 2025 / Contact Mission, met Minister and discussed with Technical Team
Mauritania	13 th June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jun. 2025 / Contact Mission, met Minister and discuss with Technical Team (SONADER)
Somalia	11 th July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jul. 2025 / met DG of MinAgri @Nairobi ❖ Nov. 2025/ Data collection started
South Sudan	15 th June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Nov. 2023 / Contact Mission, met PS of MinAgri ❖ Feb. 2025 / 1st Workshop of elaboration of NRDS ❖ Jun. 2025 / 2nd Workshop of elaboration of NRDS
Zimbabwe	16 th May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jun. 2024 / Contact Mission, ❖ Feb. 2025 / 1st Workshop of elaboration of NRDS ❖ Aug. 2025 / 2nd Workshop of elaboration of NRDS

CARD Phase 2 (2019-2030)

32 Member Countries(→37 countries)

Mauritania

**Equatorial
Guinea**

South Sudan

Somalia

Zimbabwe

 Newly join in Mar 2026
: 5 countries

 From Phase1: 23 countries

 From Phase2: 9 countries

37 countries



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