



CARD UPDATE

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13th CARD Steering Committee Meeting

The 13th CARD Steering Committee meeting was held in Nairobi on 7th and 8th December 2017. GIZ and WFP also participated in the meeting as observers. Pricewaterhouse Coopers Arata LLC (PwC) reported the result of Final Evaluation on 1st Phase of CARD 2008–2018. PwC concluded that “CARD made a big achievement for policy development at the country level through the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS) and sector strategy formulation, however, many stakeholders emphasized the necessity of further action and support for policy implementation. CARD could have further leveraged on information from CARD SC members as well as knowledge that member countries acquired through the NRDS process.”

The SC members reached a consensus on the proposition for the target in the 2nd phase of the CARD Initiative, as the further doubling of rice production in Sub-Sahara Africa in 2019 - 2030. The SC members also decided that CARD will accept about 10 countries as CARD new country members and the 8th CARD General Meeting will be held in 2018.



Scaling-Up of Pilot Initiative for Improved Mechanization Sector

In Fiscal year 2017-2018, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea and Mali organized working week for concept notes on Mechanization Strategy. Including Cote d'Ivoire and Madagascar, 6 countries have elaborated their concept notes for Mechanization. In 2018, Nigeria started the elaboration of the National Mechanization Strategy. Mali and Rwanda are interested in revising their mechanization strategy to make it more implementable. Totally, 11 CARD member countries, namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda, are supported by the CARD initiative for the development of rice mechanization sector.

As an example, in November 2017, Guinea Taskforce team elaborated 3 concept notes with main actors in mechanization sector through a working week, (i) Project to implement support measures for the promotion of agricultural mechanization, (ii) Project to improve the supply of agricultural machineries and equipment, and (iii) Project to improve access to agricultural equipment and machinery.



Workshop for Mechanization, Conakry, Guinea, Nov 2017

NRDS Revision

In Benin and Democratic Republic of Congo, the taskforce teams have started the revision of NRDS. More than half of CARD member countries fixed the period of NRDS by 2018, therefore, some countries will revise the NRDS in 2018 for the next NRDS for the period from 2019. Madagascar, Mali and Mozambique have already revised and validated the NRDS for different periods.

Scaling-Up of Pilot Initiative for Improved Rice Seed Sector

In 2017, Ethiopia, Gambia and Mali elaborated concept notes on Seed Road Map. As the result, 19 CARD member countries except for CAR, Liberia, Rwanda and Zambia elaborated concept notes on Rice Seed Road Map for Improved Rice Seed sector.

Knowledge Co-Creation Program

A two-week knowledge Co-Creation Program supported by JICA was conducted in September 2017 in Japan, on “Promotion of African Rice Development in SSA - Rice Mechanization Policy”. The purpose of the program is to develop country specific Action Plans to improve for the implementation of NRDS as well as policy planning, implementation, management and operation for promotion of rice mechanization.

The 27 NRDS Focal points and officers who are in charge of Rice Mechanization Policy from 14 countries participated in this program. Various successful cases were shared among participants and they visited Ibaragi prefecture to learn about Rice Development Policy related to mechanization by Prefectural Government. They also visited a high school for cultural exchange with Japanese students. The last day, they presented their action plan to implement what they learnt during the program in their home country.

In May 2018, the program on Rice Production Infrastructure will be held in Knowledge Co-Creation Program.



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