

【Side event of TICAD7】

Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)

Official Launching of 2nd phase

-Toward further doubling of rice production (56 million tons) in Sub-Saharan Africa-

On Aug. 30, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, in collaboration with AGRA, held a launching event of CARD 2nd phase in the Hotel Intercontinental Yokohama Grand. The target of CARD 2nd phase is doubling rice production in Sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. More than 160 people participated.

CARD was established in 2008 at TICAD IV as an international initiative led by JICA and its target 'doubling rice production in 10 years' was achieved in 2018. The rice consumption is continuously increasing at a much faster pace than the production, therefore CARD 2nd phase starts in 2019. The "RICE approach" (Resilience, Industrialization, Competitiveness, and Empowerment) is going to be promoted toward further doubling rice production.

The event's greeting was delivered by Mr. Hiroshi Kato, senior vice president of JICA, followed by a congratulatory address by Mr. Tadahiko Ito, member of the House of Representatives, keynote speeches by Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD, Dr. Qu Dongyu, Director General of FAO, Mr. Ranarivelo Lucien Fanomezantsoa, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Republic of Madagascar, and Professor Moussa Balde, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Republic of Senegal. They emphasized the importance of rice sector for food security and economic development. Furthermore, concept of CARD 2nd phase was introduced by short movie and necessity of human resources development was highlighted.

At the presentation session, specific ideas of RICE approach were shared by the presenters; AfricaRice expressed the necessity of innovative rice research and development, and AU explained the sustainable agriculture mechanization. From Japanese company, KUBOTA Corporation emphasized the effectiveness for the agricultural mechanization based on the field survey, and Toyota Tsusho Corporation presented its value chain business and its economical merit for farmers. Furthermore, the idea of 'Africa-Japan Innovation Center for Modernized Agriculture' was introduced which was presented at the Public-Private business

dialogue in TICAD Plenary Session.

A closing statement was delivered by Dr. George Bigirwa, Interim Vice President, AGRA who emphasized the importance of partnership with all stakeholders for achieving the target. JICA continues to lead CARD operation and contributes to food security and improvement of income and livelihood of farmers in Africa.

■ Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Hiroshi Kato, Senior Vice President, JICA

[Welcome Speech]

Tadahiko Ito, Member of Japan-African Union (AU) Parliamentary Friendship Association, Member of the House of Representatives

[Keynote Speeches]

Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD

Qu Dongyu, Director General, FAO

Ranarivelo Lucien Fanomezantsoa, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Republic of Madagascar

Moussa Balde, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Republic of Senegal

[Topic Presenters]

Yusuke Haneishi, General Coordinator, CARD Secretariat

Harold Roy-Macauley, Director General, AfricaRice

Afeikhena Jerome, Advisor to Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

Yuichi Kitao, Representative Director and Executive Vice President, KUBOTA Corporation

Akira Wada, General Manager, Africa Planning Department, Africa Division, - Toyota Tsusho Corporation

[Closing Remarks]

George Bigirwa, Interim Vice President, AGRA

■ Note

1. AGRA*¹ : Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
2. NEPAD*² : New Partnership for Africa's Development
3. FAO*³ : The Food and Agriculture Organization

■ Photos



Keynote Speech at the Side Event



Market Survey on Rice in Madagascar

■ Related SDGs



■ Related link

Agricultural and Rural Development

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/agricultural/card.html

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