

Date and hours: Friday 30th August from 16:00 to 17:30  
 Location: La Vela at the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand



Co-organizers : Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

## Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD): Official Launching of the 2nd phase

### Background

CARD was established in 2008 at TICAD IV as a consultative group of multilateral/bilateral donors and 23 Sub-Saharan African (SSA) rice producing countries, targeting doubling rice production in SSA in the next 10 years. Significant progress has made in rice production since then, and the target was achieved in 2018. However, the rice consumption is increasing at a much faster pace than the production, thus the demand-supply gap has continued widening. Therefore, all stakeholders agreed to launch CARD 2nd phase from 2019; its goal is to "double rice production again by 2030," matching the target year of SDGs.

### Objectives

To officially announce the launching of CARD 2nd phase and introduce its target, members, framework and RICE Approach (Resilience, Industrialization, Competitiveness, and Empowerment)

### Key Questions

- What are the expectations and challenges for the further promotion of rice production in Africa in the context of resilience, industrialization, competitiveness and empowerment?

### Speakers

Hiroshi Kato, Senior Vice President, JICA  
 Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD  
 Ministers of Agriculture from Madagascar  
 Ministers of Agriculture from Senegal  
 Harold Roy-Macauley, Director General, AfricaRice  
 Matthew Morell, Director General, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)  
 Qu Dongyu, Director General, FAO  
 George Bigirwa, Vice President, AGRA  
 Representatives of Japanese companies