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Progress of Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Initiative and Future of Rice Sector in Africa

Cohosted by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)

1. Background

The Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Initiative was launched in 2008 at TICAD IV aiming at doubling African rice production during 2008–2018. The premise of the initiative was that a major cereal crop that has great potential to help reduce poverty and achieve food security in Africa was rice. The initiative has been producing a number of encouraging achievements in collaboration with a number of stakeholders and participating organizations.

The occasion of TICAD VI in 2016 provides a timely occasion for African countries, donors, and partners to share the progress of the CARD up to the present, and to discuss the tasks ahead in view of the 2018 target year of the initiative.

2. Objectives

The event will present general achievements of the CARD Initiative since 2008, and reviews issues and challenges as well as guiding principles of the remaining two and a half years.

Several CARD member countries will present their national level achievements in the rice sector development and CARD's contributions to them.

Based on the presentations, future directions for rice sector development in Africa beyond 2018 will be discussed.

3. Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Willy Bett, Honorable Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Kenya
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President/CARD Director, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Dr. Harold Roy-Macauley, Director General, Africa Rice Center
- Dr. Chiji Ojukwe, Director for Agriculture and Agroindustry, African Development Bank
- Mr. Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director General, Regional Coordinator for Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Dr. Masa Iwanaga, President, JIRCAS
- Prof. Keiji Otsuka, Professor, Kobe University, Japan
- Dr. Yaw Ansu, Chief Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation
- Dr. Matthew Morell, Director General, IRRI
- Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, FARA
- H.E. Dr. Papa A. Seck, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Senegal
- Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Vice President, JICA