### Objective/Outcome

**Objective**
Capacity of governmental organization on implementing NRDS and technical areas of rice promotion is strengthened.

**Outcome**
1. Challenges and good practices on implementing NRDS and technical areas of rice promotion are identified, analyzed and presented.
2. Solutions for challenges stated in 1. are discussed through learning other countries’ cases.
3. Japanese experiences on technical areas of rice promotion are understood.
4. Solutions on implementing NRDS and technical areas of rice promotion are clarified.

### Target Organization / Group

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<td>Implementing organization of NRDS (Central government, Ministry of Agriculture, etc.)</td>
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<td>CARD focal point and an officer who involves in a technical area of rice promotion, which will be designated for each year.</td>
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1. Formulation and presentation of Inception Report
   (1) Sharing of the progress and challenges in the implementation of NRDS
   (2) Sharing of the challenges faced by the rice sector in the participants’ home countries
2. Sharing good practices and challenges on the implementation and management of NRDS, as well as the technical areas of rice promotion
3. Understanding Japanese experience
   (* Video lectures are conducted in participants’ home countries.*)
   (1) Video lecture or reading materials about Japanese experience of technical areas of rice promotion
   (2) Deepening the knowledge through discussion with lecturers
   (3) Visit a local government / agricultural cooperative, and farmers
4. Formulation and Presentation of Action Plan

### Target Countries

Targeted countries of the CARD initiative

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**Sector**
Agricultural/Rural Development/Agricultural Policy and System

**Sub-Sector**
Rural Development

**Language**
(A) English/(B) French

**Outline**

During this course, challenges, solutions, and good practices on implementing NRDS are discussed and shared among participants.

For each year, course theme regarding technical issues related to rice promotion will be designated, and participants discuss these issues and also learn from Japanese experience. At the end of the course, participants formulate an action plan for rice promotion for respective countries.

(Theme for 2017: rice farm mechanization policies)

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