



Research
Program on
Rice
Global Rice
Science
Partnership

GRiSP Global Science Forum

Hilton Hotel Conference Center
Yaoundé, Cameroon
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Theme: 'Leveraging knowledge across the globe to strengthen Africa's Rice Sector'

Objectives:

- to inform GRiSP and Forum participants about initiatives and activities of different countries, institutions, and private sector parties in the rice sector in Africa
- to discuss and propose cross-cutting priorities for development of Africa's rice sector, and
- to discuss and propose potential mechanisms for leveraging global knowledge to address these priorities through partnerships.

Time	Topic	Invited Speakers
0830 – 0835	Welcome remarks and looking back at the Third Africa Rice Congress	Adama Traoré (Interim DG, AfricaRice)
0835 – 0845	Opening remarks	Kei Otsuka (Vice Chair, GRiSP Oversight Committee)
Session 1: Update on global and African rice initiatives: GRiSP, GRiSP-Africa, FAO, CARD <i>Chair: Lala Razafinjara, Director General (FOFIFA, Madagascar)</i>		
0845 – 0900	Update on the Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP)	Bas Bouman (GRiSP Program Director)
0900 – 0930	Update on GRiSP-Africa activities Discussion	Marco Wopereis (DDG, AfricaRice)
0930 – 1000	Update on FAO activities related to rice in Africa Discussion	Robert G. Guei (FAO)
1000 – 1030	Update on the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Discussion	Takanori Satoyama (CARD)
1030 – 1100	Coffee break	

Session 2: Bilateral support for the African rice sector: Republic of Korea, Brazil, and China Chair: Noe Woin, Director General (IRAD, Cameroon)		
1100 – 1130	People's Republic of China-supported rice R&D activities in Africa Discussion	Gong Xifeng (CAAS)
1130 – 1200	Republic of Korea supported rice R&D activities in Africa Discussion	Kyung-Ho Kang (RDA)
1200 – 1230	Brazil supported rice R&D activities in Africa Discussion	Pericles Neves (Embrapa)
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
Session 3: Coordinating investments in rice development in Africa: AGRA, YaaNovel (private sector), WAAPP, and EAAPP Chair: Harold Roy-Macauley, Executive Director (CORAF)		
1330 – 1400	Rice R&D program within the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programs (WAAPP) (<i>tentative</i>) Discussion	Dembélé A. Réjane Koné (WAAPP)
1400 – 1430	Rice R&D program within the East Africa Agricultural Productivity Programs (EAAPP) (<i>tentative</i>) Discussion	Hussein Mansoor (EAAPP)
1430 – 1500	AGRA rice seed sector development initiatives Discussion	George Bigirwa (AGRA)
1500 – 1530	Coffee break	
1530 – 1600	Private sector initiatives investing in Africa's rice sector Discussion	Albert Diadhiou (YaaNovel)
1600 – 1730	General discussion: 'Leveraging rice knowledge across the globe to strengthen Africa's Rice Sector' (debate/open space, with participation by speakers and audience)	Bas Bouman and Myra Wopereis (facilitators)
1730 – 1735	Closing remarks	Bas Bouman
1735	Adjourn	