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 <p data-bbox="277 650 526 709"><b>Carol Kramer-LeBlanc</b> Chair, AfricaRice Board</p>	<p data-bbox="673 243 1468 982"><b>Carol Kramer-LeBlanc</b>, an agricultural economist with a PhD from Michigan State University is the Chair of AfricaRice Board of Trustees. She has over thirty years of experience providing technical and management expertise on issues related to food security and sustainable agriculture to the U.S. government and international organizations. Prior to government service, Dr Kramer-LeBlanc held university positions at Cornell University and Kansas State University. She has served as a member of the board of directors of CATIE, the regional Tropical Agriculture Research and Teaching Institute, headquartered in Turrialba, Costa Rica. Dr. Kramer-LeBlanc helped co-author the following two studies for the U.S. Agency for International Development: BIFAD-commissioned review of the Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs); and An examination of human and institutional capacity building efforts of USAID working through the U.S. land grant university system with partners in sub-Saharan Africa. She worked for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for over 20 years in different roles as Associate Director for the Resources and Technology Division of the Economic Research Service, as Deputy Executive Director for the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, and as Director of Research and Scientific Exchanges for the Foreign Agricultural Service. She was also Director for Sustainable Development at the USDA, and also held US Department of the Treasury, the Millennium Challenge Corporation.</p>