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## Agenda for 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the AfricaRice Council of Ministers

Carlton Hotel, Antananarivo, Madagascar,

13-15 November 2024

**Theme – Food sovereignty: delivering on commitments towards rice self-sufficiency through rice-based agri-food systems transformation**

**Day 1 : Wednesday, 13 November 2024**

**High-Level Ministerial Technical Meeting 2**

### **i. Plenary Session I – Opening**

08h00 - 08h05	Arrival of participants
08h05 - 08h10	Presentation of the 3-day agenda Designation of rapporteurs
08h10 - 08h45	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DG-AfricaRice <b>Dr. Baboucarr Manneh</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Statements from Co-sponsors/Co-organizers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AfDB (<b>Dr Martin Fregene</b>)</li> <li>IFAD (<b>Dr Athur Mabiso</b>)</li> <li>FAO (<b>Dr Peter Anaadumba</b>)</li> <li>ECOWAS (<b>Mr. Alain Sy Traore</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Madagascar <b>(Hon. M. François Sergio HAJARISON)</b></li> </ul>

## ii. Plenary Session II – Outcomes of Dakar High Level Ministerial 1 Meeting

08h45 - 09h15	<p>Analysis of investment and policy gaps in priority areas in the rice value chain geared towards the attainment of continental rice self-sufficiency, six years after HLM1 (2018-2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Baboucarr Manneh, Director General-AfricaRice</b></li> </ul>
09h15 – 10h00	<p>Discussants – Ministerial Delegations from member states (<b>Uganda, Liberia, Togo</b>)</p> <p>Action Points, Clear recommendations on areas needing increased investments and policy solutions in the drive towards continental rice self-sufficiency</p> <p>Questions and Answers – Audience (<b>Moderator</b>)</p>
<b>10h00 - 10h15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

## iii. Plenary Session III - Initiatives to help deliver on food sovereignty

10h15 – 11h15	<p>REWARD, FSRP, IFAD, RIZAO Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Resilient Rice Value Chains Development Program (REWARD) Director, Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank (<b>Dr Martin Fregene</b>)</li> <li>• Food System Resilience Program (FSRP) East Africa Representative of the World Bank</li> <li>• Case study of policy gaps in rice self-sufficiency initiatives- Nigeria AKADEMITA2063 (<b>Dr Mbaye Yade</b>)</li> <li>• RIZAO: Creating employment opportunities for young people in West Africa’s Rice Value Chain <b>MasterCard Foundation</b></li> </ul>
11h15 – 12h15	<p>Ministerial Panel Discussion of Initiatives/Endorsements of Concrete Steps to Develop Regional/Country Programs</p> <p><b>Agriculture Ministers from Guinea, Madagascar, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Senegal; IITA, ECOWAS, FAO (Representative)</b></p> <p>Moderator</p>

#### iv. Plenary Session IV – Rice Self-Sufficiency Experiences of Countries, Promoting Peer to Peer Learning and Country Policy Dialogue

12h15 – 13h15	Rice Self-Sufficient Countries - Egypt, Madagascar, Mali, Chad and Tanzania <b>Moderator</b>
13h15 – 14h00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

#### v. Plenary Session V – High-Level Ministerial panel on resilience and rice-based agri-food systems transformation in the face of climate change

14h00 – 15h30	<p><b>Plenary Panel 1</b> Transforming rice-based systems for food and nutrition security in Africa in the face of climate change (Technical dimension - technologies and innovations themed)</p> <p>Forum Overview (Panel Chair &amp; Moderator) (Outline of significance of forum’s topic, setting the tone and generating interest from the audience.</p> <p>Introduction of Panelists - <b>NARS DGs (Madagascar, Egypt, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire), ECOWAS Director of Agriculture</b></p> <p>Opening Statements (perspectives and expertise) from Panelists</p> <p>Chair’s, Audience Q&amp;A Session</p>
15h30 – 17h00	<p><b>Plenary Panel 2</b> Transforming rice-based systems for food and nutrition security in Africa in the face of climate change (policy and investment themed panel)</p> <p>Forum Overview (Moderator)</p> <p>Introduction of Panelists – <b>Hon. Ministers of Agriculture (Congo DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Gambia), ECOWAS Commissioner of Agriculture</b></p> <p>Opening Statements from Panelists Chair’s, Audience Q&amp;A Session</p> <p>Chair’s Concluding Remarks (Key points and highlights)</p>

## V1. Closing of High Level Ministerial 2 Technical Meeting

17h00 - 17h30	Report/Restitution from Working Groups - Action Points, Recommendations of the High Level Ministerial 2 Technical Meeting <b>Rapporteurs</b>
17h30 - 18h00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-sponsors and Co-organizers (AfDB, IFAD, FAO and AfricaRice)</li> <li>• Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Madagascar Hon. M. François Sergio HAJARISON</li> </ul>

## Day 2: Thursday, 14 November 2024

### Morning

### Madagascar Rice Day

9h00-10h00	<p><b>Introduction to Madagascar Rice Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Challenges, overview of Agricultural Transformation in Madagascar</b></li> </ul> <p>Introduction : The Director General of FOFIFA (National Center for Applied Research in Rural Development) will open this session by presenting the central role of applied research in rice production. An overview will be provided on the latest rice innovations being implemented, such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The introduction of rice varieties resistant to climate change</li> <li>• New techniques for sustainable land and water management</li> <li>• The impact of innovations on food security : This presentation will highlight how these innovations contribute directly to the improvement of food security in Madagascar, with concrete examples of regions where rice productivity has increased.</li> </ul>
10h00-11h00	<p><b>The actors in agricultural transformation</b></p> <p>o <b>Concept:</b> Three young innovators - A farmer leader, an entrepreneur and a researcher will present their solutions for the modernization of Malagasy rice production. Rather than traditional presentations, each speaker will be introduced as a "champion of transformation". These young innovators will exhibit their solutions for the modernization of Malagasy rice production.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Setting the scene:</b> The Scientific Director of FOFIFA will introduce these "champions", highlighting the importance of partnerships between production, research and entrepreneurship to ensure sustainable transformation.</li> </ul>
11h00 - 12h00	<p><b>Opening the tour : "Immersive Journey to the Heart of Agricultural Transformation in Madagascar" – Main Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Guided tour of the stands presenting innovations, progress and partnerships in the Malagasy rice sector and other promising sectors.</li> <li>o Concept: Each exhibition booth will be designed as an immersive experience. Participants will be able to discover, through live demonstrations, technological advances in rice cultivation, food crops and exports or participate in a tasting of dishes prepared from local varieties of rice and other Malagasy products.</li> </ul>
12h00 - 12h30	<b>Press Conference</b>
12h30 - 14h00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

## Afternoon

### National Experts Committee (NEC) Meeting

#### Agenda

14h00 – 14h10	<p>Opening Remarks - <b>Dr. Fanoina Ny Riana Razafindrakoto, DG-FOFIFA (NEC Chair)</b></p> <p>Adoption of Agenda Election of Rapporteurs</p>
14h10 – 14h30	<p>Status of Implementation of Resolutions of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers</p> <p><b>Dr. Marcel Nwalozie, Chief of Staff, AfricaRice</b></p>
14h30 – 15h00	<p>Biennial Report of the Director General of AfricaRice</p> <p><b>Dr. Baboucarr Manneh, DG-AfricaRice</b></p>
15h00 – 15h30	Discussions of the Biennial Report
15h30 – 16h00	<p>Proposed amendments to the AfricaRice Constitution</p> <p><b>Dr. Marcel Nwalozie, Chief of Staff, AfricaRice</b></p>
16h00 – 16h30	Discussions on the constitutional amendments

16h30 – 17h00	Systematic inclusion of AfricaRice in rice projects in member countries (2023 NEC recommendation) <b>Dr. Marcel Nwalozie, Chief of Staff, AfricaRice</b>
17h00 – 17h30	Discussions on implementation of 2023 NEC recommendation on inclusion of AfricaRice in country rice projects
17h30 – 18h30	New Strategic Perspectives on rice-based food sovereignty from Financial and Technical partners (AfDB, IFAD, World Bank, Mastercard Foundation, CORAF, ASARECA)
18h30 – 18h45	Outcomes, Outputs, Action Points and Recommendations from HLM2 Technical Meeting
<b>18h45 – 19h30</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Pause</b> (Rubis Hall) Preparation of the NEC Report and Recommendations
19h30 – 19h45	Closing of NEC Meeting  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of NEC Report and Recommendations</li> <li>• Closing Remarks - <i>NEC Chair &amp; DG-AfricaRice</i></li> </ul>
<b>19h45</b>	<b>Official Welcome Dinner for Council of Ministers –</b>

### Day 3 : Friday, 15 November 2024

#### i. Official Opening of 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the AfricaRice Council of Ministers

08h30 – 09h00	<b>Arrival of Participants &amp; Guests</b>
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09h00 – 10h00	<p><b>Official Opening Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Anthem</li> <li>○ Welcome Speech by the Mayor of the host town of Ivato</li> <li>○ Statement from Madam the President of Tranoben'ny Tantsaha Mpamokatra</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Representative of the Board of Trustees</li> <li>● Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Madagascar</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Address :</b> His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Republic of Madagascar</p> <p>Family Photo : Malagasy Officials and Ministers, NARS DGs &amp; Invitees</p>
10h00 – 10h30	<b>Coffee Break</b>

## ii. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the AfricaRice Council of Ministers

10h30 – 10h35	<p>Welcome Remarks M. François Sergio HAJARISON, Minister of Agriculture &amp; Livestock, Madagascar</p>
10h35 - 10h40	Adoption of agenda and program
10h40 - 11h30	<p>Biennial Report of the Director General of AfricaRice <b>Dr. Baboucarr Manneh, DG-AfricaRice</b></p>
11h30 – 12h30	Discussion of AfricaRice DG's Report
<b>12h30 - 14h00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14h00 - 14h30	<p>Report of NEC Meeting and Recommendations <b>Dr. Fanoina Ny Riana Razafindrakoto, Chair of NEC</b></p>
14h30 - 15h00	Discussions of NEC Report and Recommendations
15h00 - 15h15	Rotation of Chair of Council of Ministers
15h15 - 15h45	AOB
<b>15h45 - 16h45</b>	<b>Break/Pause for finalization of Resolutions of Council of Ministers</b>

16h45 – 17h00	Closing of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of Council of Ministers Adoption of Council Resolutions
17h00 – 17h15	Motion of Thanks
17h15 – 17h30	Closing Remarks Outgoing Chair of Council (Madagascar) Incoming Chair of Council (Congo DRC)
<b>19h30</b>	<b>Farewell Dinner and Festivities</b>