

**31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of  
the Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice)**

**26-27 September 2018  
Dakar, Senegal**

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Infrastructure of the  
Republic of Senegal

## Day 1 – High Level African Ministerial Conference on Rice and Senegal Rice Day Exhibition

Tuesday, 25 September 2018

08:00-19:40 High Level Ministerial Conference (see separate program)

## Day 2 – National Experts Committee Meeting (NEC)

Wednesday, 26 September 2018

08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-08:45	Welcome Remarks <b>Chair, National Experts Committee (Alioune Fall, DG-ISRA) DG-AfricaRice (Harold Roy-Macauley)</b>
08:45-08:50	Adoption of agenda for NEC meeting
08:50-09:15	Review and adoption of the report of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AfricaRice Council of Ministers held 22-23 August 2016, Kampala, Uganda
09:15-09:30	Status of implementation of resolutions of 30 <sup>th</sup> COM <b>Harold Roy-Macauley, DG-AfricaRice</b>
09:30-10:00	Biennial Report of the Director General of AfricaRice <b>Harold Roy-Macauley, DG-AfricaRice</b>
10:00-10:30	Discussion of Biennial Report of the Director General of AfricaRice
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break

11:00-12:00	<p><b>New Strategic Orientations</b></p> <p>Sustaining Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) as it attains Golden Jubilee (50 years anniversary)  <b>Harold Roy-Macauley, DG-AfricaRice</b></p> <p>Establishing Rice Seed Capital  <b>Amadou Beye, Seed Specialist</b></p> <p>Strategic information for policy and investment decision-making for rice self-sufficiency in Africa (CIPRiSSA/SSARSSA)  <b>Marcellus Nwalozie, SSARSSA Coordinator</b></p>
12:00-12:30	Discussions of presentations on new strategic orientations
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00	<p>Rice Value Chain Resource Center  <b>Harold Roy-Macauley, DG-AfricaRice</b></p> <p>Rice Biodiversity Center  <b>Marie-Noelle Ndjiondjop, Head of Genetic Resources Unit</b></p>
15:00-15:30	Discussion of new strategic orientations presentations
15:30-16:00	<p>Amendments to the AfricaRice Constitution  <b>Samuel Bruce-Oliver, Director of Strategic Partnerships</b></p>
16:00-17:00	Preparation of the NEC Report and Recommendations
17:00-17:30	<p>Closing of NEC  Adoption of NEC Recommendations and Report  Closing remarks  <b>NEC Chair &amp; DG-AfricaRice</b></p>
19:30	Council of Minister's Official Welcome Dinner

## Day 3 – 31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

Thursday, 27 September 2018

### Official Opening of 31<sup>st</sup> Council of Ministers

- 09:00-09:15 Welcome Remarks  
**Dr. Papa A. Seck, Hon Minister of Agriculture, Senegal**
- 09:15-09:30 Speech  
**Prof Eric Tollens, Chair of AfricaRice Board of Trustees**
- 09:30-10:00 Opening Address  
**H.E. Prime Minister of Senegal**
- 10:00-10:30 Break for Family photo, Coffee Break and departure of Guests

### Proceedings of 31<sup>st</sup> Council of Ministers

- 10:30-10:40 Start of Session of Council and Welcome by Chair of Council  
**Dr. Papa A. Seck, Hon Minister of Agriculture, Senegal**
- 10:40-10:50 Adoption of agenda and program
- 10:50-11:15 Adoption of final report and status of implementation of the resolutions of 30<sup>th</sup> Council of Ministers
- 11:15-12:00 Biennial Report of the Director General-AfricaRice  
**Dr. Harold Roy-Macauley, DG-AfricaRice**
- 12:00-12:30 Discussion of the AfricaRice DG's Biennial Report
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-15:00	Report and Recommendations of the National Experts Committee (NEC) <b>Dr Alioune Fall, Chair of NEC</b>
15:00-15:30	Discussion of NEC report and recommendations
15:30-16:00	Ratification of the membership of Mozambique
16:00-16:30	Rotation of Chair of Council of Ministers
16:30-17:00	AOB
17:00 17:30	Coffee Break for finalization of Council Resolutions
17:30-18:30	Closing of 31 <sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of Council of Ministers Adoption of Council resolutions  Motion of Thanks  Closing Remarks <b>Outgoing Chair of Council</b> <b>Incoming Chair of Council</b>