

High Level African Ministerial Conference on Rice and Senegal Rice Day Exhibition

**September 2018
Dakar, Senegal**

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

Opening Ceremony of the High Level Ministerial Conference on Rice

1. Opening Session

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome Remarks Hon. Dr. Papa Abdoulaye Seck, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Infrastructure, Senegal
09:10 – 09:20	Statement from the African Development Bank (AfDB) H.E. Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, President, AfDB [tbc]
09:20 – 09:30	Statement from the AU Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture H.E. Sacko Josefa Leonel Correa, Commissioner Rural Economy & Agriculture, AU [tbc]
09:30 – 09:40	Statement from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Dr. Bukar Tijani, Asst. Director General, FAO [tbc]
09:40 – 09:50	Statement from the NEPAD Agency H.E. Dr. Ibrahim A. Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD Agency [tbc]
09:50 – 10:15	Opening Speech H. E. Mohammed Boun Abdallah Dionne, Prime Minister of Senegal [tbc]
10:15-10:35	Family Photo and Coffee Break

Agenda for the High-Level Ministerial Conference

2. Plenary Session I and Ministerial Roundtable I

- 10:35-11:00 Establishment of rice seed capital in Africa
Dr. Harold Roy-Macauley, DG-AfricaRice
- 11:00-12:00 Ministerial Roundtable on seed systems and rice seed capital in Africa (**Agriculture Ministers from Chad, Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Uganda**) [tbc]

3. Plenary Session II and Ministerial Roundtable 2

- 12:00-12:25 Dissemination and scaling out of rice technologies for agricultural transformation in Africa
Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank [tbc]
- 12:25-13:25 Ministerial Roundtable on scaling of rice technologies (**Agriculture Ministers from Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone**) [tbc]
- 13:25-14:30 **Lunch Break**

4. Plenary Session III and Ministerial Roundtable 3

- 14:30-14:55 Small-scale agricultural mechanization in Africa
Dr. Bukar Tijani, Asst. Director General, FAO [tbc]
- 14:55-15:55 Ministerial Roundtable on agricultural mechanization (**Agriculture Ministers from Ethiopia, Congo DRC, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Rwanda**) [tbc]
- 15:55-16:15 Launching of CIPRISSA Report
Dr. Marcel Nwalozie, SSARSSA Coordinator

5. Closing of High-Level Ministerial Meeting

16:15-16:25 Recommendations of the High Level Ministerial Conference

16:25-16:30 Statement from the Ministerial Conference

16:30-17:00 Closing Remarks

- i) Dr. Bukar Tijani (Asst. DG, FAO)
- ii) Dr. Martin Fregene (Director of Agriculture, AfDB)
- iii) H.E Sacko Josefa Leonel Correa (Commissioner, Rural Economy & Agriculture, AUC)
- iv) H. E. Dr. Ibrahim A. Mayaki (CEO, NEPAD Agency)
- v) Hon. Dr Papa A. Seck (Minister of Agriculture, Senegal)

6. Senegal Rice Day Exhibition

17:45 Official Opening of Senegal Rice Day Exhibition (Place d'Independence)