



AfricaRice

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 32nd ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) OF AFRICARICE

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Resolution of COM	Progress on implementation
<p>Resolution 1: Payment of AfricaRice annual contribution</p> <p><i>Member States should endeavor to pay their annual contributions in a timely manner and pay all their arrears by the end of 2023.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AfricaRice continually sent reminders to member States of AfricaRice in a drive to implement this resolution aimed at recovering the arrears in member States' contribution. - However, a total of US\$ 6,119,109 of arrears in annual contributions is still owed by member States to AfricaRice as the of end of 2023.
<p>Resolution 2: Enhancing the visibility of the work done by AfricaRice at national level</p> <p><i>National Agricultural Research Institutes (herein after referred to as NARIs) of member States of AfricaRice and AfricaRice Management should establish and execute plans for rendering more visible AfricaRice as well as its research products to governments of members States of AfricaRice.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AfricaRice has strengthened collaboration with NARS partners through the re-activation of the Task Force mechanism. Each year (December 2022 and 2023), science week was organized to review and plan joint in-country activities. In December 2023, the science week was attended by 259 participants from 36 countries. - AfricaRice and NARS partners have co-developed and co-implementing several multi-national projects – TAAT-2 (seven countries), HealthyDiets4Africa (eight countries and REWARD (13 countries). Implementation of activities are published in national audio visual and printed press channels. - Implementation of country national rice forum in Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone helped drive rice transformation process and identify crucial policies & approaches. - Training programs and workshops organized by AfricaRice enabled knowledge sharing, capacity building and networking among NARIs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased dialogue between national stakeholders in Liberia, Gambia, Cameroun, Nigeria, and Senegal and between AfricaRice DG and several Ministers. - Increase of +800% of followers on social media thus demonstrating update of regular and relevant information
<p>Resolution 3: Raising funds to support the operations of AfricaRice</p> <p>a. <i>Member States and the Management of AfricaRice should work with Development Banks such as the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) to exploit ways and means of sourcing a one-off payment of arrears of annual contributions from rice value chain projects, where possible.</i></p> <p>b. <i>AfricaRice Management should lead the development of an innovative financing mechanism involving partnerships with the private sector and market-led financing approaches, to raise additional funds for sustaining the operations of AfricaRice, with considerations given to the development of solid business models, benefit sharing especially between AfricaRice and its partner NARIs of member States, intellectual property rights issues as well as measures for the protection of farmers' rights.</i></p>	<p>a. AfricaRice Management contacted some countries while trying to implement this resolution. One member gave its accent in principle following a No-Objection by the AfDB. In the final analysis, the AfDB declined to approve the proposition. In conclusion, therefore, this resolution could not be implemented.</p> <p>b. One the preliminary steps being taken in the implementation of this resolution is the implementation of a project denominated "AfricaRice Invention Extraction." A schematic roadmap for financially harnessing AfricaRice's intellectual assets has been drafted, and action is being taken for its logical implementation. An Intellectual Assets Team has been established to drive this process, and partnership with the One CGIAR's Private Partnerships for Impact (PP4I) department has been established with the goal of developing the initial grounds for a more detailed path to full implementation of this resolution.</p> <p>c. Commenced digital mapping of Intellectual Property using a DMIP tool provided by ONE-CGIAR.</p>
<p>Resolution 4: Contribution to the sustainable increase in investments in rice sector development of member States</p> <p><i>AfricaRice Management should support member States in using strategic information derived from the Continental Investment Plan for Accelerating Rice Self Sufficiency in Africa (CIPRISSA), established for 11 countries with support from AfricaRice, to advocate for</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AfricaRice is developing the Regional West Africa Resilient Rice Value Chains Development Program (REWARD) which is a multinational investment operation financed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and led by AfricaRice. The project aims to promote public and private investments in rice value chains across 14 ECOWAS countries, with a focus on increasing rice production, productivity, and self-sufficiency in the region by 2030. The REWARD program will address key challenges in rice production, processing, marketing, and policy harmonization to enhance regional trade, resilience to climate change, and economic growth. The project places significant emphasis on gender inclusion, creating opportunities for women and youth in the rice

<p><i>investments that would lead to increased performance of rice value chains and the attainment of rice self-sufficiency in member States.</i></p>	<p>value chain. The Climate Action Window-Adaptation and Mitigation funds that are components of the REWARD program is also being developed for the targeted countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIPRISSA is intended to provide information on and ways forward to improve the performance of the rice value chain to accelerate the move towards the attainment of rice self-sufficiency. - AfricaRice Management has continued to provide strategic technical support to member countries in their quest to attain rice self-sufficiency in accordance to the principles of CIPRISSA. - Sub-Saharan Africa rice self-sufficiency has remained at 56 to 58% between 2021 and 2023. However, several countries that benefitted from the CIPRISSA study (Madagascar, Mali, Tanzania and Uganda have attained self-sufficiency of over 80%. It is noteworthy to also indicate that the following member countries have significant levels of self-sufficiency in rice in 2023: Chad (97%), Democratic Republic of Congo (80%) and Egypt (92%).
<p><u>Resolution 5: Strengthening strategic partnerships with national, regional agricultural research institutions, and regional economic communities, on the continent</u></p> <p><i>AfricaRice Management should consolidate its links with NARIs, sub-regional research and innovation institutions, and regional economic communities, especially in the Central and Southern African regions of the continent, in a bid to strengthen their capacity in rice research and development as well as the policy environment, to enable the creation of impact on the livelihood of the African populace.</i></p>	<p>AfricaRice Management has continued consolidating its relationship with National Agricultural Research Institutions (NARIs), Sub-Regional Organizations (SROs), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and other partners in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased in-person involvement of NARIs, SROs in the Center’s Science Week. In the 2023 Science Week over 250 research partners from the NARIs, SROs and the CGIAR were invited to participate in the co-creation planning of the Center’s work with the partners in 2024. Several of the AfricaRice Task Forces were also reactivated. Implementation of the outcome of that Science Week is currently ongoing. Special attention was made in ensuring the participation of NARIs from Eastern, Southern, Central, and Western Africa – and countries intending to join AfricaRice were also invited to the Science Week. This took place in Center’s main research station at M’Bé, Côte d’Ivoire. - AfricaRice scientists have continued to ramp up research visits to NARIs in the conduct of capacity enhancement of NARIs through research. - The number people, male and female, from the national systems that benefitted from group trainings is as follows: 5,963 (2021); 3,055 (2022); and 9,831 (2023). - In addition, a total of 19 students from the national systems benefitted from PhD programs in 2022 and 2023, while 15 benefitted from Master of Science in 2022 and 2023.

<p>Resolution 6: Ensuring mutual benefits from joining One CGIAR</p> <p><i>a. The Board of Trustees and Management of AfricaRice and One CGIAR should pursue their work in aligning their governance and operational frameworks without compromising the tenets of the AfricaRice Constitution and disrupting the privileges AfricaRice benefits from its host countries.</i></p> <p><i>b. One CGIAR, in its partnership with AfricaRice, should provide all the necessary support to AfricaRice that will result in strengthening the capacity of AfricaRice as well as that of its partner NARIs in member States, to deliver on the mission of AfricaRice accorded to it by its 28 member States of strengthening the rice sector and attaining rice self-sufficiency in Africa.</i></p>	<p>a. Following the changes in governance instrument of the One CGIAR, AfricaRice proposed concurrent amendment to its constitution. The 56th Board of Trustees meeting held in May 2024 approved the changes. The proposed amendments are presented to the 33rd COM for endorsement. These changes do not affect the main tenets of the AfricaRice Constitution.</p> <p>b. AfricaRice Management continues to work in close rapprochement with the One CGIAR in several respects including but not limited to: i) participation in One CGIAR activities during which the needs of AfricaRice member states are presented; ii) AfricaRice hosted the One CGIAR 29th System Board meeting in Côte d'Ivoire; iii) AfricaRice DG, who also holds the position of CGIAR Director for West and Central Africa, contributes to the of global science and innovation to the benefit of countries in the region..</p>
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Annex 1: Status of member states contributions – Annual dues

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As at Tuesday, August 13, 2024													
*Amounts in USD													
#	Member	2024			Arrears (Previous years)			Total (Arrears plus 2024)			Payments received in 2024*		
		Annual Dues	Receipt	Balance/ (Advance)	Total Annual Dues	Total Receipts	Balance/ (Advance)	Total Annual Dues	Total Receipts	Balance/ (Advance)	2024 Contribution	Arrears	Total
1	Benin	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(595,271)	38,946	652,500	(595,271)	57,229	0	0	0
2	Burkina Faso	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(329,741)	304,476	652,500	(329,741)	322,759	0	0	0
3	Cameroun	27,742	0	27,742	840,767	(514,221)	326,546	868,509	(514,221)	354,288	0	0	0
4	Central African Republic	18,283	0	18,283	292,528	0	292,528	310,811	0	310,811	0	0	0
5	Congo (Brazzaville)	18,283	0	18,283	292,528	(53,588)	238,940	310,811	(53,588)	257,223	0	0	0
6	Cote d'Ivoire	37,202	0	37,202	1,244,835	(1,231,934)	12,901	1,282,037	(1,231,934)	50,103	0	0	0
7	Democratic Republic of Congo	18,283	0	18,283	292,528	(146,264)	146,264	310,811	(146,264)	164,547	0	0	0
8	Egypt	18,283	0	18,283	292,528	(255,962)	36,566	310,811	(255,962)	54,849	0	0	0
9	Ethiopia	18,283	0	18,283	127,981	(36,566)	91,415	146,264	(36,566)	109,698	0	0	0
10	Gabon	18,283	0	18,283	255,962	(235,216)	20,747	274,245	(235,216)	39,030	0	0	0
11	Ghana	37,202	0	37,202	1,244,835	(761,209)	483,626	1,282,037	(761,209)	520,828	0	0	0
12	Guinee	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(18,283)	615,934	652,500	(18,283)	634,217	0	0	0
13	Guinea Bissau	18,283	0	18,283	634,216	(50,000)	584,216	652,499	(50,000)	602,499	0	0	0
14	Kenya	18,283	0	18,283	73,132	(73,132)	0	91,415	(73,132)	18,283	0	0	0
15	Liberia	18,283	0	18,283	634,216	(231,073)	403,143	652,499	(231,073)	421,426	0	0	0
16	Madagascar	18,283	0	18,283	237,679	(237,679)	0	255,962	(237,679)	18,283	0	18,283	18,283
17	Mali	18,283	0	18,283	634,219	(592,613)	41,606	652,502	(592,613)	59,889	0	0	0
18	Mauritania	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(192,182)	442,035	652,500	(192,182)	460,318	0	0	0
19	Mozambique	18,283	0	18,283	91,415	0	91,415	109,698	0	109,698	0	0	0
20	Niger	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(375,511)	258,706	652,500	(375,511)	276,989	0	0	0
21	Nigeria	160,175	0	160,175	5,396,575	(4,999,490)	397,085	5,556,750	(4,999,490)	557,260	0	0	0
22	Rwanda	18,283	0	18,283	182,830	0	182,830	201,113	0	201,113	0	0	0
23	Senegal	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(506,236)	127,981	652,500	(506,236)	146,264	0	0	0
24	Sierra Leone	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(487,953)	146,264	652,500	(487,953)	164,547	0	0	0
25	Tchad	18,283	0	18,283	634,216	(78,092)	556,124	652,499	(78,092)	574,407	0	0	0
26	The Gambia	18,283	0	18,283	634,217	(418,957)	215,260	652,500	(418,957)	233,543	0	0	0
27	Togo	18,283	0	18,283	634,219	(588,947)	45,272	652,502	(588,947)	63,555	0	0	0
28	Uganda	18,283	0	18,283	292,528	(274,245)	18,283	310,811	(274,245)	36,566	0	0	0
	Total	701,113	0	701,113	19,403,473	(13,284,364)	6,119,109	20,104,586	(13,284,364)	6,820,222	0	18,283	18,283