

The Resolutions of the 31st ordinary session of the Council of Ministers (COM) of AfricaRice

Presided by the Honorable Dr Papa Abdoulaye Seck, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Infrastructure of Senegal

Dakar, Senegal, 27 September 2018

I. Payment of arrears of member state contributions

1. Requests that member states pay at least half of their arrears of member state contributions by the end of the first quarter of the year 2019. Non-payment at the indicated date will lead to the suspension of activities of AfricaRice in the countries concerned.
2. Requests member states to prepare a moratorium on payment of the rest of their arrears of contributions during the year 2019.
3. Requests that AfricaRice establishes impact sheets of its interventions in each member country to be used as an advocacy instrument to authorities.

II. Strategy for mobilization of financial resources

4. The CoM requests that the President of COM addresses a letter to the President of the CGIAR, conveying the concerns of member states of AfricaRice about the drastic reduction in financial resources allocated to Centers and in

particular destined for rice research, whereas rice constitutes a strategic crop for Africa.

5. Requests that AfricaRice solicits institutional and financial support from the African Union and the Regional and Sub regional Economic communities (RECs) in Africa, through advocacy actions.
6. Requests that AfricaRice extends the CIPRISSA study to other member countries in order to provide strategic information to all member countries of AfricaRice.
7. Request that AfricaRice develops its internal capacity to write research projects in order to mobilize financial resources.
8. Request that AfricaRice reviews its organizational texts in order to better define conditions and modalities for respecting the obligations of payment of financial contributions.

III. Strategic orientations

9. Requests that AfricaRice focusses on research for development, which is its core mandate.
10. Requests that AfricaRice carries out a study to rationalize its network of stations and to adapt it to the present context.
11. Request that AfricaRice pursues its work on hybrid varieties for different agro-ecologies.
12. Requests that AfricaRice develops collaboration with major initiatives on rice in Africa (CNS/riz, rice offensive of ECOWAS, CARD, etc.).

IV. Seed capital

Requests member states to facilitate the provision of resources to establishment seed reserves at the regional and national levels.

V. Acceptation

13. The Com decides to ratify the adhesion of Mozambique and accepts to examine the request of Kenya for adhesion to AfricaRice.
14. The CoM accepts the presidency of Egypt for the 32nd ordinary session of the COM of AfricaRice.