

Expression of Interest in AfricaRice Board of Trustees

The Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) <https://www.africarice.org/> is a pan-African Center of Excellence for rice research, development and capacity building. The mission of AfricaRice is “To deliver rice-based innovations and transformed rice-based agri-food systems that contribute to the transformation of food, land and water systems in the face of climate change.” AfricaRice main research facilities are located on a 700-ha farmland at the M’Bé station in Bouaké, Côte d’Ivoire.

AfricaRice is one of 15 international agricultural research centers of [CGIAR](#), a global research partnership for a food-secure future. AfricaRice is also an intergovernmental association of African member countries. Today AfricaRice’s membership comprises 28 African countries.

AfricaRice’s strength lies in its unique) rice research-for-development capacity with on-the-ground knowledge and networks. The Center has led ground-breaking work on many fronts that is transforming the lives of millions of rural households in Africa. It has contributed significantly to boosting Africa’s rice sector through improved seeds, cropping practices, processing technologies, policy advice and capacity development. The Center has a staff complement of about 230 members including internationally recruited staff from around globe, based in Côte d’Ivoire, its headquarters and in research stations in Madagascar, Nigeria and Senegal and in project sites in Liberia and Uganda.

AfricaRice receives funding from governments, foundations, international financial institutions, development banks, the private sector, as well as from the CGIAR.

AfricaRice is governed by a Council of Ministers, its highest decision-making body, and a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees comprises experts in crop and environmental sciences, rural development, strategic policy/strategic partnership, agricultural product development/entrepreneurship, enterprise risk management, finance, and innovative funding.

The AfricaRice Board meets two times a year in ordinary sessions, and may meet in extraordinary session if required. The Center offers a modest quarterly honorarium, and also covers travel costs.

The Board of Trustees is currently seeking experts in Finance/Audit with not-for-profit board experience to serve as Africa Rice Board members. Those interested should submit their curricula vitae and a cover letter to m.nwalozie@cgiar.org before 31 July 2024 with the subject matter of the forwarding email indicated as follows: “Expression of Interest in AfricaRice Board.”