

11. Information and Library Services

Information

WARDA currently publishes research and public-awareness material (in English and French) and makes it available in the public domain principally on print media, and lately on WARDA's website. These activities will continue with increased efforts to provide PDF versions to Internet users and CD-ROMs for use particularly by NARES partners.



WARDA will continue to disseminate research results to research peers and partners, improve its image among donors, policy-makers and the public, and improve NARS partners' capabilities in presenting their research at national, regional and international levels.

In addition to these, WARDA will implement systematic and continuous collaboration with publishing organizations to ensure the regular publication of its research work (e.g. other CG Centers, advanced research and development institutions, regional bodies).

Library

The primary objective of the WARDA library is to provide access to all scientific literature required to support advanced research on rice and rice-associated systems for Africa. WARDA will endeavor to maintain relevant and exhaustive bibliographic collections on rice, and disseminate information among scientists and partners. WARDA's library aims to be a recognized regional hub for collection and dissemination of information on rice. To this end, WARDA will use new information and communication technologies for dissemination of information it produces.



In a world increasingly dominated by electronic information, WARDA's library activities will be facilitated by strategic alliances, notably with the CG system (CGLib), the international community (e.g. CTA, BDPA) and all national and major stakeholders (e.g. NARES, NGOs, universities).

By the end of the Plan period, WARDA should be the primary source of information on rice in Sub-Saharan Africa for all researchers world-wide, and particularly for NARES. It should also hold a leading position at regional level for library activities and be recognized as the primary resource center for rice professionals.