

Multi-country rice policy study review and planning workshop
12 – 16 June 2006
Cotonou, Bénin

Participants: (7) from: Nigeria (2), Niger (1), Mali (2), Burkina Faso

Background

A multi-country on policy and institutional effects on rice production and marketing in West Africa was initiated in 2005. This study focus both on irrigated rice and lowland rice production systems and aims to establish database and information based on empirical data that can help policy makers and stakeholders in defining coherent action plans for the development of rice sub sector. Prior to commencement of the village and household surveys that started in 2005; a rapid appraisal mission was fielded to several West African countries to sharpen the research questions. This was followed by detailed literature review, and a methodology workshop with collaborating scientists held in Cotonou in March 2005. Through this methodology, detailed qualitative and quantitative data have been gathered through field surveys and discussion with key informants particularly with policy makers, public and private sector managers, irrigation facilities managers, producers, inputs dealers, and rice millers.

The data collection, which consisted of village level and household surveys, is now completed in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. In Burkina Faso, samples of 15 villages were interviewed and 150 households surveyed while in Niger the interviews included 11 villages and 110 households and Nigeria data were collected from 10 villages and 150 households. In Mali, data were collected in 30 villages and 150 households. The collected data has been centrally entered in the computer and a database developed using Microsoft- Access.

In order to finalize data check and ensure quality before embarking on data analysis, collaborating scientists are invited to this review and planning workshop. This workshop will also provide the opportunity to discuss data analytical approaches, drafting of reports and papers for publications. It is also intended that each collaborating scientist will go back with the complete set of data from his country to carry out analysis and drafting of papers. Specifically, this review workshop has the following objectives:

Objectives of workshop

- Review the status of current study, review progress on 2006 activities
- Agree on next steps: database, data analysis, report writing, articles to be published
- Peer review of SSA Regional Workshop papers (from Nov. 2005) and propose Journal
- Draft joint paper for presentation at Africa Rice Congress
- Identify follow up activities and proposals for 2007

Expected outputs:

- Next steps for data analysis agreed upon
- Titles of manuscripts for joint publications identified and outlines developed
- SSA Regional workshop papers reviewed and Journal for publication identified
- Follow up activities, outputs and timelines developed up to 2007

Venue

IITA Bio-control Meeting Room.

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