



DECLARATION

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The Council for Partnerships on Rice Research in Asia,

A body composed of representatives of national agricultural research and/or extension systems (NARES) from 16 member countries in Asia and IRRI;

Whose main objective is to guide, facilitate, support and strengthen the partnerships among NARES and between IRRI and the NARES;

Through its 20th Annual Meeting on 25 October 2016 at Songdo, South Korea;

Appreciates the rice sector status reports presented by each of the countries participating in the CORRA meeting, noting the importance of collaboration and partnership in resolving the issues and challenges identified in the country reports.

The 20th CORRA meeting declares full support for the 10-point Rice Action Agenda for ASEAN+3 proposed by the International Rice Research Institute as follows:

1. Accelerate the introduction and adoption of higher-yielding and superior-quality rice varieties;
2. Strengthen and upgrade rice research and breeding pipelines to respond to environmental variability due to climate change, and other challenges;
3. Accelerate research on thousands of rice varieties in the world to exploit the vast reservoir of untapped knowledge within the rich diversity of rice;
4. Develop the new generation of rice scientists (for both public and private sectors) and farmers;
5. Bring about an agronomic revolution in Asian rice production to reduce gaps between potential and achieved yield, and increase sustainability of rice farming systems in the face of a changing climate and other challenges;
6. Accelerate the delivery of new postharvest and mechanization technologies to reduce crop losses and increase efficiency;
7. Reform policy to improve the efficiency of input and output marketing systems through the use of technological innovations (e.g., GIS);
8. Increase public and private investment in agricultural infrastructure;
9. Strengthen food and nutritional security and safety nets for all consumers with a particular emphasis on the poor;
10. ASEAN+3 must work together with IRRI to finance and implement the ASEAN Rice Breeding Initiative (ARBI) and the ASEAN Agricultural Innovations and R&D Fund (AIRDF).

In support for the 10-point agenda, CORRA members will promote the same in their respective Ministries of Agriculture and relevant national institutions.

Moreover, CORRA declares continuing support to the research programs and strategies of IRRI, especially the CGIAR Research Program on rice or RICE.

CORRA will continue to serve as an advisory council to the CGIAR Research Program RICE, providing feedback on the national rice R&D priorities and needs for each member country; identifying common regional concerns and their technological and policy solutions; and, participating actively in the sharing of information and inputs for the successful implementation thereof.

CORRA will continue to identify opportunities to develop collaborative programs, initiatives, and activities that align national rice R&D activities with RICE programs;

CORRA will continue to identify topics for and organize special forums to identify issues of common concern, provide updates on technology development, and assist in the development and oversight of joint initiatives.

CORRA will review the progress of these commitments and update members on the items enumerated above at the 21st Annual Meeting in China in 2017.

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