

Terms of Reference for Break-out Sessions November 8 and 9, 2005

Group 2: Common agricultural policy and market integration

- Highlight the impact of rice trade liberalization on (a) domestic rice production and competitiveness (b) Institutions and infrastructures required for competitive rice production.
- If SSA countries (by sub regions) are to attain self-sufficiency, what concrete policy interventions are needed to move African countries from net importers to attain self sufficient in rice production? What are the costs and benefits of such policy interventions?
- At the sub regional level, list institutions that the policy research and market development unit at WARDA can collaborate with to enhance impact of rice policy research. What are the specific strengths of the named institutions?

CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

- What are the priority research areas required for advocacy work (a) at national, (b) regional and (c) international trade negotiations (e.g. WTO)
- For each country list the research institution (including academic) and CSO that WARDA policy research and market development unit should collaborate with. Please list name and email of contact.
- What are the priority capacity building needs for (a) NARES and (b) CSO to enhance agricultural policy research and advocacy?

FOOD SECURITY AND POVERTY REDUCTION ISSUES

- Which specific lessons on assuring food security/domestic rice production from sub-regional economic and trade organizations can we highlight (a) as successful and (b) failure; for each what were the causes?
- How can we factor food security and poverty reduction objectives in:
 - Agricultural production and trade policies
 - International trade organizations (like WTO negotiations)?
- Which priority areas can we recommend in (a) West and Central Africa and (b) East and Saharan Africa, for more public support to ensure food security. For each recommended intervention area, list the costs and benefits.

Procedure

- Two facilitators are provided per group. These are supposed to keep discussions within focus of the workshop themes and TOR of group
- Please nominate group rapporteurs to record discussion and someone to make oral presentation of workgroup conclusions and recommendations at the plenary.