



Africa Rice Center – (WARDA)

Centre du riz pour l'Afrique – (ADRAO)

**Summary and Recommendations of 28th Meeting of the Program Committee
11-13 March 2008**

The Program Committee meeting was spread over three days to ensure that adequate time was provided for the presentation of research activities, which is the core business of the institution. The meetings were chaired by Emmanuel Owusu-Bennoah and all Board members were present as the Program Committee is a Committee of the full Board. There were presentations from the Asst Director General, Research & Development as well as the four Program Leaders.

Subsequently Board members were able to visit the laboratories and field trials. An agenda of the meeting is attached.

1. The Board approved the restructuring of WARD's research programs.
2. The Board agreed with the decision by management to transfer SWIHA to IFPRI but recommended that WARD should continue to monitor health problems related to rice.
3. The Board approved the elaboration of a new strategic plan and encouraged WARD management to consider the observations and suggestions made during the Program Committee meeting.
4. The Board approved the elaboration of the 2009-2011 MTP based on five MTP projects and recommended that WARD carefully analyze the human and financial resources needed to implement these projects.
5. The Board approved the terms of reference of the External Scientific Advisory Group comprised of three internationally recognized rice scientists to assist and provide expert advice to the Program Committee.