

## **Reports Of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nigeria Rice Investment Forum (NRIF 2014)**

**THEME: TRANSFORMING RICE PRODUCTION IN NIGERIA & WEST AFRICA FOR SELF SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBTHEME: *Breaking All the Barriers to Large Scale Production of Rice in Nigeria & West Africa.***

### **REVIEW OF THE DRAFT REPORTS**

After the review of the draft reports, my contributions will be divided into two parts: General Comments and observed areas for corrections.

#### ***General Comments***

- a. The characters of the reports are not uniform. Efforts should be made to uniformize the characterization.
- b. Efforts should be made to make the papers' titles and other headings distinct and catchy. The color separation may also be looked into here.
- c. Each paper must start on a new page.
- d. Binding of the draft copies not so perfect as it has started yielding. We believe the binding of the final copies will be perfect and enduring.
- e. Table of contents should be paged appropriately.
- f. All the pictures must be labeled adequately in conjunction with the NBN Secretariat.

#### ***Observed areas for corrections and amendments***

- a. Table of Contents to be adequately paged. The Questions & Answers in 3.3 and 7.4 should be removed.
- b. Item 5.1 of the table of Content in page two should read thus: "*Effective Financing of the Rice Value Chain and Promotion of strong Value Chain Linkages*".
- c. Item 5.4 of the table of Content in page two should read thus: "*Providing Financial Support For Agriculture: The Access Bank Way*".
- d. The correct title of the paper in 3.1 in table of contents is "*The Contribution and Strengthening of Research & Development to Rice Productivity in Nigeria and West Africa- An Overview*".
- e. 1.0 should be changed from "INTRODUCTION" TO "OPENING CEREMONY". In the same vein, the section on Dignitaries at the High Table should be positioned to occupy a whole page justifiably. The other portion beginning with Goodwill messages... should start at a fresh page.
- f. Item 1. Of the Dignitaries at the High Table should read thus: "*Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, CON, Honourable Minister for Agriculture & Rural Development and Representative of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR at the Forum*".
- g. The Executive Summary section should come immediately after the Table of Content and before the Opening Ceremony.
- h. Corrections on the Opening Ceremony: Pg 05 line 12 (Adesina), line 40 (..in Nigerian Rice Production..), pg 06 line 4 (..., the exhibition featured).
- i. Corrections on the Executive Summary: pg 07, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, line 2 (.. of the River Niger Delta in...), pg 08, last paragraph, line 1 (Sixteen (16) technical papers ...), pg 9, paragraph 2, line 6 (Marketing.)
- j. Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks should be on the same page in that order and should come immediately after all the papers.
- k. Corrections of Closing Remarks: the last paragraph should be replaced in its entirety by "He congratulated the NEPAD Business Group Nigeria on the success of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nigeria Rice Investment Forum (NRIF 2014). He equally urged the Group to continue in its efforts to move the rice sector forward. He thanked everyone for the quality attendants and participation. "
- l. The summary section that is pages 10 to 21 and 27 to 34 should be removed entirely.
- m. In Paper 10 that starts on page 10, the summary that starts with In his presentation... and ends with ...in Nigeria should be equally removed.

- n. With the removals of these portions, all the papers presented should now be arranged as in the Table of Contents.
- o. This Paper should be paper 13 and in Plenary IV “*The Imperative of Effective Marketing System to the Desired Growth in the Rice Sector*”.

***Papers not yet featured***

The under listed Papers are yet to be featured in the reports and will be attached and email to you:

- a. *Breaking All the Barriers to Large scale Production of Rice in Nigeria. (Paper 12).*
- b. *Public Private Partnership (PPP): A Potent Avenue to grow the Rice Industry and the desired Value Chain. (Paper 5).*
- c. *The Imperative of Effective Marketing System to the Desired Growth in the Rice Sector. (Paper 13).*

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