

**African Japanese Workshop on Sustainable Rice Production**

*Aug. 23-26, 2008.*

**Tentative schedule**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>1</b>	9:00-9:30 9:30-10:00 10:00-10:15 10:15-12:00 12:00-2:00 2:00-3:00 3:00-5:00 5:00-5:15 5:15-7:15	Registration Opening Ceremony Coffee Break Session 1 Session 2 Lunch Session 3 Coffee Break Session4	Alexandria Biblioteca	
<b>2</b>	9:00--11:00 11:00-11:15 11:15-1:15 1:15-2:00 2:00-3:00 3:00-5:00 5:00-5:15 5:15-7:15	Session 5 Coffee break Session 6 Bibloalex tour Lunch Session 7 Coffee Break Session 8	Alexandria Biblioteca	
<b>3</b>	8:00-10:00 10:00-10:15 10:15-1:30 1:30-2:30 2:30-4:15 4:15-4:30 4:30-5:15 8:00-11:00	Departure to Sakha Coffee Break Field Trip to National Rice Research Program Lunch Field Trip to Demonstration Fields Coffee break Closing Remarks and Ceremony Cultural night	Rice Research And Training Center Kafr El-Shiekh	
<b>4</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Free tours</b>		

*All above sessions will be determined according to the invited speakers and nominees*

## **Day 1:**

### **Session 1:**

#### *Current status for rice research and production in Africa*

This session will include the country wise figures on rice research and production, All invited Scientists from African countries will present their actual status and the main challenges and drawbacks that hinder the rice research and production.

### **Session 2:**

#### *Innovative approaches for enhancing rice and water productivity in the African continent*

Preserving ecosystem sustainability is a major challenge for our continent, soil, water and public health should be considered when planning for rice research in the decades to come. Organic rice, low inputs, stresses and all other constraints should be taken into consideration

### **Session 3:**

NERICA rice : what else? The Quantity vs Quality dilemma ,

### **Session 4:**

Inter and intra-continental co-operation for rice research and production

## **Day 2:**

### **Session 5:**

*Key-note speakers (Japanese and IRRI invitees as well as Funding agencies representatives).*

### **Session 6:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Plenary session, the gothor shall be divided into various groups based on their research areas (Agronomy and water management, Breeding, Molecular biology and biotechnology, Extension , Plant protection, economy and rural development...). each group will discuss in details their ideas and approaches for enhancing rice production in Africa.*

### **Session 7:**

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> plenary session:*

*all groups will gother and discuss and fine tuneing the ideas / approached that comes out of the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary session (Agronomy and water management, Breeding, Molecular biology and biotechnology(*

### **Session 8**

#### *3<sup>rd</sup> Planary session:*

*all groups will gother and discuss and fine tuneing the ideas / approached that comes out of the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary session (, Extension , Plant protection, economy and rural development...).*

## **Day 3:**

A field trip to the national rice research program at Sakha. Various trials and experimnts on breeding, agronomy, pathology, entomology, weed management ,

hybrid rice sub programs will be visited. Since the extension is a major element in technology transfere, that help in reducing the gap between potential and actual yield. A field trip to the nearby demonstration fields will highlight such importance.

**Day 4:**

Egypt is one of the most tourism countries and have so many wonderfull places to visit. The ancient pyramids and sphinx is one of the old world wonders. Trips will be organized to some of these destinations as per invitees convenience.