

## New Chair of GFAR

The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) Steering Committee Meeting held in Alexandria from 13-14 November 2009 selected Dr. Monty Jones, Executive Director of the Forum on Agricultural Research for Africa (FARA) as a New Chair of GFAR. The current Chair, Prof. Adel El-Beltagy will hand over the charge to Dr. Jones at the closing session of the Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD 2010), in Montpellier, France, 28-31 March 2010.

Dr Jones was co-winner of the prestigious World Food Prize in 2004, for his work on the development of the New Rice for Africa. The new rice varieties give higher yield, taste good and offer great promise for improving

rice productivity for poor farmers in Africa.

A recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Birmingham, Dr. Jones has also received awards such as the Insignia of the Grand Officer Award from the order of the Rokel, Sierra Leone; and the King Baudouin Award given to WARDA by the CGIAR. In 2007, he was listed as one of the 100 most influential people in the world by the New York Times.

In thanking the Committee for his appointment, Dr Jones highlighted the need for change in the CGIAR international agricultural research system and appealed for international centers and CGIAR members to join with those working at national and regional levels.



**Dr. Monty Jones**

***AARIENANA congratulates Dr. Monty Jones for his prestigious selection as GFAR Chair's, and looks forward to further collaboration to strengthen research partnership with GFAR.***