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TRANSFORMING RICE PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN

**Strengthening Sustainable Rice Production in Pakistan for Climate Resilience,
Food Security, Export Enhancement, and Inclusive Economic Growth**

**In conjunction with the Launch of the
Sustainable Rice Platform National Chapter for Pakistan**

Date: Thursday 1st June, 2023



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Time	Main topics/ Sessions	Presenter
09:15	Registration (Tea / Coffee)	
Opening session		
Moderator, Sameera Qazi		
9:30 – 9:50	Opening Remarks	Dr. Arjumand Nizami, Representative, Helvetas Pakistan
9:50 – 10:00	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Haseeb Ali Khan, Sr. Vice Chairman, REAP, Khan Rice Mills Muridke
10:00– 10:10	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Kiyoshi Taniguchi, Principal Economist / Country Economist of Pakistan Asian Development Bank (ADB)
10:10 – 10:20	Guest Remarks	Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Government of Pakistan
10:20 – 10:30	Guest Remarks	Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan
Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) National Chapter Inauguration Session		
Transforming Pakistan's traditional rice production sector to globally recognized rice industry		
Moderator of consecutive panels: Shahrukh Khan		
Panel 1: Contribution of rice sector		
10:35 – 10:50	International rice trade projections, and their implications to Pakistan's rice exports	Dr. Takashi Yamano, ADB and Dr. Babur Wasim, Economist / ADB Consultant
10:50 – 11:05	Impact of R&D and international collaboration on rice value chain development: lessons for future direction in Pakistan	Dr. Kiyoshi Taniguchi, Principal Economist, ADB and Sahibzada Mansoor Ali, Agriculture Finance Specialist / ADB consultant
11:05 – 11:20	Carbon market opportunities in the rice and agriculture sector	Mr. VK, Principal Climate Change Specialist and Mr. Takeshi Miyata, Climate Change Specialist (Future Carbon Fund), ADB
11:20 – 11:35	Aligning Pakistan's rice sector with Paris agreement	Dr. Hiz, Climate Change Specialist / ADB Consultant
Working Tea 11: 35 – 12:00		
Panel 2: Meeting the challenges		
12:00 – 12:15	Meeting International Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards to enhance agriculture export	Ms. Noriko Sato, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, ADB and Dr. David Hunter, Integrated Pest Management Specialist / ADB Consultant, Kamal Shehryar, Trade Development Specialist / ADB Consultant
12:15 – 12:30	Sustainable and inclusive rice production and value chain – SRP as Driver for Change	Dr Wyn Elis, Executive Director SRP Secretariat at Bangkok, Thailand
12:30 – 12:45	SRP national chapter launching – Vision, charters and proposed annual action plan	Dr. Arjumand Nizami and Shahrukh Khan, Helvetas

13:00 – 13:20	Guest remarks	Senator, Mr. Salim Mandviwalla, Former Deputy Chairman Senate, Minister, and President Board of Investments
13:20 – 13:30	SRP Pakistan National Chapter Inaugural Group Photo Session	
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
Talk show with shifting participants – Towards SRP compliance in Pakistan for high standards rice production and value chain		
Stakeholders' expectations and concerns (founded on a prior digital survey results on role of the Chapter in transforming rice sector)		
Moderators: Dr. Wyn Ellis and Dr. Arjumand Nizami		
14:30 – 15:45	<p>First round (practice):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Shahid Tarar, Convener Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation (PBHF) Galaxy Rice Pakistan 2. Lord Amer Sarfraz, Rice Partners Limited 3. Abdul Wahab, CEO Alwahab Mill, Management committee member REAP 4. Adnan Aslam, ED MAP Rice, Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation (PBHF) 5. Dr. Anjum Buttar DG Extension & Adaptive Research Punjab 6. Mr. Arif Goheer, Principal Scientist, Global Change Impact Studies Centre 7. Peter Schmidt, Sr. Advisor Agriculture and Food, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation 8. Ms. Anoushka Harris, Sustainability Manager, ABF UK Grocery Group <p>Second round (support):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi, Additional Secretary (Trade Diplomacy) 10. Mr. Asher Abbas, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change 11. Dr. Muhammad Yousaf National Coordinator Rice NARC 12. Mr. Adnan Pasha Siddique, Chief of Staff Habib Bank Limited 13. Dr. Muhammad Zulfiqar, Agriculture University Peshawar 14. Mr. Mubarak Ali Sarwar, CEO Agahe 	
Talk show – Towards SRP compliance in Pakistan for farm labour management		
Moderators: Zafar Iqbal and Zahid Rehman		
15:45 – 16:30	SRP for addressing inclusion issues in rice sector development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Short video clips from the rice field 2. Digital visit to the field and meet the farm actors (by Shahida Parveen)
Closing Session		
Moderator: Sameera Qazi		
16:30 – 16:40	Closing Remarks	Federal Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan
16:40 – 16:50	Closing Remarks	Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Ms. Noriko Sato, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, ADB

