





## TRANSFORMING RICE PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN

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

Date: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2023

Venue: Islamabad Serena Hotel (Shamadan Hall)

Time	Main topics/ Sessions	Presenter
09:15	Registration (Tea / Coffee)	
<b>Opening session</b>		
<b>Moderator, Sameera Qazi</b>		
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
<b>Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) National Chapter Inauguration Session</b>		
<b>Transforming Pakistan’s traditional rice production sector to globally recognized rice industry</b>		
<b>Moderator of consecutive panels: Shahrukh Khan</b>		
<b>Panel 1: Contribution of rice sector</b>		
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		
<b>Panel 2: Meeting the challenges</b>		
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	<b>SRP Pakistan National Chapter Inaugural Group Photo Session</b>	
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Talk show with shifting participants – Towards SRP compliance in Pakistan for high standards rice production and value chain</b>		
<b>Stakeholders' expectations and concerns (founded on a prior digital survey results on role of the Chapter in transforming rice sector)</b>		
<b>Moderators: Dr. Wyn Ellis and Dr. Arjumand Nizami</b>		
14:30 – 15:45	<p><b>First round (practice):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Shahid Tarer, Convener Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation (PBHF) Galaxy Rice Pakistan</li> <li>2. Lord Amer Sarfraz, Rice Partners Limited</li> <li>3. Abdul Wahab, CEO Alwahab Mill, Management committee member REAP</li> <li>4. Adnan Aslam, ED MAP Rice, Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation (PBHF)</li> <li>5. Dr. Anjum Buttar DG Extension &amp; Adaptive Research Punjab</li> <li>6. Mr. Arif Goheer, Principal Scientist, Global Change Impact Studies Centre</li> <li>7. Peter Schmidt, Sr. Advisor Agriculture and Food, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation</li> <li>8. Ms. Anoushka Harris, Sustainability Manager, ABF UK Grocery Group</li> </ol> <p><b>Second round (support):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi, Additional Secretary (Trade Diplomacy)</li> <li>10. Mr. Asher Abbas, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change</li> <li>11. Dr. Muhammad Yousaf National Coordinator Rice NARC</li> <li>12. Mr. Adnan Pasha Siddique, Chief of Staff Habib Bank Limited</li> <li>13. Dr. Muhammad Zulfiqar, Agriculture University Peshawar</li> <li>14. Mr. Mubarak Ali Sarwar, CEO Agahe</li> </ol>	
<b>Talk show – Towards SRP compliance in Pakistan for farm labour management</b>		
<b>Moderators: Zafar Iqbal and Zahid Rehman</b>		
15:45 – 16:30	SRP for addressing inclusion issues in rice sector development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Short video clips from the rice field</li> <li>2. Digital visit to the field and meet the farm actors (by Shahida Parveen)</li> </ol>
<b>Closing Session</b>		
<b>Moderator: Sameera Qazi</b>		
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

