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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: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**



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Time	Main topics/ Sessions	Presenter
09:15	Registration (Tea / Coffee)	
<b>Opening session</b>		
<b>Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Asad Saleem</b>		
9:30 – 9:40	Opening Remarks	Dr. Arjumand Nizami, Representative, Helvetas Pakistan
9:40 – 9:50	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Shahid Tawawalla, CEO, Meskay & Femtee Trading Company Pvt. Ltd.
09:50– 10:00	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Kiyoshi Taniguchi, Principal Economist / Country Economist of Pakistan Asian Development Bank (ADB)
10:00 – 10:10	Guest Remarks	Mr. Aijaz Mahesar, Secretary Agriculture Department, Sindh
<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: 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 / ADB Consultant
10:50 – 11:05	Rice production landscape in Sindh	Dr. Nihal Marri, Director Research Institute, Agriculture Department Sindh
11:05 – 11:20	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
11:20 – 11:35	Policy environment for Sustainable Rice Production and practical steps taken by Agriculture Extension in Sindh	Dr. Mansoor Ahmad. Planning and Progressive Officer, Directorate General Agriculture Extension, Sindh Hyderabad
11:35 – 11:50	Carbon market opportunities in the rice and agriculture sector	Mr. VK, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB and Mr. Takeshi Miyata, Climate Change Specialist (Future Carbon Fund), ADB
Working Tea 11:50 – 12:10		
<b>Panel 2: Meeting the challenges</b>		
12:10 – 12:25	Meeting International Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards to enhance agriculture export	Noriko Sato, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, ADB, Dr. David Hunter, Integrated Pest Management Specialist / ADB Consultant, and Mr. Kamal Shehryar, Trade Development Specialist / ADB Consultant

12:25 – 12:40	Sustainable and inclusive rice production and value chain – SRP as Driver for Change	Dr Wyn Elis, Executive Director SRP Secretariat at Bangkok, Thailand
12:40 – 13:00	SRP national chapter launching – SRP national chapter vision, charters and proposed annual action plan	Dr. Arjumand Nizami and Shahrukh Khan, Helvetas
13:00 – 13:10	Guest remarks	Dr. Nafisah Shah, MNA – Khairpur Sindh
<b>13:10 – 13:20</b>	<b>SRP Pakistan National Chapter Inaugural Group Photo Session</b>	
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<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. Arjumand Nizami and Syed Nadeem Bukhari</b>		
14:30 – 15:45	<p><b>First round of guests (Practice):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Shahid Tawawalla CEO Meskay and Femtee Trading Co Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>2. Mr. Chaila Ram Kelwani, Chairman REAP</li> <li>3. Deepak Kumar Advani, Managing Director Marvel Agro Commodity</li> <li>4. Fuad Hamid Ahmad Gharib, CEO Gharib Sons</li> <li>5. Dr. Jens Soth, Senior Adviser Commodities and Value Chains, Helvetas</li> <li>6. TBD. Agriculture department Sindh</li> <li>7. Mr. Agha Jan Akhtar, progressive farmer</li> </ol> <p><b>Second round (support):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Mr. Shuzab Gardezi, Head of Agri-Business Solutions, Engro Fertilizers</li> <li>9. Dr. Bakhshal Lashari (Ex-Dir Centre of excellence on water, Mehran University)</li> <li>10. State Bank of Pakistan: Mr. Ikram ullah Qadri, Head of Agri Division</li> <li>11. TBD Agriculture department Sindh</li> <li>12. Mr. Kazim Saeed, Strategic Advisor, Pakistan Agriculture Coalition</li> </ol>	
<b>Talk show – Towards SRP compliance in Pakistan for farm labour management</b>		
<b>Moderator: Zahid Rehman</b>		
15:45 – 16:30	SRP for addressing inclusion and environmental issues in rice sector development	Moderator: Zahid Rehman Short video clips from the rice fields
<b>Closing Session</b>		
<b>Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Asad Saleem</b>		
16:30 – 16:40	Closing Remarks	Mr. Manzoor Wassan, Advisor to Chief Minister for Agriculture
16:40 – 16:50	Wrap-up, next step and thanking remarks	Dr. Arjumand Nizami, Helvetas
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Ms. Noriko Sato, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, ADB

