



SRP Symposium at the International Rice Congress (IRC 2023) 17 October 2023

SRP and the decade ahead: Accelerating impact for food system transformation

Program

When: 17 Oct 2023 during the [IRC 2023](#) (16-19 Oct 2023)

Where: Manila, Philippines - Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)

Website: <https://irc2023.irri.org/sustainable-rice-platform-symposium>

Overview

The Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) is convening a 1-day Symposium, supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), as part of IRC2023 in Manila. The event offers rice stakeholders insights into the efforts of SRP and its members and partners, to work together to address critical sustainability challenges facing the rice sector through market-led value-chain and development-driven approaches.

SRP is a multi-stakeholder partnership to promote resource efficiency and sustainability both on-farm and throughout the rice value chain. Established in 2011 and originally co-convened by the and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and private sector partners, SRP is today a not-for-profit member organization comprising over 100 institutional members, working in collaboration with our partners across the stakeholder spectrum to catalyze a transformation of the global rice sector.

Over three thematic sessions including presentations and panel discussions, the symposium will take stock of the SRP experience and present innovative approaches to scaling impact. Speakers will discuss how rice sector interventions can contribute to sustainable food systems, water security and the SDGs.

Sessions will feature lessons learned from SRP member initiatives from around the world, the future of assurance, as well as opportunities for scaling via large-scale rice-based GEF-funded projects in South and Southeast Asia, to be implemented under the Sustainable Rice Landscapes Initiative consortium.

With important new developments under way on linkages to digitization, carbon markets and financing sustainable rice, this symposium is a must for rice stakeholders interested or engaged at a strategic level and working towards systemic transformation.

Event Objectives

The SRP Symposium will broaden awareness of the linkages between rice and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, provide a forum for face-to-face exchange among both SRP members and IRC participants on scaling pathways, and bring together a diverse circle of stakeholders with a shared mission to transform the global rice sector through innovative, science-based approaches and technologies.

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Session 1: The Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) – Taking stock after 12 years

1030-1035H	Welcome address	Wyn Ellis SRP Executive Director
1035-1050H	<i>Keynote: SRP: 12 years of progress</i>	Keith Jones SRP Board Chair
1050-1135H	<u>SRP Case studies + Q&A</u>	
1050-1105H	Lessons learned from Myanmar CSR project	Rakesh Munankami Helvetas
1105-1120H	Water Productivity Project (WAPRO), Pakistan	Shahrukh Khan Helvetas
		Imran Sheikh Galaxy Rice
1120-1135H	Strategic Alignment of SRP in Vietnam	Nguyen Ngoc Son GIZ Vietnam
1135-1145H	SRP assurance and market development	Trusti Widiastuti SRP Standard and Assurance Manager
1145-1155H	Opportunities for SRP rice in Asian markets and beyond	Benjamin Lu Lui Hing Hop

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Session 2: Scaling impact - Rice, food systems & climate change

1430-1445H	<i>Keynote</i>	Matthew Reddy Senior Private Sector Specialist, GEF Secretariat
1445-1600H	<i>Panel discussion:</i> Mechanisms for driving landscape-level impacts	Moderator: Alan Johnson IFC & SRP Board member
1445-1455H	SRP in Africa	Catur Utami Dewi Rikolto
1455-1505H	Private Sector led sustainable Rice Value Chain Transformation project in Mekong Delta (SRP-based and other contemporary nature- based solutions)	Tran Thu Ha, PhD Team Leader, SNV
1505-1515H	Field research findings Thailand	Prof Phumsith Mahasuweerachai Khon Kaen University
1515-1525H	Role of private sector in driving transformation	Deviah Aiana WBCSD
1525-1535H	Financing sustainable rice	Beau Damen FAO

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1535-1600H

Q&A and Wrap-up

Alan Johnson

IFC & SRP Board member

Session 3: Agricultural innovations in support of rice smallholders

1630-1645H

Keynote Address:
Economic Incentives for
Adopting SRP in Asia: A
Case of Bilateral Crediting
Mechanism

Takashi Yamano + Noriko Sato

Asian Development Bank

1645-1750H

Panel discussion:
What's new on the horizon
– digital tools and carbon
finance

Moderator:

Sheetal Sharma

IRRI

1645-1655H

Carbon finance

Bob Zeigler

NetZeroAg

1655-1705H

Innovation & investment
opportunities in rice - Pakistan

Dr Arjumand Nizami

Country Director, Helvetas Pakistan

1705-1715H

AWD Technology for
Sustainable Agriculture

Mohammad Akramul Haque

CEO, DASCOH

1715-1720H

IRRI digital tools

Sheetal Sharma

IRRI

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Smart farming

David Chen

AgriG8

1725-1730H

Plant nutrition

Achim Dobermann

International Fertilizer Industry
Association (IFA)

1730-1750H

Q&A and Wrap-up

Sheetal Sharma

IRRI

1750-1800H

Closing remarks

Adrian Sym

Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) &
SRP Board member