
Sustainable Rice Platform Global Code of Conduct



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About the Sustainable Rice Platform

The Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP) is a global multi-stakeholder alliance comprising over 100 institutional members from public, private, research, civil society and the financial sector. Originally co-convened by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and private partners, SRP is an independent member association, working together with its partners to transform the global rice sector by improving smallholder livelihoods, reducing the social, environmental and climate footprint of rice production, and by offering the global rice market an assured supply of sustainably produced rice.

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Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the **Sustainable Rice Platform Global Code of Conduct** is to establish a collective set of commitments, behaviors and expectations for our members and stakeholders to observe and uphold in their engagement with the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP).

The Code applies to this document applies to members, Board members, consultants and service providers engaged in SRP assignments, hereinafter referred to as 'SRP participants'. It aims to help foster a unified, mission-driven and values-based culture among our members and sends a strong external statement of SRP's core values to external partners and stakeholders. It is derived from SRP's mission and values, normative documents, and Board approved policies, and replaces the Statement of Commitment that Members currently sign when joining the organization.

The Code shall be signed by all Members under § 3.13 of the SRP Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, building upon the commitments made by Members as a condition of membership, reflecting the shared values and commitments of members and other SRP participants. An integrated Code will help us all work together to enhance mutual understanding, fairness, transparency, accountability and organizational effectiveness. The Code does not replace specific assurances that vendors and other contractors may be expected to provide as a condition of service.

Commitments

As an SRP Member or stakeholder, you commit yourself to the following while engaging in SRP – related activities:

- Support the SRP's vision, mission, goal, objectives and activities;
- SRP Members agree to respect the SRP Articles of Association, Bylaws and policies, as well as guidelines and operational rules issued from time to time;
- Develop and implement their own organization's SRP plans of action in a way that contributes to SRP's vision, mission and goals;
- Actively and constructively communicate and support the SRP's process and implementation of projects, while adhering to relevant SRP protocols, policies and guidelines;
- Operate transparently and keep the SRP Secretariat regularly updated on plans, activities and outcomes of their initiatives that promote resource efficiency and sustainable trade flows in the global rice sector;
- Follow the principles of transparent, consensus-based decision-making, and ensure that all substantive external communications regarding SRP are fair, accurate and truthful;

- Comply with all policies and guidance issued from time to time in all communications regarding SRP, especially those relating to membership, use of any SRP logo and claims, including on-pack and off-pack claims;
- Uphold the pre-competitive principle in all SRP-related communications with other members and external stakeholders in compliance with the relevant provisions of Anti-Trust Competition law as applicable;
- Register all SRP-related projects with the Secretariat and provide annual updates on activities and impacts;
- Comply fully with SRP's Policy on Intellectual Property Rights on ownership of intellectual assets co-created by members, employees, consultants and service providers as part of the organization's mandate as multi-stakeholder alliance operating in pre-competitive space;
- Promptly inform the Secretariat of any communications and claims that may infringe SRP or regulatory requirements;
- Members are invited to contribute information e.g. through a brief annual report, to enable the Secretariat to communicate externally and showcase their sustainable rice activities, initiatives, collaborations, publications, and outcomes, and integrate SRP where this would add value in their respective operations.

Participant Signature

For all participants:

By signing this Global Code of Conduct, I agree to abide by all clauses that apply to my participant category, indicated by the notations accompanying each clause.

For individuals signing on behalf of an organization:

I am authorized to represent the current or prospective Member, technical or project partner, or service provider and facilitate its compliance with the Code.

Participant name		Organizational stamp (if applicable)
Individual name (if different)		
Role		
Signature	Date	

Review Schedule

The SRP Board will review this Code at least every two years and may amend it at any time. The Secretariat will notify participants of future versions and publish these on the SRP website at <https://www.sustainablerice.org>.

Related Documents

[SRP Articles of Association v 2.1](#)

[SRP Bylaws and Rules of Procedure v 2.1](#)

[SRP Board Manual](#)

[SRP Membership Program Manual](#)

[SRP Brand Manual and Claims Guidelines](#)