

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Sustainable Rice

Conference and Exhibition 2024

Sustainable Rice: Food, Climate and People

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## Tuesday, Day 1 : 26 November 2024

08:00-09:00  
Registration

09:00- 10:15

### Opening Ceremony and Keynote "Food, Climate, and People"

Leading global experts will set the scene by exploring the intersection of rice, climate change, and sustainable food systems. The keynote address will highlight the imperative to transform the global rice sector to contribute to a sustainable future.

**Moderator :** Wyn Ellis (Executive Director, SRP)

#### Opening Addresses :

- Keith Jones (Board Chair, SRP)
- Kulsiri Klunnuraksa (Director, Rice Research and Development Division, Thai Rice Department)

#### Keynote :

- Chris Brett (Lead Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank)
- Dr. Yvonne Pinto (Director General, International Rice Research Institute)

10:15-10:30  
Networking break

10:30-12:00

#### Session 1

### Market & Regulatory Outlook Navigating the Future of Sustainable Rice

Gain insights into market trends and the emerging demand for sustainable rice. Explore how current and forthcoming EU regulations (EU Green Deal, EUDR, CSRD, CSDDD) will impact voluntary sustainability standards and rice value chain actors? Learn from real-world experiences in marketing SRP-Verified rice.

**Moderator :** Jop Blom (Sustainable Entrepreneur, Behold)

#### Speakers :

- Inge Jacobs (Global Sustainable Sourcing Lead, Mars Food & Nutrition)
- Anubha Bajaj (Director, LT Foods Europe)

#### Panel Discussion

#### Panelists :

- Subramanian V (Founder, SS Rice News)
- Inge Jacobs (Global Sustainable Sourcing Lead, Mars Food & Nutrition)
- Anoushka Harris (Sustainability Manager, Associated British Foods)
- Kylie Porter (Head of Sustainability, SunRice)

12:00-13:00  
Networking lunch

13:00-14:30

#### Session 2

### Scaling Impact Country-Level Experiences in Adopting SRP Standards

Discover how SRP members are driving adoption of sustainable rice practices around the world. This session will also showcase country-level initiatives including SRP National Chapters in selected countries.

#### Speakers :

- Makiko Taguchi (Agricultural Officer, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO Rome)
- Song Saran (Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cambodia Rice Federation)
- Arjumand Nizami (Country Programme Director, Helvetas Pakistan)
- Sutarto Alimoeso (Chairman, Indonesian Rice Millers and Traders Association)
- Daniel Vazquez (Supply Chain Manager, SAMAN)

#### Panel Discussion

**Moderator :** Makiko Taguchi (Agricultural Officer, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO Rome)

#### Panelists :

- Vanda Kham (Senior Portfolio Manager, Feed the Future Cambodia Harvest III funded by USAID Cambodia)
- Prof. Phumsith Mahasuweerachai (Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Khon Kaen University, Thailand)
- John Eng (Regional Rice Programme Director, Rikolto)
- Nadthanan Junpratug (Country Representative Thailand, Preferred by Nature)

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14:30-14:45  
Networking break

14:45-16:30

14:45-15:00 : Launch of SRP 'RiceTrace'  
Traceability/Chain of Custody Platform

### Session 3

#### Innovative Technologies in Sustainable Rice Production: Smallholder-friendly approaches

This session will spotlight smallholder-friendly innovations that deliver real environmental and economic benefits to farmers. Learn about the latest advances, approaches to women's empowerment and groundbreaking 'Zero-burning' approaches to residue management.

##### Speakers :

- William Sparks (Country Director-Thailand, Winrock International)
- Nguyen Ngoc Son (Senior Project Officer, GIZ Vietnam)
- Dr. Birungi Korutaro (CEO, Kilimo Trust)

##### Panel Discussion

**Moderator :** William Sparks (Country Director-Thailand, Winrock International)

##### Panelists :

- Kazuki Saito (Senior Scientist II - Cropping Systems Agronomy / Climate Change, International Rice Research Institute)
- Ezhil Subbian (CEO, StringBio)
- Hetal Shah (Director- Operations & Innovations in Sustainability, Amiha Agro)
- Imran Sheikh (Agri Business Head, Galaxy Rice)

Cocktail Reception 16:45-18:00

## Wednesday, Day 2 : 27 November 2024

08:00-09:00  
Registration

09:00- 10:15

### Session 4

#### Decarbonizing Rice Understanding the Opportunity Landscape

Learn how the global development and financial communities are leveraging climate finance and carbon markets to drive adoption of low-emission technologies and benefit smallholders. Discuss how development organizations, research and private sector actors can collaborate to drive gigaton-scale mitigation and sequestration.

**Moderator :** Tamara Beradze (Manager Innovations Fund, ISEAL)

##### Speakers :

- Beau Damen (Natural Resources Officer, Climate Change and Climate Finance, FAO Regional Office for Asia & the Pacific)
- Jérémie de Charentenay (Head of Asia, Livelihoods Ventures)
- Noriko Sato (Senior Natural Resources Specialist and Mission Leader, Asian Development Bank)/Takashi Yamano (Principal Economist, Asian Development Bank)
- Ole Sander (Country Representative to Thailand and Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute)

##### Panel Discussion

##### Panelists :

- Russ Cullinane (Director of Business Development, Carbon Farm)
- Dr. Thu Ha Tran (Team Leader for 'Transforming the Rice Value Chain in the Mekong Delta' (TRVC) Project, SNV)
- Vicky Janssens (General Manager Southeast Asia, Klik Foundation)
- Anubha Bajaj (Director, LT Foods Europe)

## Wednesday, Day 2 : 27 November 2024

10:15-10:30  
Networking break

10:30-12:00

### Session 5

#### Financing Sector Transformation in Sustainable Rice

This session highlights innovative financing mechanisms to drive sustainable, low-emission practices among rice smallholders. Speakers will share insights on bridging financing gaps through initiatives like the Sustainable Rice Landscapes Initiative and projects such as the GEF funded Thailand Inclusive Sustainable Rice Landscapes Project. The launch of two new IFC reports on sustainable rice market opportunities and SRP benchmarking will also be featured.

**Moderator :** Rathana Peou Norbert-Munns (Sustainable Development and Agrifood System Policy Expert, FAO Regional Office for Asia & the Pacific)

#### Panelists :

- Alan Johnson (Lead, Smallholder Supply Chains, Agribusiness Advisory, International Finance Corporation)
- Aaron Becker (FAO-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Regional Lead (FAO Regional Office for Asia & the Pacific))
- Jens Soth (Senior Advisor, Value Chains & Sustainable Commodities, Helvetas Switzerland)
- Nana Kuenkel (Director, GIZ Agriculture & Food Cluster, GIZ Thailand)

12:00-13:00  
Networking lunch

13:00-14:15

### Session 6

#### What's Next for SRP?

Get the latest updates on the ongoing revision of the SRP Standard and Performance Indicators. Gain insight into the SRP Low-Carbon Assurance Module - an innovative insetting approach that enables value chain actors to make verifiable mitigation claims for their Scope 3 emissions. Additionally, the session will offer a broader discussion on SRP's future priorities and strategic focus.

**Moderator :** Alan Johnson (Lead, Smallholder Supply Chains, Agribusiness Advisory, International Finance Corporation)

#### Speakers :

- Wyn Ellis (Executive Director, SRP)
- Keith Jones (Board Chair, SRP)
- Trusti Widiastuti (Standards & Assurance Manager, SRP)
- Harriet Eade (Program Manager, Asia-Pacific, Regrow Ag)

**Closing :** Shahid Tarer (Managing Director, Galaxy Rice)

14:15-14:30  
Networking break

14:30-17:00

#### SRP Annual General Assembly 2024 (Closed Session)

Exclusively for SRP members, the Annual General Assembly is a high-level governance meeting where members elect Board members and conduct other statutory business. The Assembly also offers SRP members an opportunity to share their own perspectives and table motions as provided in the Articles of Association.

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