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*“Capacity Development and Experience sharing for Rice Value Chains  
through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)” project*

**International training curriculum consultation workshop focusing on rice value chains  
in the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, and the Republic of the Philippines**

**Sustainable Rice Platform, standards, quality control and marketing**

**Virtual, 23 May 2023**

## **Background**

Since 2020, FAO, with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea (MAFRA), has been implementing the *“Capacity Development and Experience Sharing for Rice Value Chains through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)”* project to develop the rice value chains in the three target countries: the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of the Philippines. In order to develop the rice value chains in the target countries, the project focuses on strengthening national research and training institutions, consulting on related policies, as well as developing a curriculum for rice value chain experts, stakeholders and trainers that can enhance the capacity of stakeholders through improved public-private partnerships.

Under the aegis of the project, FAO has convened rice value chain stakeholders from the target countries and the Republic of Korea through different workshops and ensured SSTC exchange of best practices and experiences focusing on improvement of policy-making taking a food systems approach. Based on the learnings and outputs from the previously conducted inception workshops, international policy workshop, national policy workshops, and needs assessments, the following international trainings were identified as priorities for the target countries :

- 1) Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization Strategies and Hire Services
- 2) Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP), standards, quality control and marketing.

Training workshop two will focus on the Sustainable Rice Platform, standards, quality control and marketing.

It is envisioned that after the international training, nationally tailored trainings will be designed and conducted to apply the knowledge gained and strengthen national capacities.

## **Objectives**

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss the outline and delivery of Sustainable Rice Platform, standards, quality control and marketing module (Annex 1). Workshop discussions will focus on the adaptation of the SRP approach for the project’s target countries, agreeing on the contents of the training to be conducted at international level. It will call upon the expertise of the participants to fine tune and

enrich the content of the training to ensure the content is relevant and meets the needs of the countries. In addition, the workshop will serve as a way to assist countries to identify the most relevant participants to the training.

### Participants

In May 2023, the workshop will convene government officials relevant to the rice sector policy, training and marketing from the three target countries, as well as the International Rice Research Institute and AfricaRice, to be engaged in fine tuning the training module on SRP, standards, quality control and marketing.

### Workshop Agenda (*tentative*)

Time <sup>1</sup>	Session Overview
10:00 – 10:20 hours (20 mins)	<b>Welcome and Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round of introductions (15 min)</li> <li>• Brief overview of the project (5 min)</li> </ul>
10:20 – 11:00 hours (40 mins)	<b>Presentation of Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP)</b> Presenter: Wyn Ellis/Jan Willem Ketelaar, SRP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is SRP?</li> <li>• SRP Standard and Performance Indicators</li> <li>• Assurance scheme, including IMS and CoC Standards</li> <li>• Market Development</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:10 hours (10 min)	<b>Presentation of training outline</b>
11:10 – 12:00 hours (50 mins)	<b>Open Discussion on contents of the outline</b> Facilitator: Makiko Taguchi, Agricultural Officer, FAO headquarters
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Wrap up and way forward</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The time on the agenda refer to the Central European Time Zone (CET).

## Annex 1

**Curriculum outline:** Sustainable Rice Platform, standards, quality control and marketing

**Target:** Government personnel and development practitioners who have the mandate for rice sector policy and strategy formulation, extension and training on rice production and processing, as well as private sector actors with interest on certification standards and quality control.

### Learning objective

The module is designed as an introduction to the Sustainable Rice Platform to share their experience in South East Asia, and to deepen understanding on the importance of quality control along the value chain from production to milling and product marketing.

The participants are expected to engage in developing a national training curriculum adapted to the needs of individual countries following this training. Technical hands on training on milling may be conducted as a practical component subsequently.

### Modality

The training is designed to be conducted in two half days.

All the sessions will be conducted virtually/online.

### Tentative agenda

Time required	Content	Presenter
Day 1		
Start 08:30 hours CET (tbd) 1 hour	<b>Session 1:</b> Introduction to the Sustainable Rice Platform  Reference: <a href="https://www.sustainablerice.org/">https://www.sustainablerice.org/</a>	SRP
09:30 hours 1 hour	<b>Session 2:</b> SRP Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation and Assurance Scheme  Reference: <a href="https://www.sustainablerice.org/assurance-scheme/">https://www.sustainablerice.org/assurance-scheme/</a>	SRP
5 or 10 min	<b>break</b>	
10:40 hours 40 min	<b>Session 3:</b> Practical application - Case study (tbd Myanmar or Pakistan or Thailand or Cambodia)	Representative from the country (tbd)
11:20 hours 30 min	<b>Q&amp;A / Discussion</b>	
11:50 – 12:00 hours	<b>Wrap up day 1</b>	

Day 2		
1.5 hours	<b>Session 4:</b> Quality control and SRP	SRP (tbd)
	<b>break</b>	
1.5 hours	<b>Session 5:</b> Marketing and SRP	FAO and/or SRP (tbd)
	<b>Q&amp;A / Discussion</b>	
30 min?	<b>Wrap up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country level adaptation</li> <li>- Way forward</li> </ul>	



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