

Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) Training Strategy Workshop “Harnessing Technology Convergence to Leverage Farmer Outreach”

3 – 4 May 2017

**Venue: Seminar Room at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
Los Baños, Philippines**

Background

One of the SRP’s key commitments is to provide training programs to accompany the deployment of the Standard and Performance Indicators. Since its launch in 2015, members have expressed interest in implementing relevant trainings to cater for the needs of their respective networks and stakeholders. As multi-country field pilots were implemented in 2016, the Sustainable Rice Platform has already conducted a number of training workshops, with support from IRRI. However, as training needs are increasing and becoming more differentiated, it will be crucial to develop a coherent framework for SRP-related training at all levels.

This workshop brings together representatives of interested Sustainable Rice Platform members, many of whom have significant training capacity, to discuss needs and plan such a framework, bearing in mind technical, geographical and other complementarities in drafting a collaborative action plan. The workshop is organized by Peter Sprang, SRP’s Technical Coordinator, together with experts from IRRI, and hosted by IRRI at its headquarters in Los Baños, Philippines.

Note: Taking advantage of the presence of key SRP members, an additional meeting will be held on the afternoon and evening of 2 May to discuss the SRP assurance model. The discussion will continue during the group work session on the afternoon of 4 May and the morning of 5 May, if necessary.

Objectives

The SRP Training Strategy Workshop aims to:

1. Gather relevant field implementation experiences and practices, including an inventory of training materials;
2. Identify and describe target participants for SRP-related training programs;
3. Understand SRP members’ specific interests and requirements in the development and delivery of training; and
4. Develop a framework for a coherent set of SRP training programs, including: a) farmer training and Training of Trainers; b) group management systems / internal control systems; c) postharvest value chain training; d) auditor training; and e) general SRP training

Outputs

The main output from this activity will be a Workshop Report containing a draft programme and action plan for a Training Program Framework for the Sustainable Rice Platform.

Participants

Representatives of Sustainable Rice Platform member institutions and partners are invited to participate, particularly those with experience in implementing the Standard and Performance Indicators, and organizations with substantive interests, expertise and capacity in delivering training and/or development of training materials and media.

Costs

Participation in the workshop is free of charge, including accommodation at the IRRI dormitories, all meals as well as local transport (including group airport transfer). Participants are expected to cover their own flights, visa expenses and incidentals, including costs of accommodation for participants who choose to stay at the IRRI guesthouse (US\$65/night) rather than the dormitories.

Programme

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2 May 2017

14:30-18:00 SRP assurance model meeting, IRRI Seminar Room

3 May 2017

Schedule	Topic	Activity/Output
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 09:00	Opening remarks and alignment on key questions and expected workshop outcomes	
09:00 – 10:30	1. Overview of IRRI training services (Jason Beebout and Peter Brothers) 2. Example of SRP training in Vietnam (Joel Janiya/Sarah Beebout/Peter S.) 3. Training opportunities for exporters (Matty Demont) 4. Post-harvest training support (Martin Gummert's team)	Individual or team presentations.
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break	
11:00 – 12:30	Short presentations by participants from Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines as well as participating assurance scheme providers on their training experience and materials. Expression of needs & expectations.	Individual presentations (to be confirmed)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 – 15:00	Group discussion on Training Plans with targets, Content, Budgets, IP)	Group work
15:00 – 15:30	Tea break	
15:30 – 17:00	Agreement on answers/outcomes.	Plenary

4 May 2017

Schedule	Topic	Activity/Output
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 08:45	Opening remarks	
08:45 – 09:30	Presentation of answers/outcomes of day one	Plenary
9:30 – 10:00	Tea break	

10:00 – 12:00	Development of work plans, budgets, IP proposals	Group work
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 14:30	Group work (optional)	SRP assurance model meeting
14:30 – 15:00	Tea break	
15:00 – 17:00	Group work (optional)	SRP assurance model meeting

5 May 2017

08:30 – 12:00 Meeting on SRP assurance model (wrap-up)

Registration Form

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Full name	
Position	
Organization	
Country	
Email address	
Phone	

Accommodation/Transport

IRRI Dormitory (free)	Mark if you wish to stay at dormitory on SRP cost:
IRRI Guesthouse (US\$65/night)	Mark if you wish to stay at guesthouse at your own cost:
Arrival Details	Date, Time, Flight no:
Departure Details	Date, Time, Flight no:

Interests

Areas of interests	What types of training does your organization require?
Expected outputs	What do you hope to achieve in attending this workshop?
Possible contributions	What can you contribute to this activity (e.g. presentation on implementation results, key findings, materials etc.)

To confirm your participation, kindly submit completed registration form to Lea at lealaspinas@gmail.com by 19 April 2017.

For further queries regarding the workshop, kindly contact Peter Sprang at p.sprang@irri.org.

To learn more about the Sustainable Rice Platform and available partnership opportunities, please contact Wyn Ellis, Ph.D. at Secretariat@sustainableice.org.

Thank you and we're looking forward to seeing you in Los Baños!