

# Sustainable Rice Platform Rice Dialogue and Workshop

23 – 24 May 2017 v 28 March 2017

**Venue:** Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan

## Background

As a key driver of Pakistan's national economy, and the country's second most important staple, it is vital to secure a sustainable long-term future for the rice sector- to boost farmer livelihoods and provide decent work, conserve water and other scarce resources, mitigate climate change impacts and protect the environment.

As part of its global mandate under the Market Transformation Initiative of WWF-International, WWF-Pakistan works to reduce the environmental footprint impacts of agricultural commodities in priority ecosystems, and is collaborating with the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) and other partners to explore the potential to connect stakeholders to promote resource efficiency and sustainability, both on-farm and throughout the rice value chain, as well as at policy level.

The Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) is a multi-stakeholder partnership to promote resource efficiency and sustainability both on-farm and throughout the rice value chain. SRP is co-convened by UN Environment and the International Rice Research Institute in December 2011, and works in collaboration with its 70 institutional partners in the public and private sectors as well as the NGO community (SRP brochure enclosed).

To launch this collaboration, WWF-Pakistan and SRP, in collaboration with Mars Food, Rice Partners Ltd, and Helvetas will organize a National Dialogue and Workshop in Islamabad in 23-24 May. The workshop will engage with high-level representatives of key stakeholders to discuss and identify challenges in promoting best practice a field and policy levels. A preliminary agenda will be available soon.

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