

Membership Application Form 2017

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Joining Year: _____ Global T/O 2016 (in US\$): _____

I. Membership category

FREE membership

Government
UN/International org
Local NGO
Farmer/farmer group
Private company (SME)
(<US\$ 10m T/O)

US\$ 5,000 p.a.

International NGO
International
research institute

US\$ 10,000 p.a.

Private company
State enterprise
(US\$ 10-100m T/O)

US\$ 20,000 p.a.

Business association
Private company
State enterprise
(>US\$ 100m T/O)

II. Contact Information

Primary Contact Person

Name _____
Position _____
Email _____
Address _____
Country _____
Tel. No. _____

Secondary Contact Person

Name _____
Position _____
Email _____
Address _____
Country _____
Tel. No. _____

III. Brief Introduction

Please provide a brief overview of your organization and contribution in relation to SRP vision and objectives.

IV. In-kind contribution

Please indicate any non-cash contribution/support over and above that in B1 of the Statement of Intent (p.2).

V. SRP Advisory comments (for SRP use only)

Kindly complete and return this form to Secretariat@sustainablerice.org together with a copy of your company logo in high resolution. Thank you.

Statement of Intent for SRP Members

This statement is a non-legally-binding expression of support for the Sustainable Rice Platform.

A. The Sustainable Rice Platform

The Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) is a multi-stakeholder platform to promote resource efficiency and sustainable trade flows, production and consumption operations, and supply chains in the global rice sector. The Sustainable Rice Platform's mission is to promote resource efficiency and sustainability in the global rice sector through an alliance that links research, production, policy making, trade and consumption.

The SRP pursues the following specific objectives:

- To develop a context-dependent modular standard for sustainable rice production and processing (including decision making tools and quantitative sustainability impact indicators);
- To develop and promote outreach models that enable large-scale adoption of best practices through supply chain mechanisms and public policy development;
- To establish an international platform globally recognized for its role in promoting continuous improvement in sustainability in the rice sector with a broad participation from all actors throughout the value chain, the public sector and non-profit organizations.

B. Preamble

The signatories of this Statement of Intent recognize that:

1. Rice is an important source of food to almost half the world's population. Its production provides vital employment and food security to millions of some of the world's poorest people, while its environmental footprint is one of the most substantial of any human activity. Rice uses large amounts of fresh water, produces substantial amounts of greenhouse gases and covers millions of hectares of some of the world's most important agricultural land.
2. Today, while global demand for rice is increasing, production lags behind. In addition, current practices are often inefficient in the use of resources, especially water, fertilizers, and pesticides. There is therefore an urgent need to intensify rice production in a sustainable manner to meet growing demand, to keep prices within reach of poor consumers, to alleviate pressure on natural resources, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate change and associated drought, flooding, heat and salinity.
3. Sustainable production implies economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially beneficial management and operation;

4. Recognizing that perspectives on resource efficiency and sustainability will vary by region and production system, it is nevertheless possible to develop a broad framework and set of principles and standards that can apply to the majority of rice production, and that can offer a means for producers, governments, and value chain actors to drive improvements across the sector;
5. Sustainability results from participation and informed consent of all stakeholders, including smallholders, supply chain actors, governments, the private sector, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

C. SRP guiding principles

The signatories to this Statement of Intent recognize the following guiding principles for a sustainable rice sector:

1. To improve livelihoods of current and future generations of rice growers and other value chain actors
2. To meet consumer needs for food security, food safety and quality of rice and rice products
3. To manage natural resources efficiently throughout the value chain
4. To protect the natural environment from disruptive effects of rice production and processing
5. To prevent adverse impacts on neighboring communities and to contribute to their development
6. To adapt rice production systems to changing climates and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions throughout the value chain
7. To respect labour rights and to promote the well-being of workers
8. To conduct business with integrity and transparency.

D. Member commitment

SRP members commit themselves to:

1. Support the mission, objectives, and activities of the SRP;
2. Contribute financially and/or in kind according to their resources and institutional capacity;
3. Develop and implement within their own organizations plans of action to support the SRP's mission and objectives;
4. Actively and constructively communicate and support the SRP's process and implementation of projects, while adhering to SRP visibility guidelines;
5. Operate transparently and keep the SRP Secretariat regularly updated on plans, activities and outcomes of their initiatives in promoting resource efficiency and sustainable trade flows in the global rice sector;
6. Adhere to SRP rules and regulations covering external communications about SRP and the use of SRP materials and logos;

- E. Follow the principles of transparent, consensus-based decision-making, and ensure that all substantive external communications regarding SRP are first agreed by the SRP Advisory Council.

F. Benefits of SRP membership

1. Right to contribute to shaping SRP strategy, including the right to vote at Plenary meetings, and eligibility for election to the SRP Advisory Committee. Members may participate in all meetings of the Plenary and thematic Working Groups;
2. Right to participate in collaborative initiatives and projects to address sector-wide challenges that benefit all, especially smallholder farmers;
3. Leverage from the outcomes of collaborative research that would be prohibitively costly to conduct independently (direct cost saving);
4. Access to tools and partnerships to manage social and environmental risks in the rice supply chain and capture opportunities to enhance stability of the supply chain due to improved and consistent supply of rice;
5. Access to an authoritative, high-level global forum for discussion, collaboration and innovation;
6. Access to national, regional, and global networks and institutions involved in rice production, input supplies, milling, processing, trading and marketing, and social rights;
7. Open access to all SRP material and databases, to be made available via an online document repository at the SRP website, as well as at the SRP Secretariat;
8. Recognition / visibility of members on SRP website, including web links to member sites, and the right to link to the SRP site;
9. Reputational benefit from SRP membership, including enhanced public perception of commitment to sustainability, brand loyalty and value of consumer end-products.

Signed,

Name _____

Organization _____

Designation _____

Date _____

Place _____