

Candidate: Adrian Sym, CEO

Nominating SRP member: Alliance for Water Stewardship

Constituency: Civil Society Organisations

Adrian Sym has served on the Board of SRP eV since its inception in 2019. In seeking election for another term, Adrian is keen to contribute his experience and expertise to ensure that recent board level progress is consolidated, most notably strengthening the governance system for SRP. Good governance is a fundamental pillar that supports all effective multi-stakeholder initiatives. It is not easy. Governance systems need to be carefully nurtured while also remaining responsive to changing circumstances and stakeholder priorities. SRP, like other commodity standards, needs to ensure it has the resources and expertise to effectively govern a complex global initiative.

Adrian is not a specialist in any area of rice cultivation – there are many experts among SRP members who are well placed to fill this need on the SRP Board – but he does bring 15 years of experience in multi-stakeholder standard systems, 11 of which have been as CEO of the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS). This experience in both governance and organisational development can continue to be useful to SRP as it seeks to build strong foundations through which its impact objectives can be achieved.

Adrian also recognises that his election for another term would not enhance the diversity profile of the SRP Board. Achieving greater diversity on the SRP Board is critical to both its effectiveness and to the ability of the organisation to attract durable support. With this in mind, if elected Adrian would prioritise the establishment of measures to achieve Board diversity goals.

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