

International Conference

Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh

22 December 2013, BRAC Center Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Agenda

0900-0930	Registration
0930-1045	Opening To introduce the RISTE Project to the invited stakeholders and to highlight some key advocacy messages to the dignitaries and the media persons
	Welcome Remarks A.K. Enamul Haque , Study Team Leader, Unnayan Shamannay, Bangladesh Bipul Chatterjee , Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International, India Sushil Pandey , Former Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines and Advisor & Consultant to the RISTE Project <u>Opening Remarks</u> A.H. Iqbal Ahmed , Director, Seed Certification Agency, Bangladesh <u>Remarks by Guests of Honor</u> Swapan Kumar Datta , Deputy Director-General (Crop Sciences), India Council of Agricultural Research Mahabub Hossain , Executive Director, BRAC, Bangladesh Anwar Faruque , Additional Secretary, Director General, Seed Wing, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Bangladesh <u>Remarks by the Chair</u> Khondker Ibrahim Khaled , Emeritus Fellow, Unnayan Shamannay, Bangladesh
1045-1115	Break for Tea/Coffee & Networking
1115-1315	'Benefits and Constraints to HYV/Hybrid Rice Seeds Trade and Knowledge Sharing between Bangladesh and India' To discuss major findings of the RISTE Project and, in the light of them, to deliberate on trade and trade-related regulatory challenges to formal trade in HYV/Hybrid rice seeds between Bangladesh and India
	<u>Chair</u> Mustafizur Rahman , Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh <u>Presentation of Major Findings/Outcomes</u> Mahfuz Kabir , Senior Research Fellow, BIISS, Bangladesh Bipul Chatterjee , Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International, India <u>Remarks on Major Findings</u> Bhanudeb Bagchi , Rice Seed Expert, Nadia Zila Farmers' Development Organization, India F. R. Malik , Former President, Bangladesh Seed Association, Bangladesh Subir Kumar Bardhan Roy , Ex-Joint Director and Head, Rice Search Station, Kolkata, India

	<p>M. C. Diwakar, Director, Directorate of Paddy Development, Government of Bihar, India</p> <p>General Discussion Chair's Remarks</p>
1315-1415	Break for Lunch & Networking
1415-1515	<p>'Advocacy Strategy and Media Outreach Strategy of the RISTE Project' To highlight some key elements of the Advocacy Strategy and Media Outreach Strategy of the RISTE Project so as to achieve its Expected Outcomes</p>
	<p><u>Chair</u></p> <p>Sudhir Chandra Nath, Head, Agriculture and Food Security Program, BRAC, Bangladesh</p> <p><u>Advocacy Strategy</u></p> <p>Suresh Prasad Singh, Policy Analyst, CUTS International, India</p> <p><u>Media Outreach Strategy</u></p> <p>Asjadul Kibria, Business Page Editor, Pratham Alo, Dhaka, Bangladesh Dipankar De Sarkar, Media Consultant for RISTE Project, India</p> <p><u>Remarks on Advocacy Strategy and Media Outreach Strategy</u></p> <p>Debjyoti Guha, Working Secretary, Seed Association of Bengal, India Syed Al-Muti, Program Director, Economic Development, The Asia Foundation, Bangladesh Jahangir Bin Alam, Secretary and CEO, India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh</p> <p>General Discussion Chair's Remarks</p>
1515-1545	Break for Tea/Coffee & Networking
1545-1745	<p>'Future Activities and Expected Outcomes of the RISTE Project' There will be discussion and finalisation of the future work plan of each partner. For those cases where progress has been slower than expected, some revision/modifications of the work plan may be needed or different approach may need to be adopted given the remaining period of the project Respective representatives of seed associations are requested to make some remarks on the work plan and some broader issues. There will be a short wrap up of major actions/modifications agreed to ensure that the Project will achieve its objectives by its closing time.</p>
	<p><u>Chair</u></p> <p>Sushil Pandey, Former Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines and Advisor & Consultant to the RISTE Project</p> <p><u>Presentation on Future Activities</u></p> <p>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International, India</p> <p><u>Remarks on the Work Plan and Broader Issues</u></p> <p>A.K. Enamul Haque, Study Team Leader, Unnayan Shamannay, Bangladesh</p> <p>State Partners from India Asadul Amin Dadan, General Secretary, Bangladesh Seed Association, Bangladesh</p> <p>General Discussion Chair's Wrap-Up</p>

1745-1830	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>A.K. Enamul Haque, Team Leader, Unnayan Shamannay, Bangladesh</p> <p>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International, India</p> <p>Sushil Pandey, Former Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines and Advisor & Consultant to the RISTE Project</p>
1830...	<p>Reception & Dinner</p> <p>Other than the participants of the event, a number of dignitaries will be invited so as to give a further push to the cause and challenges therein.</p>
	<p>Special Address by Guests of Honor</p> <p>Ambassador Pankaj Sharan, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh</p> <p>Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute</p>