

Dissemination and Advocacy Meeting
Trade and Knowledge Sharing in HYV Rice Seeds
Scope for Agricultural Cooperation between Bangladesh and India
Hotel Metropolitan, New Delhi, 30th April 2015

Agenda

0900-0930	Registration with Tea/Coffee
0930-1045	<p>Opening <i>To introduce the RISTE Project (Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh) and highlight key advocacy messages.</i></p>
	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</i> <i>A K Enamul Haque, Professor, East-West University, Bangladesh</i></p> <p>Keynote Addresses <i>Rajesh Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</i> <i>Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury, Deputy High Commissioner, Bangladesh High Commission, New Delhi</i></p> <p>Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bangladesh Seeds Association and the National Seed Association of India</p> <p>Screening of a Documentary Film on the RISTE Project</p>
1045-1115	Tea/Coffee
1115-1315	<p>HYV Rice Seeds: Scope for Trade and Knowledge Sharing between Bangladesh and India <i>This session will focus on 'why cooperation in HYV rice seeds and knowledge sharing between Bangladesh and India is conspicuous by its absence despite the fact that trade in other seeds is happening regularly'. It will deliberate on issues to be addressed for fostering bilateral trade in HYV rice seeds and the necessity for knowledge sharing.</i></p>
	<p>Chair <i>Sushil Pandey, Former Senior Agricultural Economist, International Rice Research Institute and Adviser, RISTE Project</i></p> <p>Key Messages from the RISTE Project <i>Mahfuz Kabir, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies</i> <i>Suresh Prasad Singh, Policy Analyst, CUTS International</i></p> <p>Distinguished Panelists <i>Shahjahan Kabir, Director (Administration and Common Service), Bangladesh Rice Research Institute</i> <i>Sudhir Chandra Nath, Programme Head, BRAC, Bangladesh</i></p>

	<p><i>A K Singh, Senior General Manager (Marketing), National Seed Corporation Limited of India</i></p> <p><i>Md. Niazuddin Pasha, Senior Technical Officer, SAARC Agriculture Centre, Bangladesh</i></p> <p><i>Sanjay Kumar Singh, Principal Scientist, Indian Agricultural Research Institute</i></p> <p><i>Arijit Ghosh, Secretary, Seedsmen Association of Bengal</i></p>
1315-1400	Lunch
1400-1600	<p>Agricultural Cooperation between Bangladesh and India</p> <p><i>In the context of bilateral trade and knowledge sharing in HYV rice seeds, this session will deliberate on larger aspects of agricultural cooperation between Bangladesh and India, and the role that public and private sector players can and should play.</i></p>
	<p>Chair</p> <p><i>R K Singh, Executive Director, Nand Educational Foundation for Rural Development, Lucknow</i></p> <p>Areas and Scope for Agricultural Cooperation</p> <p><i>Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh</i></p> <p><i>Prithviraj Nath, Policy Analyst, CUTS International</i></p> <p>Distinguished Panelists</p> <p><i>Syed A K M Asadul Amin, General Secretary, Bangladesh Seeds Association</i></p> <p><i>Kalyan Goswami, Executive Director, National Seed Association of India</i></p> <p><i>Debjyoti Guha, Working Secretary, Seed Association of Bengal</i></p> <p><i>Patrick Ward, Postdoctoral Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi</i></p> <p><i>Md. Osman Khan, Director, Seed Certification Agency, Government of Bangladesh</i></p>
1600-1630	<p>Way Forward</p> <p><i>Bhanudeb Bagchi, Rice Seed Expert, Nadia Zilla Farmers' Development Organisation, Kolkata</i></p> <p><i>Debdutt Behura, Professor, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology</i></p> <p><i>A K Enamul Haque, Professor, East-West University, Bangladesh</i></p> <p><i>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</i></p>