

Integrated Program on SRI Method by the SRI Network

Dear Network members,

This is to inform you about the forthcoming events arranged by the SRI Network. You are most welcome to take part in the program.

Dates: 31st January, and 1st and 2nd February 2011

We have developed three days of interrelated programs on SRI. Finalizing of the program is on progress, making it with the stakeholders who will contribute to the program. Therefore, the final invitations are not yet completed. But all the parties are kept informed with regard to the program. This would be mostly the final version of the three days program

Objective of the program is to advocate to the government and to build the capacities of the related organizations and farmers, focusing on the increase in number of farmers for the Yala season with the support of the government extension service and other organizations while raising awareness of the farmers in the area.

There will be three programs on the 31st January, 01st and 2nd February 2011.

1. TOT for the selected farmers from different organizations
2. Regional seminar on SRI and exposure visit to the practicing farmers
3. Practical training on SRI focusing on Yala season for the interested people from the previous day's program

1. Day I: TOT for the selected farmers from different organizations

Date: 31st January 2011

Place: Rajarata Gamishakthi Nirmana Kaweaya (RGNK)
Thakolawewa, Hurigaswewa
Thambuttegama

Objective: To strengthen and improve the capacities of the leader-farmers and staff members of the selected organizations, with the aim of training other farmers in the region on SRI

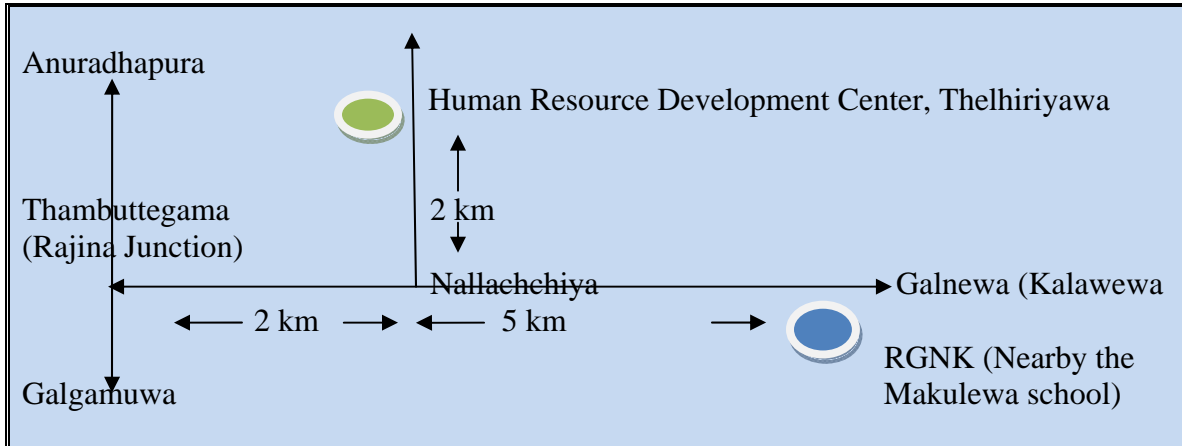
Confirmed Participants: 12 farmers from Vavuniya (VOCORD/FOSDO), 10 farmers from Gampaha (Ape Gowi Pasala), 5 farmers from Sewa Lanka Rajanganaya, 5 farmers from Horowpathana indigenous-medicine officers, SRI rice marketing societies 05

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2. Day II; Regional Seminar on SRI Method and Sharing Lessons Learned

Date: 1st February 2011

Place: Human Development Resource Centre, Thelhiriyawa, Eppawala and SRI fields in the area.



Objective: To share the experiences of different stakeholders in the eco-friendly paddy sector in the region who practice SRI method; and to find ways and means to expand and increase number of farmers with the support of the GOs, NGOs and CBOs in the region.

Time schedule

The program will contain two parts:

1. Seminar on the SRI method
2. Exposure visit and lessons learned from the farmers

The expected and confirmed participants are as follows. If you are not confirmed yet please inform.

Category	Designation	Number
Agrarian Service Department	ADR officers	30
Ministry of Indigenous Medicine	Minister	01
	District officers	12
Universities (Rajarata University)	Lecturer	01
	Students	10
DS Office	DS	02
	GS	10
Mahaweli	RPM Office	04
Farmer Organizations	Farmers	20
World Vision (Willuwa)	Farmers	10
World Vision (Horowpatana)	Farmers	10
Vavuniya (2 partners)	Farmers	12
Ape Govi Pasala (Gampaha)	Farmers	10
RGNK SRI Farmers	SRI Farmers	40

Time schedule

Time	Event	Detail
9.00 a.m.	Registration	Rajarata Gamishakthi
9.15 a.m.	Welcome	Nirmana Kawaya
9.30 a.m.	Objectives of the program	SRI Network
9.35 a.m.	Video presentation of SRI	
10.00 a.m.	Presentation on the importance of traditional paddy varieties and application of SRI method and need of policy change to sustain the national economy	Hon. Minister Salinda Disanayaka, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine.
10.30 a.m.	Problems of disseminating eco-friendly paddy farming and overcoming those for a sustainable farming practice through SRI	Prof. Parakkrama Waligamage, Post-Graduate Institute, Peradeniya
11.00 a.m.	Lessons learnt in adopting SRI method in different contexts.	Farmer experience in this Maha season by selected SRI farmers
11.30 a.m.	Tea	
11.45	Experience sharing on lessons learnt in implementing SRI in different contexts by different organizations. This will be an open forum to share short presentations, experience on SRI and other eco-friendly farming practices, technological innovations, marketing initiatives, training and capacity-building services with regard to eco-friendly farming practices	Please keep informed if you want to do a presentation of your work on SRI, the maximum time will be 10 minutes. So that we can manage the time accordingly
1.00 p.m.	Lunch	
2.00 p.m.	Exposure visit to the SRI fields	
4.00 p.m.	Sharing of the field visit experiences and action plan for the Yala season	

Day Three; Special Forces groups training and next season planning

Practical training on SRI focusing on Yala season for the interested people from the previous day's program

Date: 2nd February 2011

Place: Rajarata Gamishakthi Nirmana Kaweaya
Thakolawewa, Hurigaswewa
Thambuttegama

Objective: To strengthen and improve the capacities of the leader farmers and staff members of the selected organizations with the aim of training the other farmers in the region on SRI

If you want to take part in any of this event, please inform the SRI Network Coordinator so that we can prepare the logistic arrangements accordingly. You have to bear the travelling cost, and we are able to provide the other needs.

Regards,
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