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Mechanization Field Day



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Background

IRRI supports the Myanmar Rice Sector Development Strategy (MRSDS) which aims to be *"a food-secure nation where smallholder farming households have tripled their household incomes, including income derived from rice and rice-based farming, thereby enjoying a decent standard of living comparable to that of urban dwellers. The sustainable intensification of rice production, using efficient and effective natural resource management methodologies for higher rice productivity and profitability, is the cornerstone for achieving this goal by 2030."*

IRRI manifests this support to MOALI through The World Bank funded Agricultural Development Support Project (ADSP) in implementing the MRSDS with key partners from AMD, DOA and DOI. IRRI's assistance includes "technical advice on mechanization, grain handling and postharvest options, land preparation and leveling, harvesting, drying of grain and storage of seed and grain" and training on postharvest and seed processing.

IRRI is also working in a complementary project, the Closing Rice Yield Gaps in Asia (CORIGAP) project with DOA and DAR on the introduction of best practices for sustainable rice production and processing, which includes activities to support scale out appropriate mechanization and postharvest technologies.

To capture and share learning, and experiences to more farmers and stakeholders in the villages, IRRI is collaborating with the German Agricultural Society (DLG-Deutsche Landwirtschaftsgesellschaft) in organizing a Mechanization field day together with partners from the private sector in order to demonstrate state-of-the-art technologies for mechanization of rice and other crops.

Objectives

The Mechanization Field Day aims to foster mechanization by conducting a seminar and field demonstrations of mechanized options for rice-based cropping systems. This also aims to provide a platform for discussing mechanization related topics.

Program

8:00-8:15	Welcome Remarks	Director of AMD
	Demonstration of equipment for different field operations	
8:15-12:00NN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Laser leveling system○ Drum seeder○ Transplanter○ Postharvest equipment	IRRI, DLG, ADSP, AMD, DOI, DAR, MRF, Pioneer Agrobiz, AGCO
	L U N C H B R E A K	
13:00-13:30	Seminar on Laser leveling experiences from other countries and business models	IRRI
13:30-13:45	Sharing of farmers' experiences on laser leveling	Farmers from Maubin
13:45-14:15	OPEN FORUM	
14:15-14:45	Options for Postharvest Handling Practices	MRF/Pioneer Agrobiz, Inc.
14:45-15:15	Q & A	
15:15-15:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
15:30-15:45	DLG presentation	Katharina Staske
15:45-16:15	AGCO presentation	
16:15-16:50	OPEN FORUM	
16:50-17:00	Closing Message from DOA	DoA Township Manager