

FAO Regional
Office for Asia and
the Pacific (RAP)

Formulation of Rice Strategy for Asia and the Pacific



Rationale/justification

➤ Standing mandate

from 2012 FAO

Regional Conference –

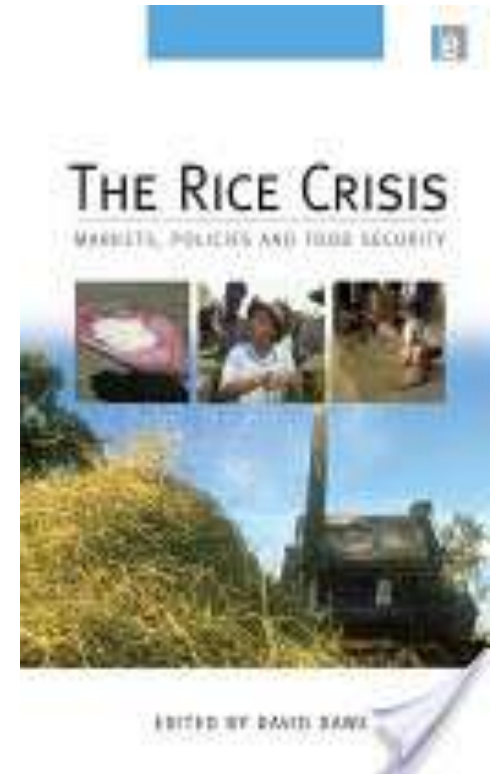
“FAO to coordinate the development of Asia regional rice strategy”

➤ This was a **culmination** of debates (in FAO Conferences and other meetings) on emerging rice issues



Debates/issues on rice farming and trade

- Reversing yield deceleration
- ... in a sustainable manner (land, water, energy)
- Addressing new, emerging policy issues, especially post-2008
- Addressing old issue – role of rice in economic structural transformation



Our challenge – Rice producing countries are **diverse** so to be useful for all:
(→ provide alternative **strategic options** and **not** prescriptive recommendations)

FAORAP, in collaboration with many institutions around the globe, prepared a series of background studies on a wide range of topics

Team Leader: RB Singh

External Rice Advisory Group (ERAG)

➤ External Rice Advisory Group

- about **10** experts
- neutral/unbiased advice during formulation
- Experts representing IFPRI, IRRI, IWMI, IFAD, ADB, World Bank, Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (CSO), plus **MS Swaminathan (Chair)**, Apichart Pongsrihadulchai, CP Timmer
- First ERAG meeting: 10 May 2013
- Second ERAG Meeting: 28-29 November 2013

- **Main output** – document for presentation at 32nd FAO Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Ulaan Baatar (March 10 – 14)
- Provide insights for national strategies and policies, indicating trade-offs based on sound evidence

FAORAP is seeking your input today
before finalizing the document to be
presented at APRC

Thank You