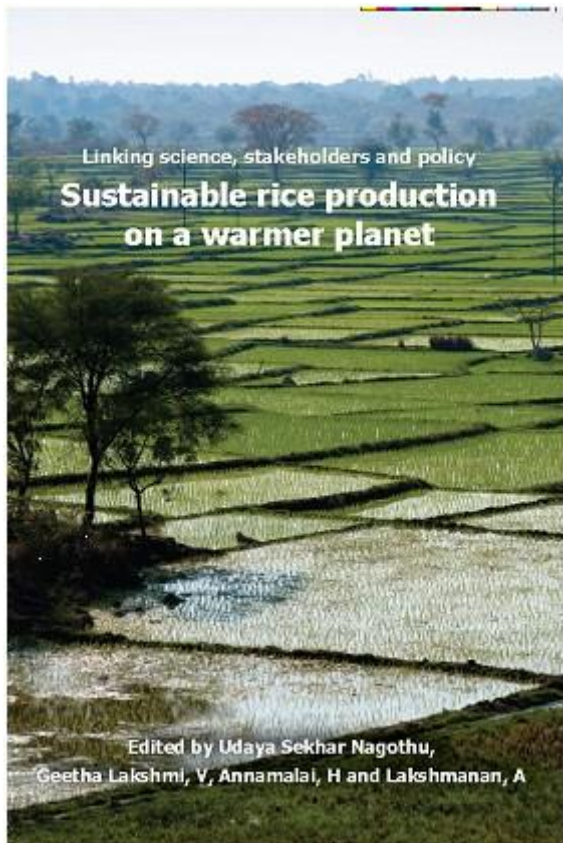


Book release from ClimaRice project

A book summarizing the results from the first phase of the ClimaRice project will be released in February 2011. The book, "Sustainable Rice Production on a Warmer Planet - Linking Science, Stakeholder and Policy", will be published by Macmillan publishers.

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The book is based on results from phase I of the ClimaRice project, (2008-2010), which aimed to analyze the impacts of climate change on agriculture in general, and rice production in particular, in Tamil Nadu state, India.

We believe that the preliminary results presented in the book will get the attention of state and federal agencies, and stress the need for greater attention to invest in agriculture sector. While past studies focused on understanding the causalities of climate change, a major highlight here is the stakeholder involvement and the direct intake of their perspectives to identify and develop suitable adaptation measures. It is our view that stakeholders' involvement is indispensable for a successful implementation of any policy related to adaptation. To that extent, stakeholder involvement in developing adaptation strategies is an integral part of the ClimaRice project. The science-stakeholder-policy linkage will continue with a greater emphasis and more actively in the phase II of Climarice.

"I am happy that the experiences from the ClimaRice project have been synthesized into a book which helps disseminating the results to a wider audience. I am confident that the book conveys an important message that active stakeholder involvement contributes positively in developing adaptation measures to effectively address climate change impacts."

Ann Ollestad, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy