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Observations on the Introduction and Rapid Growth of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) among Smallholder Farmers in Kenya

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2:30 -3:30 PM

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SRI was introduced in Kenya in 2009 and quickly drew the interest of farmers and various institutions in the agricultural sector. The rapid growth of SRI started with the involvement of the National Irrigation Board, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and other development organizations, as well as farmer initiative in the Mwea Scheme, the country's largest irrigation system.

The demonstrated benefits of higher yield, water-saving, increased economic returns, and climate-resilience have hastened the adoption of the SRI practices by thousands of farmers, already as many as 80% of the Mwea farmers. The seminar will review SRI milestones in Kenya and consider the varied impacts of SRI methods for Kenyan farmers.

Jean Njiru was a Hubert Humphrey Fellow at Cornell for the academic year 2005-06. She is currently Supply Chain Network Manager for the Purdue Improved Crop Storage (PICS) Program in East and Southern Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya.

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