



RAMSAR COP15 SIDE EVENT

Achieving Nature Positive by “OECMs x Rice Paddies”

– The Promotion of OECM at Rice Paddies and Farmlands

Rice paddies, agricultural lands with wetland functions, can serve as wetland ecosystems that are home to a variety of living creatures if properly managed.


In this side event, Japan and Korean governments introduce OECM legal systems in their own countries. NGOs from both countries provide case studies related to rice paddies.

Lead Organization | **Ministry of the Environment Japan**

SPECIAL SESSION

Official Ceremony for **Lake Inawashiro's**
Ramsar Site Designation

 **26th July 2025**

 **13:30 - 14:30**

 **Matetsi**

Light meals provided

OPENING REMARKS

Hisashi Kawagoe

Director of Wildlife Division
Nature Conservation Bureau
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SPECIAL SESSION

Dr. Musonda Mumba

Secretary General
Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands

Yoko Okoshi

Director of Environment Division, City of Koriyama

OECMs × RICE PADDIES

Japan's OECM legal system

Kohei Sakai

Section Chief of Wildlife Division
Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment

Rice Paddies on OECMs in Japan

Masayuki Kurechi

Director, Ramsar Network Japan

Korea's OECM legal system

Han Jung-hwa

Director, National Institute of Ecology Wetland Center

Initiatives in Korea

Kim Jae Hyun

Transboundary Ecology Research Institute(TERI)

Han Donguk

Korean Wetland Society Vice-president (KWNN)

Sharing initiatives outside Asia

Lifeng Li

Director of Land and Water Division
Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations(FAO)