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Potential for rice exports: Trade Facilitation as a catalyst

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Cambodia trends

- Increased rice production and food surpluses
 - 2009: 7.2m tonnes of rice paddy
 - 5.5% increase over last decade
- Expanded cultivation and improved yields



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Global trends

- World rice markets expected to remain tight over medium term
- Upward trend for prices though with increased volatility
- 2010: increased Asian demand particularly for medium and low quality rice



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Constraints to growth

- Rice production:
 - Low productivity and low capital investment
- Rice trading and milling
 - High energy, transport and finance costs
- Rice exports
 - Market clearances, quality standards and infrastructure



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Policy recommendations

- Trade facilitation
 - active Government role identifying markets
 - reductions in rice export costs
 - transport infrastructure improvements
 - improved compliance with international quality standards



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Australian support

- Policy
 - Open market access and ASEAN free trade agreement
- Technical assistance
 - strengthening rice value chains
- Infrastructure
 - Road and rail transport improvements



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QUESTIONS