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# PAPER PREVIEW

## KORONIVIA JOINT WORK ON AGRICULTURE: SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS ON TOPICS 2(B) AND 2(C)

This brochure provides a preview of the forthcoming analysis of the submissions by Parties and observers under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) decision 4/CP.23 (UNFCCC, 2018a) on the topics 2(b) and 2(c) of the decision, as available on 29 May 2019 on the UNFCCC Submission Portal (UNFCCC, 2019). A complete analysis, covering all submissions by Parties as well as observers, will be made available following the 50th session of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC (SB 50), Bonn (17–27 June 2019). The current draft analysis is available for review and comment (see back).

## PURPOSE AND RATIONALE

This analysis aims to summarize the views submitted on the topics 2(b) and 2(c) of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA) decision (4/CP.23), namely:

- ▶ *Topic 2(b) – Methods and approaches for assessing adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and resilience; and*
- ▶ *Topic 2(c) – Improved soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems, including water management.*

The two topics will be discussed in two in-session workshops to be held on 17–19 June 2019, during the 50th session of the Subsidiary Bodies (17–27 June 2019).

The analysis seeks to make the wide range of views submitted more easily accessible to all interested stakeholders, including Parties and observers to the UNFCCC, but also to experts working on climate change more generally, as well as interested members of the public.

The KJWA recognizes the fundamental role of agriculture in responding to climate change, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO) is committed to support countries in this effort. Recognizing that the decision 4/CP.23 does not mandate the UNFCCC secretariat to produce a synthesis of submissions made, a number of Parties attending the informal Koronivia Dialogue hosted by FAO in March 2018 suggested that FAO might provide a factual summary of submissions made. FAO has been duly undertaking this exercise already providing the analysis of two past rounds of submissions by Parties and observers in preparation of the 48th and 49th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies, namely:

- ▶ Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture: Analysis of Submissions; and
- ▶ Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture: Analysis of Submissions on topic 2(a) – Modalities for implementation of the outcomes of the five in-session workshops.

# BACKGROUND

At the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 23): in November 2017, countries recognized the fundamental importance of agriculture in responding to climate change with the dedicated KJWA decision.

The agenda item on issues related to agriculture under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was first formalized in 2011 (decision 2/CP.17), followed by five in-session workshops on the status of scientific knowledge concerning agriculture and

climate change. Rich exchanges among countries paved the way towards the KJWA, which is a three-year joint work on agriculture between the Subsidiary Bodies (SBs)<sup>1</sup>, including through workshop and expert meetings, thus widening the scope of the conversation from a scientific and technical focus to implementation.

The KJWA aims at advancing the exchange among Parties on issues related to agriculture under its multifaceted aspects, starting the exchange from an initial list of topics:

- a** – Modalities for implementation of the outcomes of the five in-session workshops on issues related to agriculture and other future topics that may arise from this work
- b** – Methods and approaches for assessing adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and resilience
- c** – Improved soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems, including water management
- d** – Improved nutrient use and manure management towards sustainable and resilient agricultural systems
- e** – Improved livestock management systems
- f** – Socioeconomic and food security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector

The work under the KJWA should take into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to address food security, taking note also of the importance of issues related to farmers, gender, youth, local communities and indigenous peoples.

The KJWA decision requests for future work to be carried out in close collaboration with the Constituted Bodies (CB) under the Convention (FAO, 2018b), providing an opportunity for interlinkages and harmonized action under the different bodies.

The exchange on the KJWA topics above will be undertaken through a series of workshops,

submissions and reports, following a well-defined road map (see page 4).

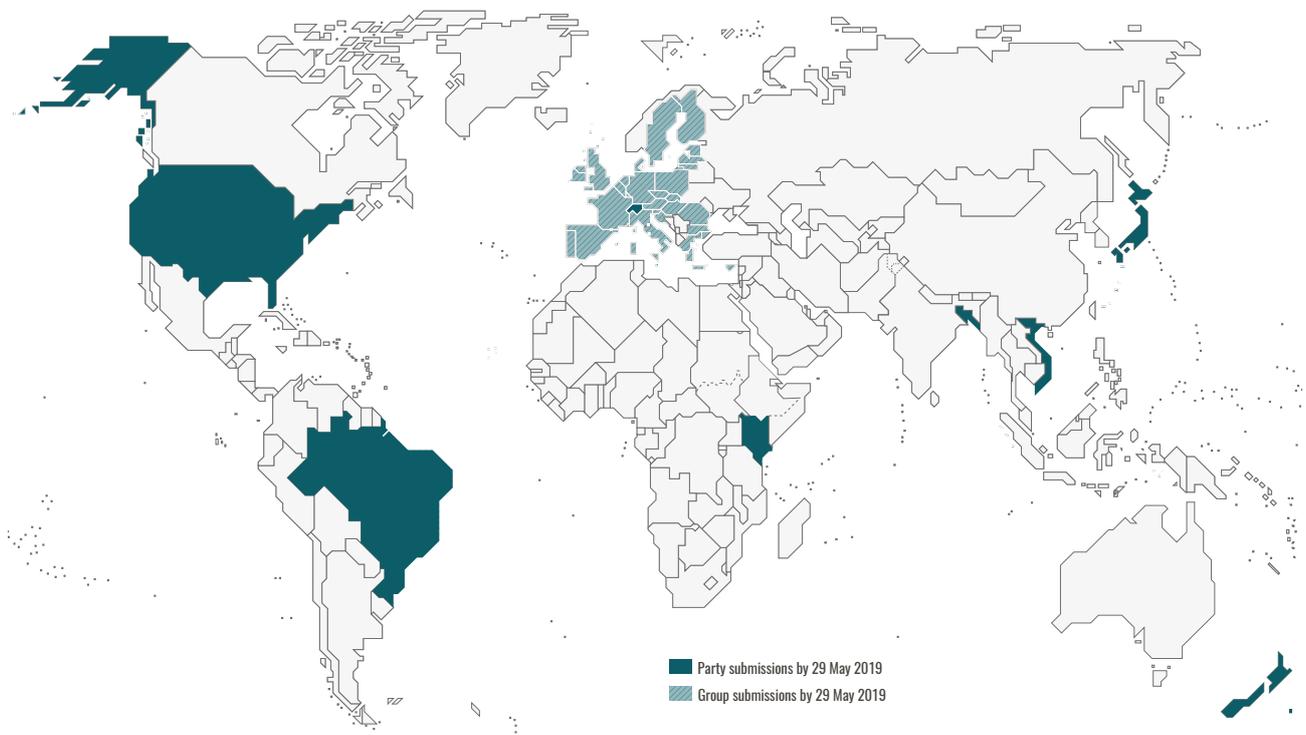
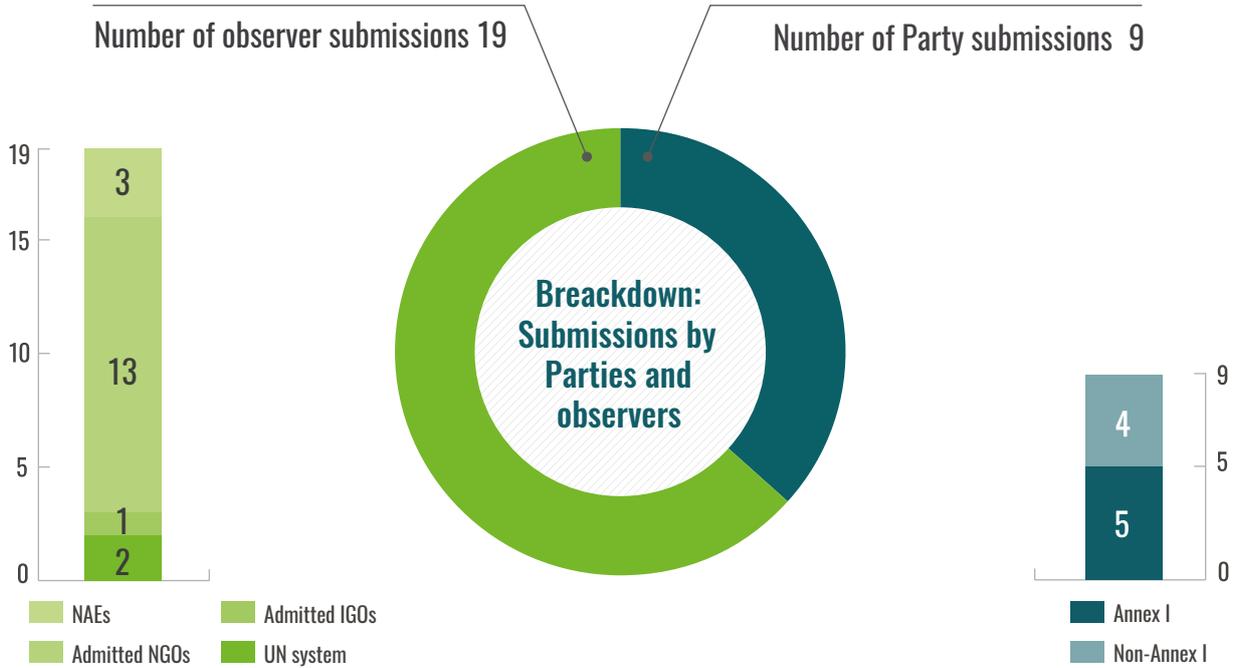
At the end of the three-year period of the KJWA process in 2020, the SBs will report to the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 26) on the progress achieved and possible outcomes of the discussions over the work on the issues listed above. However, many Parties have already declared in their submissions that the three-year period currently foreseen may not signify the end date of the KJWA, but that the SBs may define further work after 2020, pending a further COP decision.

<sup>1</sup> Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

# KORONIVIA SUBMISSIONS OVERVIEW

By 29 May 2019, 30 submissions on behalf of a total of 9 Parties and 55 observer organizations were published on the UNFCCC Submission Portal. This includes a group submissions, with

the European Union submission, counted as a single Party yet representing its 28 member states, as well as group submissions by observer organizations.



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# METHODOLOGY AND WAY FORWARD

The first draft analyses the submissions on KJWA on topics 2(b) and 2(c) by Parties and observer organizations (currently limited to United Nations System and admitted intergovernmental organizations), published in the UNFCCC Submission Portal by 29 May 2019. The cut-off date was chosen to permit the preparation of a draft in time for SB 50 (17-27 June 2019).

Each submission was studied in full text to ensure a comprehensive assessment of the

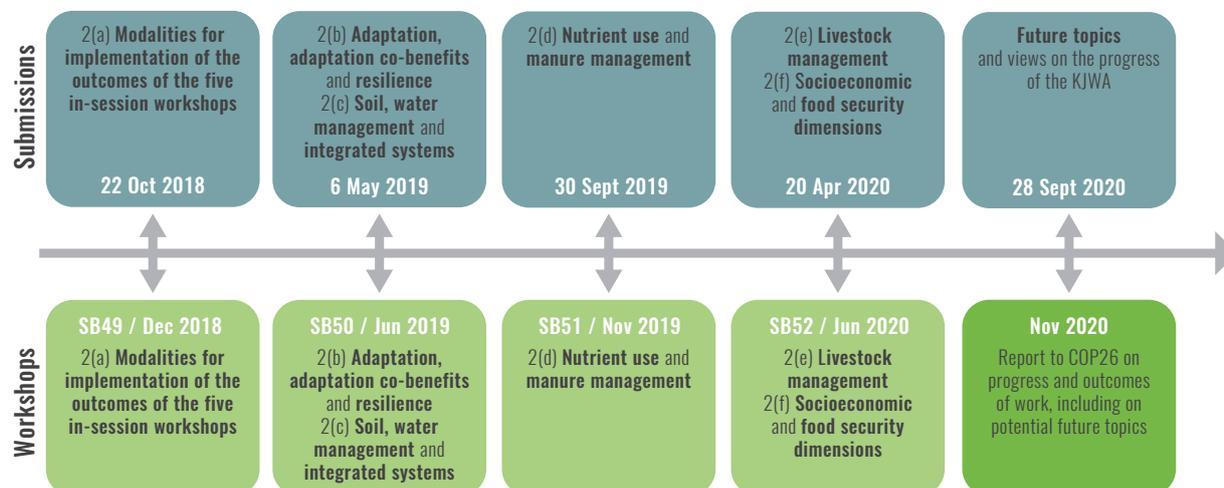
views provided. Original text was extracted into a database that permits cross-referencing on different aspects of individual submissions. The database includes the general view on the two topics expressed by Parties and observers, the priorities and needs for consideration during the workshops, the desired participation and expected outputs, alongside others.

The final analysis of submissions will be developed following a stepwise approach:

**STEP A:** A first draft with a partial and preliminary analysis including an in-depth overview reflecting only the Party and few observer submissions available on the UNFCCC Submissions Portal to be available for the SB 50. The first draft is available upon request and open for comments (see below)

**STEP B:** A complete analysis reflecting all the submissions from all Parties and observers that were submitted after the cut-off date defined for step A. The draft of the complete analysis will be circulated again for comments. The comments will be addressed in the final version, as far as possible

## KJWA ROAD MAP



FAO invites interested Parties and observers to review and provide feedback on the draft summary. Email [Koronivia-JWA@fao.org](mailto:Koronivia-JWA@fao.org) to request a copy of the draft summary and share your inputs by 15 July 2019.



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