



Agreed conclusions on the intersessional workshop of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture roadmap

At the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) June 2019 session (SB50) Parties requested an additional intersessional workshop on sustainable land and water management (part 1) and strategies and modalities to scale up implementation (part 2) which was held in June and October 2021 respectively. At the June 2022 session (SB56), Parties agreed on a number of conclusions related to the intersessional workshop. The conclusions relative to the topics are the result of a process combining views from Parties and observers submitted to the UNFCCC, KJWA workshops, and the corresponding UNFCCC secretariat workshop reports.

INTERSESSIONAL WORKSHOP



Sustainable land and water management, including integrated watershed management strategies, to ensure food security

“Having considered the report of the first part of the intersessional workshop, the SBSTA and the SBI noted the importance of considering sustainable land and water management for agriculture in a systemic and integrated manner informed by scientific, local and indigenous knowledge implemented in a participatory and inclusive manner and taking into consideration regional, national and local circumstances to deliver a range of multiple benefits, where applicable, such as adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and mitigation, to ensure food security and nutrition. The SBSTA and the SBI highlighted ‘no regrets’ options, such as those mentioned in the workshop report and avoiding maladaptation. They noted that implementing sustainable approaches can render multiple benefits for society, such as improved water quality, higher biodiversity and increased soil organic matter, and noted the value of incorporating diversification, recycling and efficiency, and supporting synergies within agriculture systems. The SBSTA and the SBI recognized the importance of increased access to international resources, such as finance, capacity-building and technology development and transfer, from a variety of sources to implement these approaches”. (Paragraph 4)

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Strategies and modalities to scale up implementation of best practices, innovations and technologies that increase resilience and sustainable production in agricultural systems according to national circumstances

“Having considered the report on the second part of the intersessional workshop, the SBSTA and the SBI recognized the need to scale up these approaches in an inclusive and participatory way that includes farmers, pastoralists, indigenous peoples, local and vulnerable communities, women and youth, and informed by scientific, local, and indigenous knowledge. Many approaches with high potential for adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and mitigation relate to land and food systems, such as conserving and restoring ecosystems, improving sustainability of agricultural practices and reducing food loss and waste from sustainable food systems, and have significant positive direct and indirect links with biodiversity and ecosystem services, food security and the Sustainable Development Goals. The SBSTA and the SBI recognized that scaling up implementation requires enhanced knowledge-sharing on best practices, access to finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building. The SBSTA and the SBI recognized that innovative policy and social approaches to scaling up, such as institutional arrangements, partnerships and farmers’ empowerment, can incentivize implementation and support an enabling environment for scaling up best practices. Successful policy innovations can include extension services and farmers’ self-organization”. (Paragraph 5)

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