

WORKSHOP

Making the UNFCCC work for Agriculture in Asia and the Pacific:

Advancing regional priorities to tackle the impact of climate change on crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture

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BACKGROUND

It is widely anticipated that the next Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC (COP21) and associated negotiations in Paris in December 2015 will mark a key turning point for future global action to tackle climate change and deliver an agreement to limit greenhouse gas emissions and set the world on a more sustainable development pathway.

While it is not possible to predict the outcome of negotiations, it is clear that the agriculture sector, comprising crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, will be a key focus area for future action under the UNFCCC framework to foster climate-resilient, low emissions development. Agriculture is a key element of the immediate future work program of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) that will guide future advice to the COP. Countries are also identifying agriculture and forestry as key targets for future actions to strengthen climate resilience under their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC). As INDCs are expected to transform into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) following the negotiations in December 2015, they will be an important roadmap for directing future investment and technical support. From a developing country perspective, the UNFCCC negotiation process and the INDCs also highlight where the global financing mechanisms that underpin the UNFCCC - most notably the Green Climate Fund (GCF) – should focus investment.

These developments represent an important opportunity for the countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The agriculture sector remains crucial to the livelihoods and food security region and is both increasingly vulnerable to changes in climate and a significant source of emissions. Efforts in advance of the Paris negotiations to identify how countries in the region can best leverage the evolving UNFCCC framework to drive climate-resilient, low emissions development in the agriculture sector could lead to real benefits for agricultural communities and the environment in the region.

It is with this in mind that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is organizing a workshop on *Making the UNFCCC work for Agriculture in Asia and the Pacific*. The workshop will provide an opportunity for country representatives from Asia and the Pacific charged with engaging in UNFCCC processes, including the preparation of negotiating positions and INDCs, to share experiences and identify ways to work with national counterparts responsible for guiding UNFCCC financing mechanisms such as the GCF to implement future actions in the agriculture sector to mitigate emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

To identify ways for countries in the Asia-Pacific to better leverage the UNFCCC framework to deliver climate-resilient, low emissions development in the agriculture sector (comprising crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture).

OUTCOMES

- Improved understanding of the technical issues for the agriculture sector under discussion during the UNFCCC negotiations in December 2015 including the context/history of the negotiations and associated opportunities/challenges;
- Improved understanding of process to develop the agriculture component of INDCs in the region and how these pledges can be implemented in the future as NDCs; and
- Consensus on a suite of potential future actions to drive climate-resilient and low emissions development in the agriculture sector in the Asia-Pacific region with the support UNFCCC financing mechanisms such as the GCF.

OUTPUTS

- Key messages from workshop participants on leveraging the UNFCCC frameworks to advance regional priorities to tackle the impact of climate change on crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture
- Report of workshop.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants will include representatives from Ministries of Agriculture and Environment (or other relevant Ministry) in 15 countries in Asia and the Pacific involved in UNFCCC processes including preparing INDCs and developing implementation plans for NDCs and accessing financial support for climate change action through mechanisms such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

FORMAT

The meeting will include five sessions comprising a mix of presentations and interactive, facilitated sessions. Facilitators during the sessions will include:

- Beau Damen, FAO
- Soojin Kim, FAO
- Matthew Leete, FAO
- Mirella Salvatore, FAO
- Alvin Chandra, University of Queensland
- Dhanush Dinesh, CCAFS

PROGRAM

Time	Session	Lead
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER		
	SESSION 1: AGRICULTURE AT THE UNFCCC IN THE LEAD UP TO PARIS AND BEYOND	
08:00-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:10	Welcome Remarks	Beau Damen, FAO RAP
09:10-09:30	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting objectives • Participant introductions and expectations <u>Format</u> Short presentation followed by participant introductions in small groups.	Beau Damen, FAO RAP
09:30-10:30	Keynote Panel <i>How will COP21 in Paris shape future action on climate change in agriculture sector in Asia and the Pacific?</i> <u>Format</u> Panel of four experts provide 10 minutes each to address Panel Question followed by 20 minute Q&A session with participants.	Mirella Salvatore, FAO Peter Laderach, CIAT Anil Raut, UNFCCC Andy Reisinger, NZAGRC

10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00-11:30	<p>Briefing and Interactive Discussion <i>Technical negotiations under SBSTA in 2016, including how to engage through the submission and workshop processes</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> Two 10 minute presentations from two experts followed by a 10 minute Q&A session</p>	Alexander Meybeck, FAO Dhanush Dinesh, CCAFS
11:30-12:30	<p>Interactive Session <i>Experiences and future plans for engaging with SBSTA processes related to the agriculture sectors</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> Small group discussions regarding preparations for SBSTA agriculture-related activities in 2016.</p>	All participants
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
	SESSION 2: COUNTRY EXPERIENCES WITH INDCs	
13:30-14:00	<p>Briefing and Q&A <i>INDCs and Agriculture: Overview and experiences from other regions</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> Two 10 minute presentations from two experts followed by a 10 minute Q&A session.</p>	Anil Raut, UNFCCC Federica Chiappe, Ricardo Energy & Environment
14:00-14:45	<p>Interactive Session <i>Sharing country experiences with INDCs for the agriculture sector</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> Country poster session where country representatives will be asked to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the role of agriculture in their country's INDC; • Their country-level experiences with integrating agriculture into INDCs; • Identify gaps and needs for INDC implementation. 	Beau Damen, FAO
14:45-15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:00-15:30	<p>Interactive Session Continued <i>Sharing country experiences with INDCs for the agriculture sector</i></p>	All participants
15:30-16:15	<p>Interactive Session <i>Reflecting on gaps and needs for INDC implementation</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> In small groups participants will be lead discussions to discuss technical and institutional and resource gaps associated with preparing for and implementing INDC</p>	All participants

	commitments and priorities in the agriculture sectors.	
16:15-16:30	<p>Small Group Presentations</p> <p><u>Format</u> Small groups will be asked to share a summary of their discussions with the plenary group.</p>	All participants
16:30-17:00	<p>Summary</p> <p><u>Format</u> The organizers will summarize the key points from the day's discussions and introduce the following day's sessions.</p>	Beau Damen, FAO RAP
18:00 – 19:00	<i>Cocktail Function</i>	

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER		
	SESSION 3: LEVERAGING UNFCCC FRAMEWORKS FOR RESILIENT, LOW EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTORS	
08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:10	<p>Review and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief summary of day 1 discussions • Review of meeting objectives 	Alvin Chandra, University of Queensland
09:10-10:30	<p>Expert Panel</p> <p><i>How can countries in the Asia Pacific best leverage UNFCCC frameworks for action on climate change in the agriculture sector?</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> A panel of six experts will each be given 5-10 minutes to introduce a key topic followed by 30 minute Q&A session with participants.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving from INDCs to NDCs – Technical challenges and opportunities 2. Mechanisms to promoting adaptation and emissions reduction in the agriculture sectors – NAPs and NAMAs 3. Leveraging finance for action on climate change in the agriculture sectors 	Andy Reisinger, NZAGRC Beau Damen, FAO Julie Teng, UNDP Mirella Salvatore, FAO Dada Bacudo, ASEAN CRN Kaori Abe, FAO Jeremy Broadhead, USAID LEAF
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
	SESSION 4: DEVELOPING PRACTICAL INTEGRATED AND TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTORS	
10:45-11:15	<p>Briefing</p> <p><i>The potential role of climate-smart agriculture in realizing country priorities under the UNFCCC frameworks</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> A15 minute presentation from an expert followed by a 15</p>	Paresh Bhaskar, CCAFS

	minute Q&A session	
11:15-12:30	<p>Parallel Expert Panels <i>Developing integrated and transformative adaptation and mitigation projects for the agriculture sector at scale</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> Two parallel panels of 4 technical experts will each be given 5-10 minutes to introduce a key topic followed by 35 minute discussion session with participants addressing the key question above.</p> <p>Panel 1 Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for e-Agriculture • Climate smart villages and agroforestry • Scaling up climate-smart agriculture options in ASEAN • Improving investments in and management of water <p>Panel 2 Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harnessing the potential of Blue Growth • Learning from REDD • Enhancing development through private value chain development • Opportunities for scaling up climate-smart rice production 	<p>Gerard Sylvester, FAO Elisabeth Simelton, ICRAF Margaret Yoovatana, ASEAN CRN & MOAC Puspa Khanal, FAO</p> <p>Miao Weimin, FAO Ben Vickers, FAO Bui Van Minh, SNV Ole Sander, IRRI</p>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-15:00	<p>Interactive Session <i>Putting UNFCCC frameworks to work for agriculture in Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p><u>Format</u> In small groups participants will be guided through a series of questions that aim to develop concepts or ideas for action on climate change in agriculture to advance INDC & NDC priorities and put forward for financing under mechanisms such as the GCF.</p>	All participants
15:00-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30 - 16:00	<p>Small Group Presentations</p> <p><u>Format</u> Small groups will be asked to share a summary of their discussions with the plenary group.</p>	All participants
SESSION 5: KEY MESSAGES AND CLOSING		
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Workshop Evaluation</p> <p><u>Format</u> Participants will be asked to complete a short evaluation survey online to inform key messages discussion.</p>	FAO
16:15 - 17:00	Key Messages and Close	FAO

	<u>Format</u> The organizers will summarize the key points from the meeting.	
	<i>Workshop End</i>	