

Intervention by the Farmers Constituency

Technical Expert Meeting on Land Use

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Thank you,

The farmers' constituency, which represents millions of farmers from all corners of the world, is highly active in the UNFCCC process and brings a joined-up and multi-disciplinary approach to global agriculture policy processes.

It is clear that the risks posed by climate change have a direct bearing on food security and the development of the economies of our rural areas. Farmers face the twin challenge of producing enough food for the world's growing population while ensuring the livelihoods of those whose subsistence depends on agricultural production.

We therefore welcome the initiative to organize today's Thematic Expert Meeting on Land Use to share experiences on successful implementation of land use actions with climate benefits, explore opportunities for mobilizing finance, technology and capacity-building in efforts to scale up actions. The presentations today have shown that there are many adaptation and mitigation options in the agriculture sector, and that countries are already implementing actions on the ground with the final aim of ensuring food security to their populations.

The farmers' constituency encourages you to take the necessary steps here in Bonn to put us safely on track towards a SBSTA work program on agriculture and thereby ensure that an inclusion of agriculture and the land sectors in a 2015 agreement is on a strong scientific footing.