

Saudi Arabia Presentation
To the workshop on Mitigation: Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development
On socio-economic impacts (Spillover Effects)

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Thank you Chairman,

First, I would like to thank all presenters for their presentations and views.

Chairman, this sector is important and we believe that Socio-economic impacts are essential elements in the analysis of mitigation options and need to be taken on board when addressing future mitigation options.

In that regard, the spillover effects on mitigation from the agriculture and forestry sectors are minimum on developing countries when compared to other sectors outlined in Annex A of the Kyoto Protocol. The impacts of such measures are considered high in reducing emissions while at the same time they have lower impacts on international trade and the economy of other countries.

Furthermore, emission reduction (Sinks) activities in this sector will assist the sustainable development pillars especially economic, social as well as environmental and it provides a win-win-win approach.

Therefore, Saudi Arabia believes that when choosing policy options there should be an analysis on spillover effects. Projects related to sinks should be a potential mitigation option to facilitate the implementation of the Convention and Kyoto Protocol.

Thank you Chairman.