

Submission of the Philippines
Cooperative Sectoral Approaches and Sector-Specific Action in order to enhance the
implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention

Agriculture

In line with the provisions of paragraphs 75 and 76 of the Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention during the 17th COP held in Durban South Africa, the Philippines is forwarding the following submission on agriculture to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

Cooperative sectoral approaches must recognize the historical responsibility of developed countries in bringing about climate change, while acknowledging the principle of common but differentiated responsibility in developing and implementing climate action in agriculture.

Climate change is undermining the economic viability and survival of millions of small farmers and agricultural producers in developing countries. Hence, climate action in agriculture in developing countries should focus primarily on adaptation, and in helping small men and women farmers and fishers cope with the negative impacts of changing climate patterns.

Noting this, cooperative sectoral approaches and sector specific actions should recognize that:

- developing countries' comprehensive climate change strategy on agriculture must address the twin challenges of food and water security and climate change;
- this comprehensive strategy builds upon resiliency in agriculture, to shape adaptation strategies;
- adaptation to climate change in agriculture has positive interaction with mitigation and thus, climate actions that addresses both must be pursued.

Further, Parties must ensure that mitigation activities in agriculture do not undermine the livelihood and rights of smallholder farmers and fishers. Mitigation initiatives in agriculture must be pursued in a manner that does not endanger smallholder farmers and fishers' access to land, water and other resources essential to their livelihood and survival.

Parties must acknowledge the close links between climate change, agriculture and food and water security, and must ensure that cooperative sectoral approaches should in no way weaken developing countries' capability to achieve food self-sufficiency.