



SUBMISSION BY COSTA RICA

On Paragraph 75 of Decision [-/CP.17] Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Mandate

The Conference of the Parties (COP), during its seventeenth session, requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to consider issues related to agriculture at its thirty-sixth session (May 14-25th 2012), with the aim of exchanging views and the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on this matter at its eighteenth session; and invited Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit their views on this issues to the secretariat, by March 5th 2012.

The Government of Costa Rica is grateful for the opportunity that the Secretary of the UNFCCC and the Conference of the Parties have given us, in order to contribute to the process of discussion on such important issues as food security and our country's competitiveness.

Agriculture: reduction of emissions and their impact as a strategy for adaptation

As part of an escalating process in mitigation actions, Costa Rica believes agriculture should be a key sector within the working plan of the Adaptation Committee, which could lead to agriculture becoming a priority sector of its technical assistance.

Costa Rica encourages the Adaptation Committee to organize a meeting within the next few months in order to explore adaptation options in the sector and to create a group of experts which takes into consideration scientific organizations which have experience in the tropics.

Priority areas for Costa Rica

- Adaptation and mitigation in agriculture: synergies and trade-offs
- Research and technology transfer: focusing on a more efficient use of natural resources (hydric and energetic), systematization of information and outreach to producers.
- Financing for adaptation & mitigation of the agricultural sectors in developing nations and for the elaboration and implementation of NAMAS and NAPAS.
- Capacity-building: strong emphasis on MRV, human resources, methodologies and metrics.

Costa Rica wishes to propose the establishment of a work programme in the context of the SBSTA, at COP18, that incorporates the topics mentioned above.