

## Intervention by the Farmers constituency

### SBSTA Closing Plenary

Thank you, Chair

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.

For the past 5 years, farmers from around the world have come together at the UN climate change negotiations asking for the same thing over and over again: a work program on agriculture under SBSTA that covers food security, adaptation and mitigation; but we have only seen limited progress until now.

We therefore welcomed the initiative to organize an ADP 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 made showed 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.

We also saw other important steps being taken here in Bonn. We welcome the SBSTA conclusions on agriculture adopted today and look forward to engaging in the discussions on how we can get agriculture on to a safe pathway. We are encouraged to have witnessed Parties' hard work and can ensure you that the farmers' constituency remains dedicated to provide input to this process and will continue to support work under SBSTA covering food security, as well as both adaptation and mitigation as critical input to ensuring that agriculture in a future agreement is on a strong scientific footing and becomes an effective vehicle for mobilizing appropriate and effective international action on agriculture.

Thank you