

High-Level Segment

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Farmers Constituency

Thank you, Chair.

Paris needs to deliver an ambitious, binding and equitable outcome with finance, technology transfer and capacity building integral to the agreement. With about 100 parties planning to include agriculture-related emissions in their INDCs, the land sector will play an important role.

A changing climate threatens food security and our ability as farmers, especially small farmers, and as primary producers to feed a growing global population. This ability should not be compromised. Achieving food security is part of the UN's sustainable development agenda which requires physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food. Therefore food security must be included in the objective of the new agreement.

Farmers call for:

- support and a positive incentive-based approach to build resilience through innovation and technology transfer;
- access to land, water and credit; farmers need to be profitable to invest for an increasingly uncertain future;
- a fair and ambitious financing framework, particularly for farmers in developing countries;
- and the multi-functional role of agriculture to be acknowledged and enhanced.

This week we are counting on you to negotiate a fair, equitable and effective outcome, just as you are counting on us every day to provide you with sustainably produced and nutritious food, fuel and fibre. Last but not least, as today is Gender day we cannot let the pivotal role of women farmers be forgotten.

Thank you, Chair