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G-77 and China

Position Presentation on Agriculture



Adaptation as the core issue and scope for any work to be related to agriculture

- Article 4.1.e. of the convention states clearly that Parties should “Cooperate in preparing for adaptation to the impacts of climate change” among various issues including agriculture.

Agriculture is particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including changes in the frequency and severity of droughts and floods. This could pose challenges for the achievement of food security, in the context of the need to feed a world growing population in the coming decades.



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- G77 remains on its position to undertake scientific and technical work on impacts of climate change on agriculture consistent with SBSTA mandate in Art.9, taking into account the commitments in articles 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 of the Convention.

In this respect the focus of the SBSTA work must remain on adaptation, taking into consideration the diversity of agriculture systems and the differences in scale, as well as possible adaptation co-benefits and, in light of the linkages of agriculture with livelihoods, food security and poverty eradication. This work should be based on the principles and provisions of the Convention.



Agriculture and commitments of the convention

In this context there is a need to work on identifying technologies and know-how that increase the adaptive capacity of agriculture , where cooperation in research and development could be improved.

The group recognizes in accordance with the obligation under the convention, that means of implementation should include technology transfer, finance, and capacity building as all of these elements are important and could have concrete impacts on, livelihoods of people and food security.

All this , in a context in which there is a need to recognize the following:

- That agriculture is central to livelihoods of people and the economic and social development of developing countries.
- The interests of small and marginal farmers, indigenous and / or traditional Knowledge and practices and the role of women in agriculture .
- The specific economic and social circumstances and needs of developing countries and their specific regional, national and local contexts.



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- **G77 welcomes the organization of this workshop in SBSTA 39 to exchange views on the current state of scientific knowledge on how to enhance the adaption of agriculture of climate change impacts while promoting rural development and productivity of agriculture systems and food security particularly in developing countries.**
- **In this context, the Group is ready to engage constructively in good faith in this workshop with willingness to move forward on, as this matter arties will consider the report of the workshop at SBSTA 40 (2014).**

Thank you for your attention