

ADP Closing Plenary

Intervention by the Farmers' Constituency

11th June 2015

Thank you, Chair,

For many years, farmers from around the world have come together at the UN climate change negotiations asking for concrete actions to help us maintain our ability to feed and fuel the world.

Our constituency represents a diverse range of farmers – from small holder subsistence farmers to large scale farmers, those planting crops, raising livestock, growing export crops and practicing aquaculture and silviculture. Despite our diversity we have all committed to play a part in fighting climate change. But we cannot do this alone.

The work that you have done here towards a new climate agreement in Paris later this year has to deliver the international support agriculture needs. Farmers are particularly vulnerable to climate change and the world's future food supply depends on concrete actions to support our adaptation and mitigation efforts.

We have been encouraged by the inclusion of agriculture in the negotiating text and by the steps we have seen taken here in Bonn. But we still urge you to move with speed and to raise your level of ambition in reducing emissions. The challenge is enormous and equally colossal efforts are required to protect our future from the devastating effects of climate change.

Agriculture is at the heart of this convention and must therefore be at the heart of the 2015 agreement

Thank you, Chair