

SBSTA 42 in-session workshop on the assessment of risk and vulnerability of agricultural systems to different climate change scenarios at regional, national and local levels, including but not limited to pests and diseases.

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Yesterday, I had the pleasure of sharing CTCN's mandate and services with this same body, as well as a couple of examples of how we are supporting developing countries in strengthening early warning systems and contingency plans. I am also proud to report that CTCN is also receiving and responding a number of Requests on the assessment of risk and vulnerability of agricultural systems to different climate change scenarios at regional, national and local levels.

As touched on yesterday, the COP and the Advisory Board it created to govern CTCN, has mandated it to provide and broker (i) technical assistance; (ii) knowledge and (iii) networking services to assist developing countries address their greatest technology challenges, on a demand driven basis. As Director of CTCN, I am proud to reiterate today that we are now actively delivering support within these three areas of service to developing countries, based on their requests.

Detailed information about CTCN's services and how to access them is available on this workshop's website. Among the many examples of our technical assistance support, I would like to share two specific examples focussed on agricultural vulnerability and resilience.

As one example, the government of Namibia has requested technical assistance from CTCN to Guinea Bissau, Mali and Niger have taken the initiative among themselves to jointly request assistance from CTCN, in order to better understand the climate risks to their agricultural productivity under a context of climate change, and design measures to strengthen their agricultural resilience through actions at a regional, national and local level.

A second example is the government of Mali's request to CTCN for help identifying and deploying technologies to strengthen agricultural resilience under different climate scenarios, for implementation at local community and national scales.

It is my pleasure to reiterate that CTCN operates upon request; provides relatively quick and modest scale technical assistance support; and many of the members of CTCN growing global network directly focussed on vulnerability of agricultural systems. There is a simple registration form to become part of our global network, available on our website.

I am delighted to reiterate here today that CTCN is actively responding to requests from developing countries to help address their greatest technology barriers, including but not limited to addressing agricultural vulnerability and strengthening resilience. CTCN looks forward to continuing to implement and expand this adaptation action with you in the months and years ahead.