

UNFCCC Farmers Constituency
UNFCCC SHARM EL-SHEIKH JOINT WORK ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
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Thank you,

Good afternoon. It is a pleasure to speak on behalf of the Farmers' Constituency.

Extreme weather events and disruptions to global supply chains put agriculture and food security under strain, and yet farmers keep delivering solutions on the ground. But the means of implementation do not follow farmers' needs, making it harder, especially for women, youth, and smallholders, to scale climate action.

Our constituency represents farmers worldwide across diverse realities and different production systems. We aim to bridge the gap between field-level realities and the implementation of climate solutions in agriculture.

Farmers' organisations have long identified what is needed at the farm level — from technical assistance and capacity building to affordable credit and climate-resilient solutions. Yet a persistent gap remains: needs assessments rarely translate into accessible, timely financing. Bureaucratic barriers, collateral requirements not adapted to smallholders, and limited farmer participation in the design of financial mechanisms continue to exclude those who need support the most.

Our experience shows that when farmers are involved in planning and decision-making, climate solutions are more effective and durable. Farmers must be integrated into the design and implementation of NDCs. National climate plans will only reflect field-level realities if farmers' organisations are recognised as equal partners and co-designers.

We welcome the direction of the Baku to Belém Roadmap towards inclusive financing, which recognises farmers' organisations as equal partners and aims to dismantle barriers to finance in developing and vulnerable contexts. We urge that the synthesis reports and workshops from the Sharm el Sheikh joint work are used to help farmers access financing that is accessible and predictable at the farm level.

Adaptation deserves particular attention. Reporting in the agricultural sector remains fragmented, especially for developing countries and LDCs. A future mandate on agriculture should support the development of non-binding technical

guidance on adaptation reporting, contributing to the Global Goal on Adaptation and building capacity where it is needed most, while respecting national contexts.

We also need to assess the effectiveness of adaptation finance reaching agriculture, identify appropriate financing modalities, and address bottlenecks in technology transfer. We should explore how the Sharm el-Sheikh Online Portal can link registered projects to finance, collaboration, and technology. And we must address loss and damage in agriculture, including eligibility criteria and pathways to reach the most vulnerable producers.

It is essential to launch a new phase of negotiations — shifting from regulatory matters to an agenda centered on implementation, financing, and scaling up climate action in agriculture and food security.

Finally, we wish to highlight two examples that deserve recognition and replication. First, Brazil's ABC Plan — the Low-Carbon Agriculture Plan — stands as a strong model of a holistic approach to sustainable agriculture, mobilising dedicated financing for low-emission practices at scale. Its design, which links rural credit to verified adoption of these practices, offers a replicable model for countries seeking to align agricultural finance with climate goals.

Second, this Joint Work itself is a valuable practice. The Sharm el-Sheikh joint work has shown that inclusive, structured dialogue can generate the knowledge needed to inform action. The trust and shared understanding built through this process must be preserved and strengthened in whatever comes next.

Progress is being made — but not fast enough, and not reaching far enough. The Farmers' Constituency calls on Parties to ensure that the outcomes of this joint work translate into concrete commitments: accessible finance, farmer-inclusive governance, and implementation mechanisms that reach those working the land every day.

Thank you.