

June Momentum
for Climate Change

Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture Information Event

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Agriculture is the main activity in Uruguay

- 17 million ha of fertile soils, of which 9 million are rich and productive natural grasslands; 4 cows per inhabitant
- 1400 mm average annual rainfall
- We produce all the food we need and export around 10 times the needs of our population. Our economy is based on a vulnerable agriculture.
- Adaptation is a key national priority (NAP)
- Mitigation is reflected in our NDC due to a high potential for synergies with adaptation and given 75% of the national emissions are from Agriculture

Q1: What have you learned from the work under the Koronivia road map?

1) The need to work together. The challenge is too big for individual countries, in particular small ones like mine.

2) Better understanding of the need for holistic and systemic approaches to deal with complex problems. No single actions are enough!!

3) Responses to CC in Agriculture has technical, economic and social dimensions.

4) Koronivia is a great opportunity. It opens a huge gate for collaboration and learning among countries, UNFCCC mechanisms and other UN institutions as FAO.

Which elements of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture do you find particularly useful for addressing issues relating to agriculture in your country?

KJWA has been particularly useful for Uruguay to help design its policies attending to the outcomes of the workshops.

The workshops implemented in the actual roadmap show the need to improve natural resources management (soil, water, biodiversity) + better nutrients and manure management + improve understanding of climate trends + vulnerability assessments + EWS + better insurances + methods to assess progress in adaptation + identify co-benefits, including mitigation and food security.

In a changing climate BAU is not an option for Agriculture. It is NOT!

BUT to move to the “NOT USUAL” path, at the required speed, there is a need for:

Technology Transfer and Knowledge sharing

Capacity Building, and

Finance

Koronivia has gathered a significant amount of knowledge, spread around. The challenge NOW is finding the ways, through SBI to mobilize the resources of the CBs and the financial entities for the urgent implementation on the ground in our countries! The roadmap after 2020, in our view, has to focus on this.

¡Thanks much!

