



Second Informal Regional Dialogue for Negotiators on Agriculture and Food Security in Latin America

12-14 May 2026 | Campus CIAT, Palmira, Colombia

Background

Agriculture and food security play a central role in the global response to climate change and in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), constituting a fundamental pillar for achieving climate resilience and the temperature goals agreed in 2015 under the Paris Agreement. These sectors are particularly vulnerable to climate impacts and represent a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions; yet they also possess the unique capacity to simultaneously advance adaptation and mitigation goals, while sustaining the livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people, ensuring food and nutritional security, and protecting the ecosystems upon which all life depends.

The outcome of the First Global Stocktake (GST1), presented at the Twenty-Eighth Conference of the Parties (COP28) in Dubai, marked a turning point in global climate ambition, recognising that, despite the significant progress achieved, current efforts remain insufficient to limit global warming to 1.5 °C and 2 °C, calling on countries to intensify their commitments and efforts to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. COP28 also marked a milestone for the agrifood sector, with the launch of the **UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action**, endorsed by more than 160 world leaders, which recognised the transformative potential of these sectors to drive innovative climate action and the commitment to integrate them into national climate plans. COP30, held in Belém in 2025, deepened this call, underscoring the urgency of moving from climate negotiations and commitments towards concrete and scalable actions that enable the full implementation of NDCs, NAPs, and the outcomes of the GST1.

The recognition of agriculture and food security within the UNFCCC framework has advanced significantly over the past decade. In 2017, Parties agreed on a landmark decision with the establishment of the **Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA)**, recognising the unique potential of agriculture to address climate change and safeguard food and nutritional security through sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural systems. Koronivia served as a key platform for strengthening coordination among Parties and the exchange of relevant scientific and technical knowledge, highlighting the need to strengthen access to means of implementation, including finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building. Building on these achievements, COP27 adopted decision 3/CP.27, establishing the **Sharm el-Sheikh Joint Work on Implementation of Climate Action on Agriculture and Food Security (SJWA)**, with the aim of strengthening the implementation of the outcomes and recommendations achieved under the KJWA and previous activities on issues relating to



agriculture under the UNFCCC. The SJWA road map agreed at SB 60 sets out a series of key milestones through to its conclusion at COP31, including the launch of the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal, the first workshop on holistic and systemic approaches held at SB62, the publication of two annual synthesis reports in May 2025 and April 2026, and the second workshop on means of implementation planned for SB64.

As the SJWA mandate draws to a close, Parties will be expected to present the key outcomes and progress achieved under the joint work and agree on a way forward for addressing agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC. COP31 therefore represents a decisive opportunity to adopt a new decision that builds on the achievements reached, strengthens coherence and coordination within and beyond the UNFCCC, and consolidates the central role of agriculture and food security in the implementation of climate action.

Latin America is well positioned to play a decisive role in this process. The region holds a significant share of the planet's natural resources and agricultural diversity, faces marked climate vulnerability, and possesses a broad wealth of experiences, initiatives, and climate commitments in the agrifood sector. In this context, the **Regional Dialogue for Negotiators on Agriculture and Food Security in Latin America**, organised jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Climate Action Platform for Agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA), and the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, will be held from **12 to 14 May 2026** at the CIAT Campus in Palmira, Colombia.

This dialogue forms part of FAO's support to countries in their agricultural negotiation processes and the implementation of climate action, made possible thanks to the contribution of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in the framework of the **IMP-ACT 2030 project: Supporting Climate-Resilient, Inclusive and Low-Emission Agrifood Systems**. The event will provide a strategic space to strengthen the capacities of negotiators and experts from the region, promote the exchange of experiences and good practices, and contribute to the articulation of joint regional positions and narratives ahead of SB64 and the conclusion of the SJWA mandate at COP31.

Objectives

The regional dialogue aims to strengthen the capacities of negotiators and experts from Latin America on agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC, promote regional collaboration and the exchange of progress, gaps, and priorities in the implementation of climate actions in the agrifood sector, and contribute to the articulation of joint regional positions and narratives ahead of SB 64, COP 31, and the period following the closure of the Sharm el-Sheikh Joint Work.

To this end, the regional dialogue aims to:

1. **Strengthen delegates' understanding and capacities** on the UNFCCC architecture and processes relevant for agriculture and food security, with a view to enhancing their effective participation and contribution to climate negotiations.



- 2. Present key progresses in climate negotiations** and their relevance for the agrifood sector in the region.
- 3. Examine progress on the Global Goal on Adaptation and loss and damage**, and identify current progress, gaps and opportunities for their implementation in the region's agrifood sector.
- 4. Facilitate regional exchange and preparedness** ahead of the second SJWA workshop on the identification of needs and access to means of implementation in Latin America.
- 5. Present practical on-the-ground solutions and experiences** as concrete examples of the implementation of climate actions in the agrifood sector.
- 6. Promote the exchange of experiences, strategies, and good practices** to accelerate the implementation and scaling up of climate actions in the agricultural and food security sector, including experiences from mountain agrifood systems in the region, with a view to contributing to the upcoming Mountains Dialogue at SB64.
- 7. Promote the informal exchange of regional perspectives and priorities on the future of agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC**, in the context of the conclusion of the SJWA mandate at COP31.
- 8. Contribute to the articulation of joint regional positions and narratives** ahead of SB64 in Bonn and CO 31 in Antalya, Türkiye.

Expected Outcomes:

- 1. Strengthened capacities and preparedness for SB64 and COP31**
Through technical presentations and peer exchanges, negotiators and experts from the region will strengthen their knowledge on UNFCCC processes and architecture relevant for agriculture and food security, enhancing their preparedness and capacity for engagement ahead of SB64 and COP31.
- 2. Update on progress in climate negotiations and their relevance for the regional agrifood sector**
Participants will have access to updated information on the main advances in climate negotiations relevant to agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC.
- 3. Identification of progress, gaps, and opportunities in the Global Goal on Adaptation and the loss and damage framework for the agrifood sector**
Through technical presentations and interactive discussion spaces, the main outcomes under the Global Goal on Adaptation and loss and damage will be examined, identifying current progress, gaps, and opportunities for the region's agrifood sector.
- 4. Regional exchange and preparedness ahead of the second SJWA workshop on means of implementation**
An informal space for regional exchange and preparedness will be facilitated to discuss progress, challenges, good practices, and regional opportunities regarding the identification of needs and access to means of implementation for climate action in



agriculture and food security in Latin America, contributing to the region's articulated preparedness ahead of the second SJWA workshop.

5. Presentation of practical solutions for the implementation of climate actions in the agrifood sector

Through field visit, concrete examples of the implementation of climate actions in the agrifood sector will be presented, strengthening the link between climate decisions and their effective application at the national and local levels.

6. Regional exchange on the implementation and scaling up of climate actions in the agrifood sector

Regional collaboration will be promoted through the exchange of experiences, strategies, and good practices, including from mountain agrifood systems in the region, contributing to the upcoming Mountains Dialogue at SB 64.

7. Articulation of joint regional positions and narratives towards SB64, COP31, and the post-SJWA period

Key areas of regional convergence on the future of agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC will be identified, contributing to the development of joint regional narratives and positions ahead of SB64 and COP31.

Participants and Regional Partners

The regional dialogue is the result of a joint effort by FAO, PLACA, and the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, aimed at strengthening the capacities of negotiators and experts on agriculture and food security from Latin America within the UNFCCC framework. The event is directed at government representatives from Ministries of Agriculture, Environment and/or Finance, international organisations, regional collaboration and climate action platforms, and technical and academic experts from the region.

Agenda

Date: 12-14 May 2026

Venue: Campus of the Americas, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, Palmira, Colombia.



AGENDA

Time	Session
Day 1: Tuesday 12 May	
07:15 – 08:00	Transport from the hotel to the CIAT campus
08:00 – 08:30	Registration of participants
Session 1: Opening and welcome remarks	
Welcome remarks:	
	- Ms. Maya Rajasekharan, Director General for the Americas Region, Bioversity-CIAT Alliance – (10')
08:30 – 08:50	- Mr. Rene Orellana Halkyer, Deputy Director General and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC) – Video (5')
	- Ms. Anna Berg, Senior Policy Officer, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) – Virtual (5')
08:50 – 09:00	Introduction to the workshop: survey results, objectives and agenda
09:00 – 09:30	Interactive circle activity: getting to know each other (20')
	Interactive Poll: Mapping needs and priorities (10')
Session 2: Setting the scene	
Clinics: Legal and procedural issues of the UNFCCC process	
09:30 – 10:15	- Ms. Luisa Rodriguez, Legal Affairs Division, UNFCCC Secretariat (25')
	- Q&A (20')
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
COP30 Outcomes: Regional Opportunities for Agriculture and Food Security	
10:30 – 11:15	- Ms. Veronica Recondo, UNFCCC RCC in Latin America (15')
	- Ms. Bruna Cerqueira, Brazil COP30 Presidency (10')
	- Q&A (20')
Agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC: Key Milestones, Progress and Path to SB64 and Beyond. Completing the work in the Sharm-el Sheikh Joint Work roadmap and reporting back to COP31 on the progress and outcomes of the joint work	
11:15 – 12:00	- Mr. Pierre Brender, Programme Officer, AFOLU Unit, UNFCCC Secretariat (20')
	- Q&A (25')
Panel discussion: Regional perspectives on the future of climate action on agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC	
12:00 – 13:00	- Ms. Emilie Molin, Sweden, and Mr. Herwig Ranner, EU Commission (10')
	- Latin American countries
13:00 – 14:30	Group Picture and Lunch
Session 3: Strengthening regional collaboration to integrate agricultural and food security priorities into climate negotiations	
Navigating Submissions to the UNFCCC	
Summary of submissions to the SJWA and other opportunities	
14:30 – 15:40	- Mr. Sebastián Burgos, FAO (10')
Peer-to-Peer Exchange on regional views and submissions	
	- Brazil (10') and Grupo Sur (10')
	- Group discussion: opportunities for regional collaboration (40')
15:00 – 16:00	Coffee Break
Closing of the session	
15:40 – 16:00	Closing circle: joint review of the day's outcomes
16:00 – 17:30	Private Room for Negotiators



Day 2: Wednesday, 13 May

08:30 – 08:45 **Welcome and introduction to Day 2**

08:45 – 09:00 **Conclusions from Day 1:** key messages and regional lessons learnt

Session 4: Progress in other workstreams under the UNFCCC - Strengthening coherence and coordination for the implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security

09:00 – 09:30 **From Belém to Addis Ababa: Progress, Next Steps, and Entry Points for Agriculture and Food Security under the Global Goal on Adaptation**
 - Mr. Jorge Gutierrez, FAO (15')
 - Q&A (15')

09:30 – 10:00 **Panel Discussion:** Country experiences and perspectives (Colombia, Peru, Mexico)

10:00 – 10:30 **Roundtable:** regional progress and gaps in the global adaptation targets and indicators in the agrifood sector

Coffee Break

10:30 – 10:45 **Progress on loss and damage under the UNFCCC and entry points for agriculture and food security**

10:45 – 11:30 - Mr. Pedro Muradas Montesinos, FAO (15')
 - UNDRR ROAC (20') - Video
 - Q&A (10')

11:30 – 12:30 **Roundtable:** regional progress and gaps in loss and damage in the agrifood sector
 - Country methodologies and monitoring systems
 - Institutional coordination
 - Future opportunities of collaboration

Lunch

Session 5: Progress, challenges and opportunities related to identifying needs and accessing means of implementation for climate action in agriculture and food security

13:30 – 13:45 **Means of Implementation for Climate Action in Agriculture and Food Security: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities**
 - Mr. Sebastián Burgos, FAO (15')

World Café discussion tables: Experiences in identifying needs and accessing implementation resources in the region's agricultural and food security sector
 - Introduction to the methodology (10')
 - First round (30')
 - Second round (20')
 - Third round (20')
 - Final round (20')

13:45 – 15:30 **Discussion tables:**
 - **Climate finance in the agrifood sector**
 (e.g. investment needs, bankable pipelines and project portfolios, barriers to access, co-financing and blended approaches, climate rationale)
 - **Technology development and transfer**
 (e.g. identified technological needs, barriers to adoption and scaling up, extension services)
 - **Capacity building for effective implementation**
 (e.g. institutional capacity and coordination, tools, research, knowledge, data)
 - **Enabling conditions and policies**
 (e.g. enabling policy, planning and regulatory frameworks, policy coherence)

15:30 – 15:50 **Group discussion:** Key and common messages from the region

Closing of the session

15:50 – 16:00 **Closing circle:** joint reflection on the day's outcomes

16:00 – 17:30 **Private Room for Negotiators**

Welcome dinner



Day 3: Thursday, 14 May

08:30 – 08:45 **Welcome and introduction to Day 3**

08:45 – 09:00 **Conclusions from Day 2:** key messages and regional learnings

Session 7: Strengthening regional collaboration on Agriculture and Food Security under the UNFCCC

Road to COP31: key priorities for agriculture and food security

- 09:00 – 10:00
- Pre-COP: Mr. Tekini Nakidakida, Fiji (10') – Virtual
 - Ms. Elif Pinar Polat and Ms. Umay Gökçe Özkan, Türkiye (15') – Virtual
 - Ms. Christina Munzer, Australia (10') – Virtual
 - Q&A (25')

10:00 – 11:00 **Group discussion:** Regional perspectives on the future of climate action on agriculture and food security under the UNFCCC

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Group work:** regional narratives and joint positions towards SB64 and COP31

Closing of the session

12:30 – 13:00 **Closing circle:** joint reflection on the day's outcomes

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Private room for negotiators**

14:00 – 15:00 **Field Trip:** Low-methane forages

15:00 – 17:00 **Regional Dialogue:** Placing Agriculture at the Heart of Climate Negotiations Through a Scaling-Up Narrative

Final closing

17:00 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

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