

SB58 GST TD1.3: Roundtables 1, 2 and 3.
Interventions from the Farmers Constituency
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Common themes

- • The Farmers' constituency is grateful for this opportunity to participate at GST roundtables 1, 2 and 3 not only because agriculture is on the frontline of climate impacts but because NDCs have only "somewhat increased their commitments in agriculture".
- • Farmers have examples of best practices from their day-to-day and generational experiences and knowledge of working and living on the land.
- • Active engagement with farmers and farmers organisations is critical for success.
- • The GST must provide clear guidance to Parties on raising credible ambition and action for our sector, that respects human rights and the rights of farmers.

Roundtable 3: Means of implementation and support: Finance, technology, and capacity-building.

At SB58 the World Bank stated that agriculture has only received 3% of climate finance with only 1.7% to smallholder farmers. To redress this and other gaps in means of implementations, there is a need to:

- • mobilise finance and close the finance gap, farmers organisations must be able to directly access bilateral and multilateral funding and innovative climate finance instruments and improving the availability and predictability of support. Farmers organisations are best positioned to ensure that financing targets activities that are tailored to farmers' needs. We echo others (Parties and Observers) in highlighting the urgent need for more funding for adaptation.
- • build capacity and facilitate technology transfer, research, innovation, adaptation, and mitigation measures should reflect local and national circumstances. Agriculture really is one sector where no one size fits all approach. For fast and effective adoption, options must be easily accessible, pragmatic, and practical. They should boost farmer-driven solutions. Active engagement with farmers at all levels provides the best chance of not only building but retaining capacity.