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Towards implementing Nationally Determined Contributions in the agricultural sectors

An introduction of the Thematic Working Group (TWG)
on Agriculture, Food Security and Land Use

Facing climate change, the agricultural sectors need to adapt to higher temperatures, more frequent and severe droughts and other climate related events in order to ensure food security. At the same time, it is crucial to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from these sectors. Countries are already taking action and building capacities to tackle these climate challenges and deliver on their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, with focus on mitigation and adaptation as well as possible synergies.

The Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Agriculture, Food Security and Land Use under the NDC Partnership (NDC-P) is a country-led peer to peer network for countries and international organizations to exchange and consult on knowledge, experiences and needs on climate change impacts and challenges related to NDC implementation in the agricultural sectors.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations is facilitating the TWG together with two co-chairs, which are currently Australia and Uruguay, and in close collaboration with the Support Unit of the NDC-P.

With technical expertise in the agricultural sectors, FAO can play a central role at both the international and national level. Internationally by facilitating knowledge exchange and creating peer-networks between countries. And at the national level by developing relationships and building bridges between stakeholders at all levels.

The TWG now has over 20 members and is open to all interested NDC-P member countries and organizations.



Key Activities

- ❖ May 2017: During the **inception workshop** “Meeting the Needs of Agriculture, Food Security and Land Use” member countries worked to shape the direction of the TWG. Based on this consultation, the Terms of References were later developed by a smaller group under the TWG.
- ❖ February 2018: **The first e-discussion** of the TWG focused on different aspects of climate change adaptation in the agriculture sectors. The participants showed a high level of engagement in sharing their experiences and motivation to learn from others.
- ❖ March 2018: During the **2nd workshop of the TWG** countries and organizations got together to discuss progress made with view to their national commitments under the Paris Agreement, as well as to look at capacity building needs. Many countries share certain challenges regarding the implementation, monitoring and scaling-up of their Nationally Determined Contributions, but also highlighted success stories.

Next up in 2018!

➤ Country case studies

FAO will collaborate with country representatives and partners to develop case studies to assist other countries on their NDC journey.

➤ E-discussions

Members are encouraged to continue to share experiences and consult each other through the TWG Dgroup. FAO will also facilitate discussions on related topics and share updates through this forum.

➤ Online learning events

Webinars with expert interventions and country experiences related to the e-discussion topics will be organized.

➤ Peer-to-peer learning

In this learning activity, TWG members will engage in a cooperative and collaborative learning exercise in online thematic sub-groups to build capacities for NDC implementation, formulation and reporting.

➤ The results of the TWG activities will be presented at COP24 in Poland



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Participants at the 2nd workshop of the TWG.

Want to know more on the work of TWG?

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