

CONCEPT NOTE

Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security

Workshop on topic 1: Systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems¹ and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans

Mandate and background

Through [decision 3/CP.27](#) on the ‘Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security’ the COP requested the SBSTA and SBI to establish the four-year Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security, including implementation of the outcomes of the Koronivia joint work on agriculture and previous activities addressing issues related to agriculture,² as well as future topics, recognizing that solutions are context-specific and take into account national circumstances, with the following objectives:

(a) Promoting a holistic approach to addressing issues related to agriculture and food security, taking into consideration regional, national and local circumstances, in order to deliver a range of multiple benefits, where applicable, such as adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and mitigation, recognizing that adaptation is a priority for vulnerable groups, including women, indigenous peoples and small-scale farmers;

(b) Enhancing coherence, synergies, coordination, communication and interaction between Parties, constituted bodies and workstreams, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund in order to facilitate the implementation of action to address issues related to agriculture and food security;

(c) Promoting synergies and strengthening engagement, collaboration and partnerships among national, regional and international organizations and other relevant stakeholders, as well as under relevant processes and initiatives, in order to enhance the implementation of climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security;

(d) Providing support and technical advice to Parties, constituted bodies and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism on climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security, respecting the Party-driven approach and in accordance with their respective procedures and mandates;

(e) Enhancing research and development on issues related to agriculture and food security and consolidating and sharing related scientific, technological and other information, knowledge (including local and indigenous knowledge), experience, innovations and best practices;

¹ This does not preclude other approaches.

² See documents FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.2, FCCC/SBSTA/2015/INF.6, FCCC/SBSTA/2015/INF.7, FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.5 and FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.6.

(f) Evaluating progress in implementing and cooperating on climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security;

(g) Sharing information and knowledge on developing and implementing national policies, plans and strategies related to climate change, while recognizing country-specific needs and contexts.

Parties set out a road map of work under the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security, as contained in annex II of [FCCC/SBI/2024/13](#) and [FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7](#), including two in-session workshops in hybrid format, facilitating both virtual and in-person participation, to be held sequentially at SB62 (June 2025) and SB64 (June 2026). The COP requested the secretariat to invite representatives of the constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and observers to the workshops. Time should also be dedicated during the workshops to coordinate in relation to the joint work.

The topic for this first workshop is: “Systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans”. The SBSTA and the SBI invited Parties and observers to submit views on the topic of the workshop by 1 March 2025.³

Objectives and proposed approach

General objectives of the workshop

The workshop is expected to allow Parties to:

- Exchange on experiences with systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans;
- Be informed about the scope of the work and activities of the invited constituted bodies, financing entities and other organizations in relation to agriculture, with a focus on the role of systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security in their work;
- Engage in discussion and exchange ideas, experiences and lessons learned on systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans;
- Coordinate in relation to the joint work, including on how systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans can contribute to achieving the objectives of the joint work.

The outcomes of the workshop are expected to help Parties in advancing the consideration of issues related to systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of

³ The submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “agriculture, food”)

climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans.

General approach to the workshop

The workshop will be organized in six main sessions.

- **Session 1:** Party presentations;
- **Session 2:** Perspectives from observer organizations;
- **Session 3:** Financing entities presentations;
- **Session 4:** Updates from Constituted bodies;
- **Session 5:** All Parties and observers engage in an interactive exchange of views among themselves, guided by the co-chairs of the workshop;
- **Session 6:** Time to coordinate in relation to the joint work.

There will be a short opening and closing session. Two keynote presentations set the scene. The co-chairs of the workshop will provide an initial reflection and the key points raised in the discussions at the end of the workshop. A workshop report will be prepared after the session.

Duration: One full day on Tuesday, 17 June 2025.

Guidance for the Plenary Discussions

As a working proposal, the co-chairs of the workshop will suggest focusing the discussions on the contribution of Parties and observers towards strengthening systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans. It would be useful to identify concrete examples and case studies for successful systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans, which may include the identification of gaps and addressing challenges as well as exploring opportunities for enhanced collaboration and synergies.

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**Workshop on topic 1: Systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of
climate action on agriculture, food systems⁴ and food security,
understanding, cooperation and integration into plans
17 June 2025, 9.00 – 18.00 CEST
Bonn, Germany**

DRAFT AGENDA

Morning session: Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 9.00 – 13.00 CEST

9.00: Opening (20 minutes)

- Opening remarks by the SBI and/or SBSTA Chair
- Introduction and organization of work by the workshop co-chairs

9.20: Keynote presentation (20 minutes)

FAO (Martial Bernoux)

Title: Overview of systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems, and food security

9.40: Session I: Party presentations (60 minutes)

Guiding questions for presentations:

1. *What are your experiences with systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans?*
2. *How can systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security contribute to achieving the objectives of the joint work?*

Countries:

- *Argentina*
- *Australia*
- *Brazil*
- *The European Union*
- *Fiji*
- *India*
- *Lebanon on behalf of the Arab States*
- *The Philippines*
- *South Sudan on behalf of Least Developed Countries Group*
- *Switzerland on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group*
- *Uganda on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators*

⁴ This does not preclude other approaches.

10.40: Short break (20 minutes)

11.00: Session II: Perspectives from observer organizations (60 minutes)

Guiding questions for interventions:

1. *What are your experiences with systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans?*
2. *How can systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security contribute to achieving the objectives of the joint work?*

The nine observer constituencies are invited to nominate a representative to make short oral statements to address the guiding questions above.

Confirmed speakers include representatives from:

- *Business and industry NGOs (BINGO)*
- *Environmental NGOs (ENGO)*
- *Farmers and agricultural NGOs (Farmers)*
- *Indigenous People organizations (IPO)*
- *Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA)*
- *Research and independent NGOs (RINGO)*
- *Women and Gender Constituency (WGC)*
- *Children and youth NGOs (YOUNGO)*

12.00: Session III: Financing entities presentations (60 minutes)

Guiding questions for presentations:

1. *What is your approach to systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans?*
2. *How can systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security contribute to achieving the objectives of the joint work?*

The following financing entities are invited to give short presentations to address the guiding questions above:

- *Adaptation Fund*
- *Global Environment Facility, Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund*
- *Green Climate Fund*
- *World Bank*

13.00: End of morning session

Afternoon session: Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 14.00 – 18.00 CEST

14.00: Opening (5 minutes)

- Welcome, state of play and organization of the afternoon by the workshop co-chairs

14.05: Keynote presentation (20 minutes)

Ms. Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile

Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa in Rome

Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome of the Republic of South Africa

Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security

Title: Benefits of systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems, and food security

14.25: Session IV: Updates from constituted bodies (60 minutes)

Guiding question for interventions:

- 1. How is the constituted body taking into consideration systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security, understanding, cooperation and integration into plans?*

The secretariat will give an introduction presentation on how the annual synthesis report covers work by constituted bodies. This will be followed by short reflections from constituted body representatives on the guiding question. Constituted bodies that were consulted are the:

- *Adaptation Committee*
- *Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network*
- *Consultative Group of Experts*
- *Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage*
- *Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform*
- *Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures*
- *Least Developed Countries Expert Group*
- *Standing Committee on Finance*
- *Technology Executive Committee*

15.25: Short Break (20 minutes)

15.45: Session V: Plenary discussions (60 minutes)

Open discussion on the following guiding questions:

- 1. What is required to make systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security successful?*
- 2. How can cooperation and integration into plans of systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security be strengthened?*

16.45: Session VI: Time to coordinate in relation to the joint work (60 minutes)

Open discussion on the following guiding questions:

- 1. How are systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security contributing to the objectives of the joint work?*
- 2. How can systemic and holistic approaches to implementation of climate action on agriculture, food systems and food security be better coordinated in relation to the joint work?*

17.45: Closing remarks (15 minutes)

- Closing remarks by the SBI and/or SBSTA Chair

18.00: End of workshop