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# **Holistic Approach to Agriculture**

## A Doha Decision for Livelihoods, Food Security, and Animal Welfare

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# Durban LCA Decision

## **D. Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention**

### **General framework**

74. *Agrees* to continue its consideration of a general framework for cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions with a view to adopting a decision on this matter at its eighteenth session, as appropriate;

### **Agriculture**

75. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider issues related to agriculture at its thirty-sixth session, with the aim of exchanging views and the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on this matter at its eighteenth session;

76. *Invites* Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 5 March 2012, their views on the issues referred to in paragraph 75 above;

77. *Requests* the secretariat to compile submissions referred to in paragraph 76 above by Parties into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its thirty-sixth session;



# Common Themes in the March 5 Agriculture Submissions

- Mitigation and adaptation
  - Independently, as well as with “synergies and tradeoffs”
- Integrated/broad approach, including e.g. food security, biodiversity, sustainable development...
- Tech and Tech Transfer
- SBSTA (work program?)



# Key Principles for Holistic Approach

- Including and supporting all stakeholders
- Ensuring multiple social and environmental outcomes
- Ensuring consistency across UNFCCC decisions and mechanisms





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## Article 9

### **SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

1. A subsidiary body for scientific and technological advice is hereby established to provide the Conference of the Parties and, as appropriate, its other subsidiary bodies with timely information and advice on scientific and technological matters relating to the Convention. This body shall be open to participation by all Parties and shall be multidisciplinary. It shall comprise government representatives competent in the relevant field of expertise. It shall report regularly to the Conference of the Parties on all aspects of its work.
2. Under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, and drawing upon existing competent international bodies, this body shall:
  - (a) Provide assessments of the state of scientific knowledge relating to climate change and its effects;
  - (b) Prepare scientific assessments on the effects of measures taken in the implementation of the Convention;
  - (c) Identify innovative, efficient and state-of-the-art technologies and know-how and

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  - (d) Provide advice on scientific programmes, international cooperation in research and development related to climate change, as well as on ways and means of supporting endogenous capacity-building in developing countries; and
  - (e) Respond to scientific, technological and methodological questions that the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies may put to the body.



# Humane and Holistic Solutions

- Evaluate, Enhance, and Safeguard Animal Welfare
  - Support for extensive pasture-based and mixed farming animal agriculture systems led by small farmers, particularly women
  - Further support for welfare improvements in industrial animal production systems

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## Thank you!



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