

**SUBMISSION BY THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE SHARM EL-SHEIKH ONLINE PORTAL UNDER THE
FOUR-YEAR SHARM EL-SHEIKH JOINT WORK ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE
ACTION ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY**

Introduction

The Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session, held in Bonn in 2017, adopted decision 4/CP.23 on the "Koronivia joint work on agriculture", which requests the SBSTA and the SBI to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops and expert meetings, working with constituted bodies under the Convention and taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches to addressing food security;

Parties set out a roadmap of work on the KJWA. Six in-session workshops and intersessional workshop has been completed therefore between 2018 and 2021 in various topic, including land and water management strategies to ensure food security.

At its twenty-seventh session held in Sharm El-Sheikh in 2022, the Conference of the Parties adopted a decision .../CP.27 which recognized the vulnerabilities of agricultural systems to the impacts of climate change and the importance of scaling up support to enhance action on safeguarding food and nutrition security and ending hunger, aiming for inclusive, sustainable and climate resilient agricultural systems.

The COP also recognized the need to improve the enabling environment for mobilizing resources for implementing action at the local, national and international level, as well as enhanced knowledge sharing on best practices, access to finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building.

Therefore, the COP requested the SBSTA and the 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, as well as future topics.

The Sharm el-Sheikh online portal under the joint work referred above is established for sharing information on projects, initiatives and policies for increasing opportunities for implementation of climate action to address issues related to agriculture and food security

In light of the above, the **Least developed countries** would like to make the following submission regarding the online portal under the Four-year Sharm El-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security as follows:

1. **Scope of the portal**

a. **Objective of the portal**

The online portal is expected to play an important role on closing existing gaps on information and experience sharing; bridging stakeholders and climate investors, as well research constituencies. The online portal should purchase the following objectives:

- Enhancing information sharing on initiatives, policies, programmes, projects;
- enhancing agriculture and food security responsive cooperation, including bi/multilateral; research development and technology transfer;
- enabling expression of needs and fundraising (Parties, farmers organizations and other stakeholders);
- Facilitating partnership, cooperation and collaboration among Parties, CBs, OE and other organizations outside the UNFCCC system;
- Facilitating peer-to-peer learning for capacity building and awareness creation (success stories, ect.);
- Sharing information on climate finance support received by Parties and other stakeholders (tracking flows and progress of implementation regarding agriculture, food security, SDGs);
- Consideration of vulnerability of the LDCs;
- Networking (expert groups).

b. **Topics of focus**

The online portal topics of focus are those related to climate initiatives, action and policies on agriculture and food security, including, but not limited to, those addressed in the Koronivia joint work on agriculture and previous activities addressing issues related to agriculture, as well as future topics.

2. Design and implementation of the portal

The LDCs highlight the importance of making the information ease of access and use in the online portal through filters and a search function, which includes searching the document's content.

a. Interface/design: information organized should follow the guidelines from UNFCCC

- Category of activity should focus on thematical areas including; issue of data/access/privacy
- The design should have a sector and sub-sector;
- Information link to other relevant conventions, in relation with climate, change on agriculture and food security;
- Social networks opportunities such as Twitter, Facebook accounts....;
- Window for Frequently asked question (FAQ);
- Links to relevant UNFCCC relevant processes;
- Stakeholders: Parties, Non-Party Stakeholders, Research constituencies...
- Policy/project/programmes
- Research findings;
- Region/subregion, country;
- Window for general information link to other information sites: CBs, SBSTA work on Agriculture;

- Should have contact you can go through to get administrator to request information or signal something not working.

b. Status of the online portal users

The online portal is expected to allow countries, climate investors, farmer organizations, private sector, research constituencies, etc. to build synergies and strengthen action and support on agriculture and food security. Thinking on ways to allow these stakeholders accessing and uploading information in the portal is core.

The documents can be upload on the online portal by all Parties; including Parties grouping and organizations with observer status, Constituted Bodies and Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanism, but limited to certain groups organizations without observer status in order to not expand the volume of documentation and avoiding inconvenient submissions. In addition, the Secretariat will receive submissions through a technical body from organizations without observer status before uploading them in the online portal. The technical body will ensure the proper management of submissions.

c. Submitters (People with rights to make submission)

Parties submissions should be through National Focal Points or contact persons. Parties, Constituted bodies, operating entities of the financial Mechanism as well as organizations with observer status, may upload their submissions in the portal at their earliest convenience, through an account created by the Designated Contact Point with possibility to send directly to the UNFCCC in case of issue to access the online portal.

Making a submission

- Procedure should be referred to paragraph b and c mentioned above to addressed concerns;
- Model: document with summary report for policy makers.