

NON-PAPER

Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Technical Paper on Challenges and Opportunities for Mitigation in the Agricultural Sector

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We welcome the decision of the AWG-LCA at its second session to request the Secretariat to prepare a Technical Paper on Challenges and Opportunities for Mitigation in the Agricultural Sector as an input for further discussions.

The agricultural sector is particularly important and one that presents many challenges and opportunities for mitigation. Although the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change provides a wealth of information on the agricultural sector, further scientific, technical and socio-economic information on mitigation challenges and opportunities would be of practical relevance to Parties.

The paper should provide case studies of countries' capacity to measure, monitor and address greenhouse gases in the agricultural sector, highlight opportunities and challenges for mitigation options, including win-win options, options that provide co-benefits and best practices, and identify barriers to the uptake of these options. The paper should also include information on available and emerging mitigation technologies, on policies and measures, and their implications for sustainable development, taking into account national circumstances.

We believe the paper will be an important contribution to inform the process launched to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to, and beyond 2012.

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