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THE FARMERS' ROUTE

WORLD FARMERS' ORGANISATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Climate Change Working Group technical session:
“Farmers’ climate route – ruminant livestock, climate finance and the
Koronivia work on agriculture”

20 May, from 9:00 AM to 01:00 PM
Hollenfels Room

Prepared by the WFO working group on Climate Change

Introduction

This technical session aims to navigate a successful route for the WFO and its members through key climate issues facing the agriculture sector to enable:

- better understanding of a new GHG accounting metric for methane and the latest global research aiming to transform consideration of the climate impact of ruminant livestock;
- enhanced focus on agriculture in climate funds and ensuring that farmers get direct access to such financing;
- greater engagement in UNFCCC Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture to ensure delivery of practical outcomes for farmers.

Attendees will fully participate in the discussion to further develop the WFO position on these important subjects.

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09:00 AM – 09:05 AM Words of welcome

Ceris Jones, Climate Change Adviser, NFU, and facilitator of the WFO climate change working group

09:05 AM – 10:25 AM Ruminant livestock - GHG accounting for methane and the global research initiatives

- GHG accounting for methane – a climate science perspective:
Michelle Cain, Science and Policy Research Associate of the Oxford Martin Programme on Climate Pollutants at Oxford University, UK
- Global research initiatives:
Hayden Montgomery, Special Representative, Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, New Zealand (by videoconference); and Don Syme, Agriculture Counsellor, Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand

Moderators: *Johanne Saether Houge, Norges Bondelag (supporter) and Crispin Kayitare, Ingabo (member), WFO climate change working group*

10:25 AM – 11:40 AM Agriculture and climate finance

- A global view on climate finance flows:
Vicky Noens, Member of the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance, Belgium¹
- The farming community and climate finance - the case for enhanced action:
Kees Blokland, CEO Agriterra

Moderators: *Tobias Gras, DAFC, and Sok Sotha, CFAP, members of the climate change working group*

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM Coffee/networking break

¹ <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/standing-committee-on-finance-scf/members>

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM The UNFCCC Koronivia joint work on agriculture

- An introduction to the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA):
Gerolf Bucheler, DBV
- KJWA progress and prospects – a FAO perspective:
Natalia Alekseeva, Team Leader for National Climate Change Action, Climate and Environment Division of the FAO

Moderators: *Gerolf Bucheler, DBV (supporter)* and *Gunsham Seeborun, Falcon Citizens League (member), climate change working group*

12:50 PM – 01:00 PM Summary and closing remarks

Ceris Jones, Climate Change Adviser, NFU and facilitator of the WFO climate change working group