

## Evidences

### Study #2050

#### Contributing Projects:

- P273 - [Program Management Unit] CCAFS Comms and Core Partnerships for Scaling CSA
- P272 - [Program Management Unit] CCAFS Coordinating Unit at WUR (P272)
- P267 - [Flagship Leader] FP3: Engagement, synthesis and support
- P263 - RPL EA: Regional and national engagement, synthesis and strategic research

#### Part I: Public communications

**Type:** OICR: Outcome Impact Case Report

**Status:** On-going

**Year:** 2017

**Title:** Agriculture negotiators reach agreement at COP23

#### Short outcome/impact statement:

CCAFS's research and engagement were instrumental in supporting the UNFCCC COP23 decision on the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture. CCAFS provided scientific evidence on the importance of agriculture to the Paris Agreement goals, analysis of mitigation and adaptation in the NDCs, and concrete technical and policy options for addressing agriculture in UNFCCC negotiations, and convened workshops that negotiators cited as critical to enabling them to formulate their positions and come to an agreement.

#### Outcome story for communications use:

A step forward for agriculture at the UN climate talks – Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture

<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/blog/step-forward-agriculture-un-climate-talks-%E2%80%93-koronivia-joint-work-agriculture>

**Links to any communications materials relating to this outcome:** <Not Defined>

#### Part II: CGIAR system level reporting

**Link to Common Results Reporting Indicator of Policies :** Yes

**Policies contribution:** <Not Defined>

**Stage of maturity of change reported:** Stage 1

#### Links to the Strategic Results Framework:

Sub-IDOs:

- Reduced net greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture, forests and other forms of land-use (Mitigation and adaptation achieved)

Is this OICR linked to some SRF 2022/2030 target?: Yes

SRF 2022/2030 targets:

- Reduce agriculturally related greenhouse gas emissions compared to business-as-usual scenario 2022

Description of activity / study: <Not Defined>

**Geographic scope:**

- Global

Comments: The Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture was agreed upon by all countries that are party to the UNFCCC.

**Key Contributors:**

Contributing CRPs/Platforms:

- CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security

Contributing Flagships:

- FP3: Low emissions development
- FP2: Climate-Smart Technologies and Practices
- FP1: Priorities and Policies for CSA

Contributing Regional programs:

- EA: East Africa

Contributing external partners:

- FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**CGIAR innovation(s) or findings that have resulted in this outcome or impact:**

**Innovations:** <Not Defined>

### **Elaboration of Outcome/Impact Statement:**

Through a combination of strategic research and engagement with agriculture negotiators, CCAFS was instrumental in the decision at COP23 to advance action on agriculture under the UNFCCC through the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (17). This outcome builds on previous outcomes on informing the UNFCCC process (2012 and 2015).

Over the past several years, CCAFS published several research products to inform the UNFCCC negotiations on agriculture and provided submissions to the technical body of the UNFCCC (SBSTA). This research built the case for including agriculture under the UNFCCC in three key ways. First, an analysis of agriculture in Parties' Intended Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement demonstrated that there was strong interest among a majority of countries for action on climate change in the agriculture sector (1,2). Second, a study on the necessary reduction in emissions from agriculture in order to limit global temperature increase to 2°C showed the importance of the agriculture sector to meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement (3). Third, a series of briefs and submissions provided negotiators with concrete, science-backed options for adapting agriculture to climate change, both in terms of technical practices and policy measures (4, 5, 6).

To ensure that these research messages reached UNFCCC negotiators, CCAFS conducted media dissemination campaigns (7, 8, 9), held numerous side events at UNFCCC negotiations (10, 11, 12) and organized workshops for agriculture negotiators to share findings and allow groups of negotiators to formulate their positions (13, 14, 15, 16,18). Support was provided to the African Group of Negotiators (AGN), the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean countries, and countries within the Association of South East Asian countries.

Several UNFCCC negotiators have attested to the importance of CCAFS research and outreach efforts in enabling them to reach a decision at COP 23. Fred Kossam, leader of the AGN agriculture team, wrote, "Without CCAFS and other partners support we could [not] have gotten [to] this milestone decision after 6 yrs of tough negotiations" (19). George Wamukoya, team leader of the AGN Expert Support team, thanked CCAFS for support in reaching the agriculture decision (20). And Victoria Hatton, agriculture negotiator for New Zealand, noted that "CCAFS research and policy work on the NDCs has really contributed to the discussions in the SB negotiations, underpinning some of the key arguments that we have used to demonstrate the importance of agriculture to meeting the Paris Goal" (21).

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- Communications and engagement:
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<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/news/media-centre/press-releases/report-majority-national-climate-plans-address-agriculture-most>
  8. Press release: Paris Climate Agreement Cannot Be Met Without Emissions Reduction Target for Agriculture  
<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/news/media-centre/press-releases/paris-climate-agreement-cannot-be-met-without-emissions-reduction>
  9. Wollenberg E. Why we need better ways to cut greenhouse gases from agriculture. The Conversation. May 23, 2016.  
<https://theconversation.com/why-we-need-better-ways-to-cut-greenhouse-gases-from-agriculture-59435>
  10. SB 44 side event: Establishing country emission reduction targets in agriculture: What is fair, ambitious & feasible?  
<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/blog/negotiators-and-scientists-discuss-country-emissions-targets-agriculture-sbsta-44>
  11. SB 44 side event: Adapting to climate change in agricultural systems: Key findings from CGIAR and partners

- <https://ccafs.cgiar.org/blog/adapting-climate-change-agricultural-systems-update-bonn-climate-talks>
12. CCAFS side events at UN Climate Change Conference COP23  
<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/ccafs-un-climate-change-conference-cop23>
13. CCAFS-hosted workshop with the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) agriculture negotiators, September 2016  
<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/blog/more-action-less-talk-african-negotiators-call-investments-agricultural-transformation>
14. CCAFS support to the ASEAN Group of Negotiators  
<https://asean-crn.org/cop23-yields-a-decision-on-issues-related-to-agriculture/>
15. Dialogues on agriculture and forestry under the UNFCCC with Latin American negotiators  
<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/es/tercer-dialogo-latinoamericano-politicas-sobre-cuestiones-agricolas-forestales-cmnucc>
16. CCAFS and FAO-hosted workshop for agriculture negotiators, October 4-6, 2016 (agenda and participant list attached)
17. Blog: A step forward for agriculture at the UN climate talks – Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture  
<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/blog/step-forward-agriculture-un-climate-talks-%E2%80%93-koronivia-joint-work-agriculture>
- Documentation of connection between CCAFS research and engagement and the outcome:
18. Email from Lini Wollenberg, CCAFS Flagship 3 leader, documenting the outcomes of the October 2016 workshop, including commitments by participating countries to work towards a COP decision (attached)
19. Email from Fred Kossam, Head of Climate Change and Research Services, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Malawi (leader of the AGN agriculture negotiators) January 11, 2018 (attached)
20. Email from George Wamukoya, team leader of the AGN Expert Support team Dec. 2, 2017 (attached)
21. Email from Victoria Hatton, agriculture negotiator for New Zealand May 28, 2018 (attached)

**Quantification:** <Not Defined>

**Gender, Youth, Capacity Development and Climate Change:**

**Gender relevance:** 0 - Not Targeted

**Youth relevance:** 0 - Not Targeted

**CapDev relevance:** 0 - Not Targeted

**Climate Change relevance:** 0 - Not Targeted

**Other cross-cutting dimensions:** <Not Defined>

**Other cross-cutting dimensions description:** <Not Defined>

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