

SB61 Closing Plenary
Statement by Farmers constituency
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My name is Sharon Cherono from Kenya.

I am speaking on behalf of farmers from across the world in the Farmers' Constituency.

As SB61 is ending, farmers acknowledged the pragmatic approach taken by Parties and Presidency to prioritise key agenda items.

Noting the conclusion on the Sharm Joint Work on Agriculture, we thank Parties for working collaboratively on an online portal; at the same time, we emphasize the need to shift the focus on issues and means of implementation which are more relevant to action on the ground.

This week, we urge Parties towards:

- An ambitious NCQG which is relevant for farmers, especially small scale, by significantly increasing adaptation grants and facilitating direct access of the Farmers' Organisations.
- A focus on farmers' rights and clear benefits for farmers in the development of carbon markets under Art. 6.4, making sure nature-based solutions are not side-tracked.
- Significant progress on a GGA framework which must be applicable to the diversity of agri-ecosystems and the complexity of the agricultural sector.
- A strong role for farmers in the implementation of COP decisions, including an active observer role in Loss and Damage Fund Board.

In the COP29 outcomes, we wish to see a clear recognition of our engagement and aspirations.

Thank you.