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CONCEPT NOTE

II Informative Webinar - NDC and the Agricultural sector:

"Transparency, importance of inventories and estimation of emission factors"

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 09:00 am

I. Context:

The Paris Agreement, reached during COP21 held in December 2015, constitutes an ambitious, dynamic and universal agreement that covers all countries and all types of emissions. This consolidates international cooperation on climate change, constituting an international instrument for mobilizing technological, financial and capacity-building support for developing countries (United Nations¹, sf).

Through the Agreement, the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to combat climate change, and thus mobilize actions and investments to achieve a sustainable future with low carbon dioxide emissions. In that sense, the Parties undertake to do everything in their power, under the principle of shared but differentiated responsibility, to increase their efforts through nationally determined contributions, or NDCs, which they reflect the efforts of each country to reduce emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.

In this sense, the NDCs are the basis of the Paris Agreement and pursue the following objectives²:

- limit warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels
- increase long-term capacity to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, promote climate resilience and the development of low greenhouse gas emissions, so that food production is not threatened.

At the regional level, the Regional Climate Change Strategy (ERCC), as well as the Climate-Adapted Sustainable Agriculture Strategy (EASAC), establish concrete actions to address climate change in the SICA region. In the same way, authorities of the Central American agricultural sector present at PreCOP25 signed the "Special Declaration on the contributions and needs of the agricultural sector to achieve a sustainable and inclusive mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the SICA

¹ Source: <https://bit.ly/39C0nKN>

² Source: <https://unfccc.int/es/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement/contribuciones-determinadas-a-nivel-nacional-ndc>

region." Through this instrument, the support and commitment to the NDC review and implementation processes is declared, as well as the interest and willingness to intensify the integration of institutional and intersectoral efforts in the field of SICA, and the need to have a plan of regional action environment-agriculture.

As part of the CAC 2020 work plan, under a mandate established by the CAC Council of Ministers (2019), it was requested to support the strengthening the capacities of sector officials for their participation in updating their NDCs. With the support of the Interagency Support Group (GIA), the implementation of instruments for the collection of information has been achieved that allows to know the current context of the NDC and with it, the needs of the countries specifically in the agriculture sector.

This effort has allowed us to have the perspective of both the agriculture sector and the environment sector, holding exchanges and holding dialogues with the focal points for NDC in the corresponding ministries / secretariats of the countries of the region. Currently, it has been possible to systematize the main support needs that are a common denominator among the countries, which have been categorized into 4 thematic axes proposed as part of a series of webinars that will be developed and that will end with the development of a plan training aimed at technical officials to strengthen their participation in the update of the NDC, presentation of reports and in everything related to the commitments of the agriculture sector and its contribution to climate action.

II. Objective:

- Offer a space for the discussion of technical issues related to NDC (ie transparency, inventories and improvements in the estimation of emission factors in the livestock sector) in the context of the expanded agricultural sector, particularly considering the AFOLU sector, in which they converge clearly the interests of the environment and agriculture, reflected in the regional sectoral and intersectoral policies and strategies described above.
- Strengthen the capacities of the technical liaisons of the ministries / secretariats of agriculture, as well as of relevant or related actors who participate in the measurement, notification and verification procedures under the UNFCCC and the enhanced transparency framework of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in the SICA region countries.

III. Target audience:

CAC's Technical Group on Climate Change and Integrated Risk Management (GTCCGIR for its Spanish acronym). Other relevant stakeholders may be invited if considered relevant / strategic.

IV. Date and place

The webinar will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2020, virtual mode.

Link for registration: <https://bit.ly/313eh5z>

V. Schedule

Webinar II: "Transparency, importance of inventories and estimation of emission factors in the context of the Agricultural sector"

Time	Exercise	Responsible
9:00 - 9:10	Inauguration, presentation of participants and objectives	SECAC
9:10 - 9:20	Context "Summary of Training Plan"	SECAC
9:20 - 10:00	Presentation "Transparency and importance of GHG inventories for NDC in the context of the Agricultural sector" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is transparency and how does it relate to the NDC process (UNDP) b. Why Inventories Matter in NDC (UNDP) c. GHG Inventories and the Agriculture sector (RedINGEI) 	UNDP / GSP and RedINGEI
10:00 - 10:30	Presentation "Supporting LAC countries to improve their GHG Inventories in the AFOLU sector with an emphasis on livestock": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work experience in Cuba b. Analysis of the status of livestock inventories for countries in LAC and opportunities for improvement 	CCAFS / CIAT
10:30 - 10:35	Discussion and feedback, Q&A	SECAC
10:35	Closing remarks	SECAC