

**SB2021: closing plenary**  
**Statement by the Farmers Constituency**

My name is Sok Sotha from Cambodia. I am a member of the World Farmers Organisation. I am proud to be speaking for the hundreds of millions of farmers across the world who are on the front line of this global climate emergency and for the many rural livelihoods which have been significantly affected by the COVID19 pandemic.

We appreciate the efforts made by everyone to move forward in this virtual world; we are very grateful to the UNFCCC Secretariat for its tireless work in supporting us all because progress has to be made.

The Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture and our participation in it is instrumental in raising global climate ambition for our sector, untapping the great potential that agriculture has in the fight against climate change. Observers' participation and inclusion at all levels, local, national, regional and international, is critical to success.

We want to see the Paris Agreement implemented on the ground. For inclusive and ambitious NDCs that take into account farmers' needs and expectations when it comes to their formulation and implementation in the agricultural sector. For investment in research, extension services and capacity building, and for ambitious financial frameworks to support a just transition.

As farmers we want to play our part in this global action, but we need an enabling framework to deliver broad sustainability outcomes while boosting a dynamic agricultural sector.

We are the key to unlocking inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient food systems and economies with farmers of all shapes and sizes at their heart and which leave no farmer behind.

We are part of the solution to climate change and we stand ready to take action and work with you for a successful outcome to COP26.