



## STATEMENT BY THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO JOINT CLOSING PLENARY OF THE SBSTA AND SBI

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) would like to thank the UNFCCC Secretariat and the Chairs of SBI and SBSTA for organizing this virtual session to better prepare for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) despite the numerous challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. FAO would also like to thank Parties supporting the participation of observer organizations in the most sessions which we consider key to any transparent process.

FAO welcomes the rich exchanges we have heard during the past three weeks. These exchanges and possible decisions at COP26 will be crucial for millions of smallholder farmers, pastoralists, indigenous communities, youth and women who commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change.

FAO's vision is a world with **better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life**, and our goal is to achieve food security for all. Agriculture has a key role to play in tackling climate change, eradicating hunger and poverty and delivering on the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Therefore, FAO continues to support countries to define gender responsive adaptation and mitigation targets in the National Adaptation Plans and Nationally Determined Contributions, to prepare for reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. We also support countries in mobilizing climate finance to implement these ambitious targets through domestic and international finance mechanisms and the private sector.

We remain committed to help Parties and stakeholders navigate the UNFCCC processes including Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture, by promoting knowledge exchange through workshops, briefs and multimedia materials available on FAO's Climate Change Knowledge Hub. In addition, we would like to encourage Parties and "Koronivia family" to explore opportunities that initiatives such as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) can offer to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

Finally in the run-up to the UN Food Systems Summit and in preparation for a successful COP26, FAO will continue working with stakeholders to collectively integrate climate, agriculture and food system transformation agendas to strive for the 1.5 °C temperature goal towards a more sustainable, resilient and food secure world for all.