



PAN AFRICAN FARMERS' ORGANIZATION

AFRICAN FARMERS' DECLARATION TO THE 17TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP17), DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

'No agriculture, no deal!'

We, the representatives of African farmers:

- **Plateforme des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC) from Central Africa;**
- **Union Maghrébine des Agriculteurs (UMAGRI) from Northern Africa;**
- **Eastern Africa Farmers' Federation (EAFF), and;**
- **The Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU);**

Call on Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) present in Durban to agree on

ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT WORK PROGRAM ON AGRICULTURE

under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advise (SBSTA).

We reiterate that agriculture is the backbone of African economies and is the most climate sensitive sector. African farmers are already facing severe impacts of climate change and these are predicted to worsen.

Unless urgent and decisive action is taken on climate change adaptation and mitigation in agriculture, and the financing to support them, the goals of food security and poverty reduction on the continent will not be met and the progress made in economic development could be jeopardized.

With the necessary technology and financing, agriculture can play a key role in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

We urge Annex 1 countries to honor the pledges they made for financing adaptation and mitigation in developing countries and reiterate that they commit NEW, ADDITIONAL and predictable financial support. In addition, they should commit to legally-binding emissions reduction targets for a second commitment period for the Kyoto protocol.

We re-affirm our commitment to being part of the solution to the challenge of climate change.

WE reiterate that now is the time to firmly put agriculture on the climate change agenda by agreeing on

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