



OPENING REMARKS

‘REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUPPORTING NEEDS-BASED ADVOCACY ON CLIMATE ADAPTION IN AFRICA’

VENUE: CONCORD HOTEL, PARKLANDS NAIROBI, KENYA

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PROTOCOL

- Dr. Augustine B. Njamshi; Chair of the Political and Technical Affairs, PACJA
- Regional Farmer Organization
- Resource persons/experts;

Ms. Laura Cramer-Thematic Lead, Climate –Smart Agriculture, Policies and Priorities –ILRI

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- Our Secretariat
- Ladies and Gentlemen

I thank all of you for accepting our invitation to participate in this workshop. Thanks to PACJA for providing resource in support of the workshop. Thanks to institutions such as AICCRA that have provided technical support to the workshop. AICCRA and PACJA have assisted us effectively participate and understand Climate Change dialogues. They have also exposed us to important climate Institutions with a diverse expertize on climate change issues.

We appreciate our partnership with AICCRA and our M.O.U in ensuring our continued participation in AGNES meetings and initiatives and preparations for the upcoming meetings i.e. Climate Change Workshop 19th -20th June 2023

EAFB appreciate this opportunity to provide LEADERSHIP in the implementation of a continental project, aimed at enhancing the voices of communities on the frontline of Climate crisis. Frontline because small scale farmers are a majority of the rural communities and that experience immediate impacts of Climate crisis.

Although we farmer organizations in the last decade have factored climate Change as a critical emerging challenge to agriculture, we have not been able to put together structures and partnerships that would effectively enable us participate in Climate change dialogue and even access Climate change finances.



I thank again institutions like PACJA, AGNES, AICCRA that have assisted us engage with Climate dialogue more effectively.

EAFF recognizes the impact that climate crisis has had to agriculture. As an organization we previously factored Climate Change as a crosscutting challenge in our strategic plans but now, we have concentrically included it in our current strategic plans. We have implemented Climate smart projects in recognition of its importance in ensuring sustainable development of our economies.

EAFF focuses on commercialization of small scale agriculture and it is for this reason that our e-Granary initiative focuses on aggregating small scale farmers for the implementation of business Climate smart agriculture.

In conclusion, I would like to recognize all institutions and stakeholders in Food systems for recognizing the importance of agriculture in the COP deliberations and negotiations, through AGNES we witnessed representation of agriculture in the submissions for negotiations.

Countries experts in Agriculture are now in the negotiation teams. PAFO members seek capacity to be able to support our teams of negotiators for greater support to adaptation and accountability in losses emanating from Climate crisis.

Once more I welcome you to this project inception workshop on “Supporting Needs-Based Advocacy and Adaptation in Africa”

I now wish you fruitful deliberations and declare this workshop officially open.

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