Draft decision -/CP.23

The Conference of the Parties,

Also recalling decision 2/CP.17,

Having considered the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice reports of the five in-session workshops on the issues related to agriculture,

1. Requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to jointly address issues related to agriculture, including through workshops, expert meetings and working with constituted bodies under the Convention, whilst taking into consideration the vulnerabilities of agriculture to climate change and approaches towards addressing food security.

2. Invites Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 31 March 2018, views on elements to be included in the work referred to paragraph 1 above, starting with but not limited to the following:

   (a) Modalities for implementation of the outcomes of the five in-session workshops and other future topics that may be referred arising from this work;
   (b) Methods and approaches for assessing adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and resilience;
   (c) Improved soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems including water management;
   (d) Improved nutrient use and manure management towards sustainable and resilient agricultural systems;
   (e) Improved livestock management systems; and
   (f) Socio-economic and food security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector.

3. Requests the secretariat to compile a miscellaneous document on the submissions referred to in paragraph 2, for consideration at the forty-eighth subsidiary bodies session (April-May 2018).

4. Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in the paragraphs 1 and 3 to be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

5. Requests that the SBSTA and SBI report to the COP on the progress and outcomes of the work above at COP26.

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1 Decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 75 - 77
2 FCCC/SBSTA/2015/INF.6; FCCC/SBSTA/2015/INF.7; FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.5; FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.6