Cancun Agreements

Perspectives on agriculture in the negotiations
The Cancun Agreements took a significant step forward:

1) legitimizing and building on the Copenhagen Accord framework for a future binding agreement before the expiration of Kyoto Protocol’s first commitment period

2) reestablishing diplomatic trust and buy-in between >190 developed and developing country parties [only Bolivia objecting].
Main elements of the Cancun Agreements

- **Global GHG targets**: 1.5ºC - 2 ºC limit and set global 'peak' in Durban
- **Mitigation commitments**: Formalizes Annex I and developing actions
- **Financing**: Adaptation, Green Climate Fund, and potentially the establishment of new market instruments, continuation of KP mechanisms.
- **MRV**: Enhanced reporting/ICA w/ rules TBD for all Parties.
- **REDD+**: REDD+ mechanisms established, based on a phased approach, with strong safeguards

Issues to be resolved at COP17 (Durban, South Africa)
- Legal form of agreement
- Details of Annex I and Non-Annex I mitigation actions
History of agriculture in UNFCCC talks

• Multiple references but no dedicated negotiation track
  • Adaptation: no sectoral considerations
  • Mitigation, exclusion from REDD+

• Agriculture receives separate LCA chapter
  (Bonn; June ‘09)

• Progress at COP15 in Copenhagen
  • AWG-LCA text and work programme agriculture negotiated
  • Mitigation and adaptation action solicited (NAMAs/NAPAs)

• COP16 Cancun

\[\text{Climate Focus, Dec 10}\]
LCA Agriculture Text:

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/CRP.a1

- Need to sustainably improve “efficiency and productivity,” protect smallholders
- Sectoral ag approaches and actions should ensure food security
- Should not “arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination..or restriction on trade”
- Promote R&D, tech transfer to “control, reduce, or prevent anthropogenic GHG emissions”
- Requests SBSTA establish work program (June 2011)
- Invitees Parties’ submissions by 22 March 2011
Stumbling Blocks

Agriculture section removed in LCA-texts\(^3\) (Dec ‘10)

- UNFCCC Secretariat conflated bunker fuels text
- Trade text controversy
  - Sensitivities over developed/developing trade rules hindered open negotiations on topic

\(^3\) Final and FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/CRP.3