



The Danish Agriculture & Food Council's Position for COP 22

The Danish agriculture and food production has demonstrated that increased production of food, feed and bio-based products can be decoupled from emissions of climate gasses. Since 1990 Danish agriculture has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 16%, while increasing its output by more than 20%.

The Danish example of sustainable intensification can serve as inspiration for how to feed a growing world population and to fulfill the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030 in a resource-constrained world. We need to produce more food with less input.

Climate efficient agriculture and food production, such as the Danish, is a front-runner for the production of tomorrow and shall therefore be embraced by global, regional and national policies and regulations. We must endorse and recognize the necessity of the global "light-houses" in agriculture and food production.

Climate smart agriculture, such as crop innovation or animal breeding, has great potentials in helping farming communities around the world to both adapting to climate changes and to producing more food. We need to intensify our investments in R&D in order to harvest the full benefits of our biological value chain, the bioeconomy.

Besides providing food for a growing population new value chains in the bioeconomy deliver renewable building blocks for biobased materials such as bioenergy, bioplastics, biochemistry. The biological sector is the only way forward to become free of fossil and mineral resources. We need to promote new value chains in the bioeconomy by creating a market and demand for biobased products.

The Danish Agriculture & Food Council echoes the European and the world's farming communities in their ambition to contribute to the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement. Inspired by the World Farmers' Organisation the Danish Agriculture & Food Council suggests a few guidelines to be addressed and acknowledged at COP22:

- *Agriculture has strategic importance for food security and delivers solutions to climate change;*
 - *R&D are needed to develop the full benefits of agriculture;*
 - *Continuous investments are required to enable sustainable intensification of agriculture;*
- *Farmers shall be involved at the centre of climate discussions and formulations of policies focused on agriculture as well as in the subsequent implementation, monitoring and evaluation;*
- *Sustainable bioenergy is an important solution to reduce climate gasses and agriculture should benefit from it in the accounting rules for mitigation;*

Attached, please find the position paper of World Farmers' Organisation.

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ABOUT

The Danish Agriculture & Food Council is a trade association representing agriculture, the food and agro industries. With annual exports in excess of DKK 152 billion and with 172.000 employees, we represent one of Denmark's most important business sectors. Through innovation and promotion of the industry's contribution to society, we work to ensure a strong position for our members in Denmark as well as in international markets.