

Sharm el-Sheikh Joint Work on Implementation of Climate Action on Agriculture and Food Security

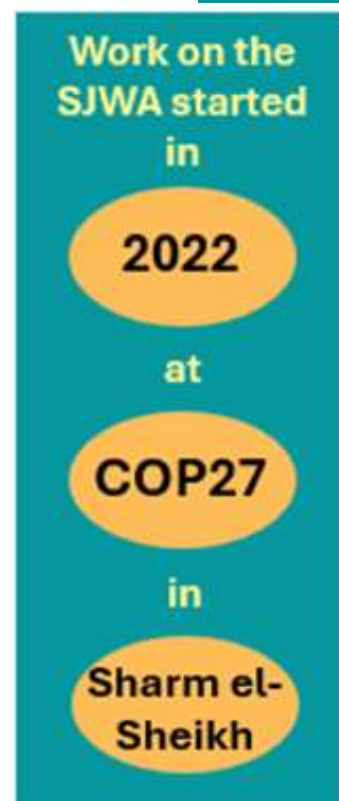


Background

Created at [COP27](#), the Sharm el-Sheikh Joint Work on Implementation of Climate Action on Agriculture and Food Security (SJWA) recognises the unique position of agriculture as a cause of climate change, an area for possible adaptation and mitigation, and an area vulnerable to climate change. The SJWA aims to address the impact of climate change on food security whilst recognising the vulnerability of particular groups, including small farms, Indigenous People, and [women](#).

State of Play

[COP28](#) was the first COP to prioritise agriculture and food security. Previously these discussions were absent or limited. Over 150 countries signed the COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, recognising the need to reshape our food systems, given the interdependence of [climate, food security and agriculture](#). Whilst it has no legal implications, it is a step forward in critically bringing agriculture to the foreground. At [SB60](#) this June, a 4-year roadmap for the SJWA to COP31 was finally agreed upon. This includes an annual synthesis report, capacity building workshops, and the Sharm el-Sheikh online portal, to be unveiled at COP29.



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Key Questions for COP29 (75-100 words)

Given that the 4-year roadmap to 2026 has only just been agreed to, whether any of its aims are feasible within such a short time frame is up for debate at COP29. Parties are expected to integrate food system transformations into their plans from COP29 onwards; what they will commit to is the big question. The COP29 presidency is also launching the Baku Harmoniya Climate Initiative for Farmers, intended to encourage collaboration with a particular focus on empowering rural farmers, women, and youth. The details of this initiative will be unveiled and explored towards the end of COP29.

Key Events & Meetings

Event	Date & Time	Accessibility
Accelerating Climate Action in Agriculture and Land Use	21st of November 2024, 10:15 - 11:15 AZT	Special Event Room - Shirvan, Area B More Information

Sources:

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