

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



Background

This program was launched at COP27, in 2022, with the purpose of mobilizing financial resources towards agriculture. In accordance with the timeline of the program, the parties discussed the implementation of an online portal at COP29 to facilitate access to financial support for the most vulnerable, such as women and family farmers.

COP29 Outcomes

The final text was approved at the plenary on the 15th of November and outlines a template for online submissions and suggestions to make the platform accessible. The G77 proposed a template to encourage submissions, noting that, as of the 13th of November, only one submission had been made. After some initial resistance from Canada, the USA, and Australia about the format suggested by the G77, as well as whether it should be implemented immediately and then improved, or improved prior to implementation, parties eventually agreed to pass the draft text. The online platform will be further discussed at SB62 in June 2025.

Party Positions

	Format (how to format the platform)	Timeline (when to implement the platform)	Accessibility (how to make the platform accessible to users)
G77	Different sections for submissions, including an area for links	Immediate implementation to stimulate submissions	Simple platform, to promote accessibility
Canada	Users to be able to send their submissions to several sections, rather than stick to one	Trial and improvement of the platform prior to launch	Simple platform, to promote accessibility, but with searchable tags or a box-ticking mechanism
United States of America	Greater clarity on the links section	Trial and improvement of the platform prior to launch	Simple platform, to promote accessibility, but with searchable tags or a box-ticking mechanism
FINAL OUTCOME	Decision deferred to June 2025	Platform implemented, but will be finalized in June 2025	Decision deferred to June 2025

The Road Ahead

The online portal will start being populated with submissions starting from the 31st of December. With the submissions in hand, the parties will reconsider the functionalities of the online platform at SB62 in June 2025.

Sources:

<https://www.fao.org/climate-change/action-areas/climate-negotiations/sharm-el-sheikh-joint-work/en>

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