

Reference to Comments in the Chair's Negotiating Text: Secretariat's Report

	Comments	Reference in Chair's Negotiating Text
1.	Biofuels should be based on sustainability criteria according to a life-cycle approach.	Reference to biofuels is included in paras 4b and 4c.
2.	Private Capital flows in line with sustainable development principles in Africa.	Reference to private capital flows is included in paras 34b and 43d.
3.	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to be included.	Not in text. [This treaty entered into force in 2004 with the ratification of 55 states, a number that has now (beginning of 2009) increased to 119 States].
4.	Elaborate on the: - precautionary principle - organic farming - organic agriculture - global partnership for agric. development	- Not in text - Not in text - This is included in para 2c - Not in text
5.	Good governance is not emphasized enough in the text.	Good governance is referred to para 21a in connection with drought and 30b in connection with promoting enabling environment in Africa.
6.	More emphasis on least developed countries, Africa's special needs.	No specific reference is made in preambular section, but references exist in paras 3c, 5e, 9a, 27 through 36, 43e, 44c, and 45e.
7.	Challenges faced by people under foreign occupation	Not in the text.
8.	Water and Sanitation has not been addressed	Water is referred to in preambular section, and paras 4a to 4d, 10a, 10c, 15, 18, 21a, 21d, 23, 25, 35; and sanitation is referred to 5f, 10a, 10c, 35b.
9.	Means of implementation: text to distinguish between responsibilities of developed and developing countries in financial resources, technology transfer, capacity building and debt cancellation	Not mentioned specifically in the text.
10.	The Paris Principles for Aid Effectiveness should not be highlighted because it is not a general commitment.	Reference to Paris Principles of Aid Effectiveness is made in para 43b.
11.	Climate change is coherently dealt with at UNFCCC	Climate change is referred to in paras 41a-h. However, the references are to the impact of climate change on agriculture and other thematic issues, and not on climate negotiations.
12.	On trade, subsidies of developed countries should also be addressed under agriculture and rural development	This is included in paras 5i and 44a.
13.	Means of implementation should be addressed under each policy option.	The text has a separate section on means of implementation, including some means of implementation are also mentioned under each thematic issue.

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14.	Africa disaster risk reduction and management taking into account early warning systems, climate change impacts and specific country profiles.	- Disaster risk reduction: Not in text. - Disaster management: This is referred to in para 26b.
15.	Value of Ecosystem Services .	Provision of ecosystem services is referred to in paras 11f and 12.
16.	Good governance as a cross-cutting issue (rule of law, accountable public institutions, freedom and democracy)	This is referred to in paras 21a and 30b.
17.	References to food security, access and right to food are missing.	Food security is referred to in the preambular section (HL Conf. on World Food Security), as well as paras 1, 2e, 2f, 4a, 4b, 6a, 6d, 12, 27, and 39. Right to food is not in the text.
18.	Include proposals on development international guidelines on biofuels by UN system .	See Row 1 above.
19.	Expand the references to disaster risk reduction and management (climate change).	See Row 11 above.
20.	Substantive policy recommendations should be part of the main text, not in the annex.	This is a general comment
21.	Text to reflect link of food security to sustainable agriculture .	See Row 14, first bullet point, above. Sustainable agriculture is referred to in paras 28f and 45e.
22.	Increase references to information sharing versus technology.	A reference to information sharing and communication technology is included in para 10d.
23.	Unified approach to R&D education for cross-disciplinary purposes.	R&D is included in paras 3d and 28f.
24.	The text suggests that mismanagement of land leads to its degradation which is misleading.	Land degradation is referred to in paras 13g, 14b, 14c, 23, 26b, 26k, and 27, but para 13g could be construed as implicit link.
25.	Text does not mention farmer-based cooperatives.	A reference to rural-based cooperatives is included in para 2i.
26.	Payments for ecosystem services and certification schemes.	- Provision of Ecosystem services is referred to in paras 11f and 12. - Payment of ecosystem services is not in text. - Certification schemes are not in the text.

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27.	Regulation of biofuels through an International Framework.	See Row 1 above.
28.	Need for international guidelines for more secure land tenure arrangements .	The need for secure land tenure is mentioned repeatedly in paras 8a, 16, 16a, 21a, 25e, 28g, 39e, and 42.
29.	Strive for new and forward-looking recommendations with clear responsibilities	This appears to be a general comment.
30.	Reference to African Development Conference (TICAD IV) .	TICAD is not referred explicitly in the text
31.	Need expanded references to ODA, debt relief, trade-distorting subsidies	- ODA is referred to in paras 3b, 33b, 33c, and 33d. - Debt relief is referred to in para 32b. - Trade-distorting subsidies are referred to in paras 5i and 44a.
32.	Separate section on SIDS in the text.	SIDS are referred to explicitly in paras 15e, 15f, 39f, 41h, and in first preambular para. All the issues proposed by AOSIS and CARICOM are included in the text, but those that were relevant to other countries as well do not refer to SIDS explicitly.
33.	Crop insurance in case of natural disasters.	Crop Insurance is not referred to explicitly in the text, but insurance is referred to in paras 8c, 21a, and 29a.
34.	Address availability of funding as well as accessibility.	This is referred to in para 43 (a to f).
35.	Food security as a cross-cutting issue for small island developing states.	Food security is referred to in the preambular section (HL Conf. on World Food Security), as well as paras 1, 2e, 2f, 4a, 4b, 6a, 6d, 12, 27, and 39. It refers to all countries or all developing countries but not exclusively to SIDS.
36.	Add references on degradation and poor land management leading to conflicts .	Land degradation is referred to in paras 13g, 14c, 23, 25b, 25c, 26k and 27. Conflicts are referred to in para 28h.
37.	Text to reflect the urgency of the food crisis/ food security .	An urgency to challenges is referred to in preambular section; while food security is referred to in the preambular section (HL Conf. on World Food Security), as well as paras 1, 2e, 2f, 4a, 4b, 6a, 6d, 12, 27, and 39.
38.	Agricultural subsidies are not only in developed countries. Markets in all countries need to be opened to free trade.	Subsidies are referred to in paras 5i and 44a.
39.	Good governance should also be included	Good Governance is referred to in paras 21a and 30b.

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40.	Economic, social and environmental challenges and rights faced by countries and peoples under foreign occupation .	Reference to foreign occupation is not in the text.
41.	Reference to biofuels not at the expense of food crops.	The reference to biofuels in paras 4b and 4c makes clear that they should not be at the expense of food.
42.	Need to highlight different economic factors in the global food crisis	The global food crisis is discussed in paras 6e; and food is referred to several times in the preambular paras as well as in paras 1, 2d, 2e, 2f, 4a, 4b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 12, 13a, 27, 30c, 39, 40, and 42. Some of these refer to the underlying factors, including economic factors.
43.	Concerns of least developed countries not reflected.	Least developed countries are mentioned specifically in paras 43e, 44b, and 44c.
44.	References to the impacts to and special vulnerabilities of low-lying coastal states .	Low-lying coastal states are not referred to explicitly in the text.
45.	Questioned the proposal to mobilize new and additional financial resources for the Global Mechanism for the implementation of the UNCCD 10-Year Strategic Plan.	UNCCD is referred to in paras 26i and 24c, and the Global Mechanism is referred to in para 26i.
46.	UNCCD be referred as focal point on land.	There is no reference to UNCCD in the section on land.
47.	Reference to the Summit on climate change in September in terms of addressing the mutual impact of climate change, land degradation and desertification is missing.	Climate change and desertification are referred to in para 40g, but reference to Summit is missing.
48.	Enhanced references to recognized rights of women, youth and Indigenous Peoples .	Women are referred to in paras 8a, 8b, 9b, 16, 16e, 17d, 25e, 26f, 28g, 28i, 35d, 39, 39d, 39e, and 39f. Youth are referred to in paras 7, 9b, 39, 39b, 39f. Indigenous people are referred to in paras 8b, 16, 16e, 26f, 39, 39d.
49.	Add proposals on capacity building and rights-based approaches.	Capacity building is referred to under thematic areas, and specifically in para 45.
50.	Support countries' comments on lack of reference to biofuels .	See Rows 1 and 15 above.
51.	Sustainable agriculture must be ecosystem-based.	Sustainable agriculture is referred to in paras 28f and 45e, and the text is consistent with an ecosystem based approach.
52.	Locally accessible education in rural areas (para 9b) should build capacity within (not among) communities.	Para 9b.
53.	Increase references to youth as actors in implementation.	Youth are referred to in paras 7, 9b, 39, 39b, 39f.
54.	Missing issues include capacity building, information and communication in local communities .	Capacity building is referred to in para 10d.

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55.	Technology solutions that include social aspects of farmers , including rights-based approach to water and food and resources is missing .	This is not in the text
56.	Biofuels references do not capture threats to local food security .	See Row 41.
57.	In Africa, references to home-grown school feeding programs is missing .	This is not referred to in the text.
58.	Strengthening urban-rural linkages to markets through support of urban and peri-urban agriculture, including market processing for nearby areas.	Close economic integration of rural areas with neighboring urban areas is referred to in para 7.
59.	Emphasize the role of local authorities in conjunction with scientific and technological community.	This is not referred to in the text.
60.	Add references to promoting decent work to improve living conditions as a solution to eradicate poverty in rural areas.	This is not referred to in the text.
61.	Knowledge-based approach to sustainable agriculture research and development is essential, requires capacity building in education and engineering, and training with emphasis on women and youth.	Sustainable agriculture is referred to in paras 28f and 45e; and capacity building is referred to in para 45. The text is consistent with a knowledge-based approach.
62.	Infrastructure encompasses physical, social and environmental aspects and must be addressed in an integrated manner.	Infrastructure is referred to in paras 3a, 5d, 7, 10a, 13e, 29b, 29c, 34a, 42, and 43d. While it is mainly regarding physical infrastructure, the text is no inconsistent with this suggestion.
63.	Include investment in sustainable agriculture .	Investment in sustainable agriculture is referred to in para 43.
64.	Farmers as effective partners in MEAs implementation.	Farmers are recognized as partners. See paras 13, 1, 2g, 2h, 2i, 3e, 4b, 5b, 5d, 8a, 8c, 13g, 28i, 29a, 31a, 39e, 44c, and 45d.