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Dear Dr. Shelat,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 March 2024. I sincerely appreciate the dedication of National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD) - India to sustainable livelihoods for farmers and its active involvement in addressing the critical intersection of climate change and agriculture. NCCSD's commitment and impactful work in these essential areas are highly commendable and greatly valued in our shared endeavor towards sustainability and resilience.

Thank you for your offer to present your valuable insights. As you may have noted, the issue of agriculture and food security garnered due attention at COP 28 owing to the leadership of the COP 28 Presidency who spearheaded the [COP 28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action](#). To complement Parties' pledge, I believe your inputs would be insightful. Engaging with initiatives such as these provide an opportunity to influence global strategies and policies, ensuring that the voices of those at the forefront of climate-impacted agriculture are heard. For more targeted engagement with the COP 28 Presidency, particularly concerning food systems, you may wish to connect with Mohammed Farrae (mfarrae@cop28.com), a Senior Food Systems Specialist in the COP 28 Presidency team.

Additionally, I encourage NCCSD to channel this expertise directly to Parties through our established engagement platforms, ensuring that your contributions be integrated into the broader framework of our collective efforts; namely, by submitting your suggestions on agriculture and support to farmer as response to the COP's call for submissions on the "Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security"¹. Although the formal deadline has passed, the dialogue of agriculture and food security is still ongoing in the UNFCCC process and this platform gives Parties the visibility to your proposal as a valuable contribution.

¹ For information about the UNFCCC Submission Portal, please see here: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/parties-non-party-stakeholders/non-party-stakeholders/submissions/submission-portal>.

To navigate to the mentioned call for submission, please search for "Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security" on the Submission Portal, which can be found here: <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.



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We value the proactive steps NCCSD is taking to address these critical issues and look forward to your continued contributions to the UNFCCC process.

I thank you again for your continued engagement in the UNFCCC process.

Yours sincerely,

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