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NACSAA Statement on Climate Smart Agriculture in Katowice

Next week, [North America Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance](#) (NACSAA) Chairman Fred Yoder will be attending the 24th Session of the Conference of the Parties ([COP24](#)) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Katowice, Poland, promoting climate smart agriculture policies and programs.

Yoder issued the following statement on the upcoming conference:

"The UNFCCC's decision last spring to consider the impacts to – and opportunities for – agriculture in dealing with global climate change truly acknowledged the critically important role agricultural landscapes can play in sustaining productivity, enhancing climate resilience, and contributing to the local and global goals for sustainability.

"The NACSAA [recommendations](#) that were largely incorporated into the climate strategy framework approved by negotiators in May focused on soil health, livestock production systems, crop and nutrient management, agroforestry, water resource management and integrated solutions, including bioenergy.

"We will go to Katowice in support of our [second round of submissions](#), which focus on how the work plan will be constructed and who gets to participate in its development. We aim to insure an agricultural approach to climate change plays a significant role in the UNFCCC's development of global strategies that deal with the growing threats posed by rising emissions and the volatile weather conditions they generate.

"The world is waking up to the role agricultural landscapes can play in addressing climate challenges. That is why NACSAA's members are investing so much work in this area. We can't afford for those who are writing the global agricultural work program not to get it right."

Joining Yoder in support of NACSAA's climate smart agriculture advocacy mission in Katowice will be [Solutions from the Land](#) (SfL) Co-Chairman A.G. Kawamura and President Ernie Shea. SfL, which promotes management practices for working lands to help meet the challenges of climate change, launched the NACSAA initiative in 2015 as a platform for engagement, dialogue, knowledge sharing and application of climate science to the agriculture and forestry sectors.

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