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DDG on Environment and Climate
How smart farming can improve environmental
and climatic performance of the farming sector

What do you understand under smart farming?

- Development is constant, like the challenges
- Human factor is catalyst to real world decision making at farm level
- The right time, at the right rate, and the right place

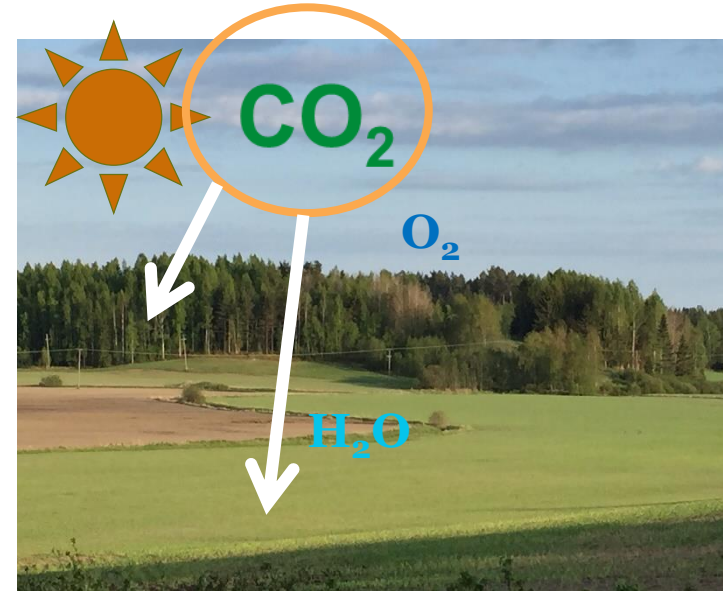
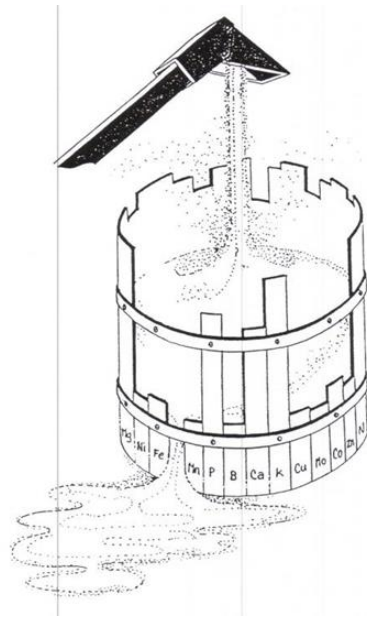
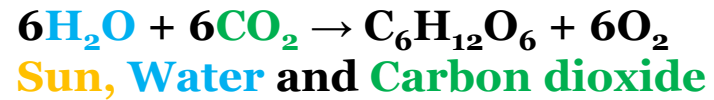


What is the potential of smart farming for improving environmental performance and overall sustainability?

- Improvements in emissions intensities are possible on a case by case scenario
- Better resource use means increase of productivity - a win win situation
- Technologies (carbon sequestration, soil management plans, carbon auditing, etc.) should be affordable and visible in the national registries
- Remote sensing in tandem with boots on the ground

Carbon capture for biomass

1. Need for **photosynthesis** with all other essential nutrients



BIOMASS= **Carbohydrates with & Nutrients**
BIOMASS= **FOOD, FEED & FIBER**

What is the timeline to expect for these benefits?

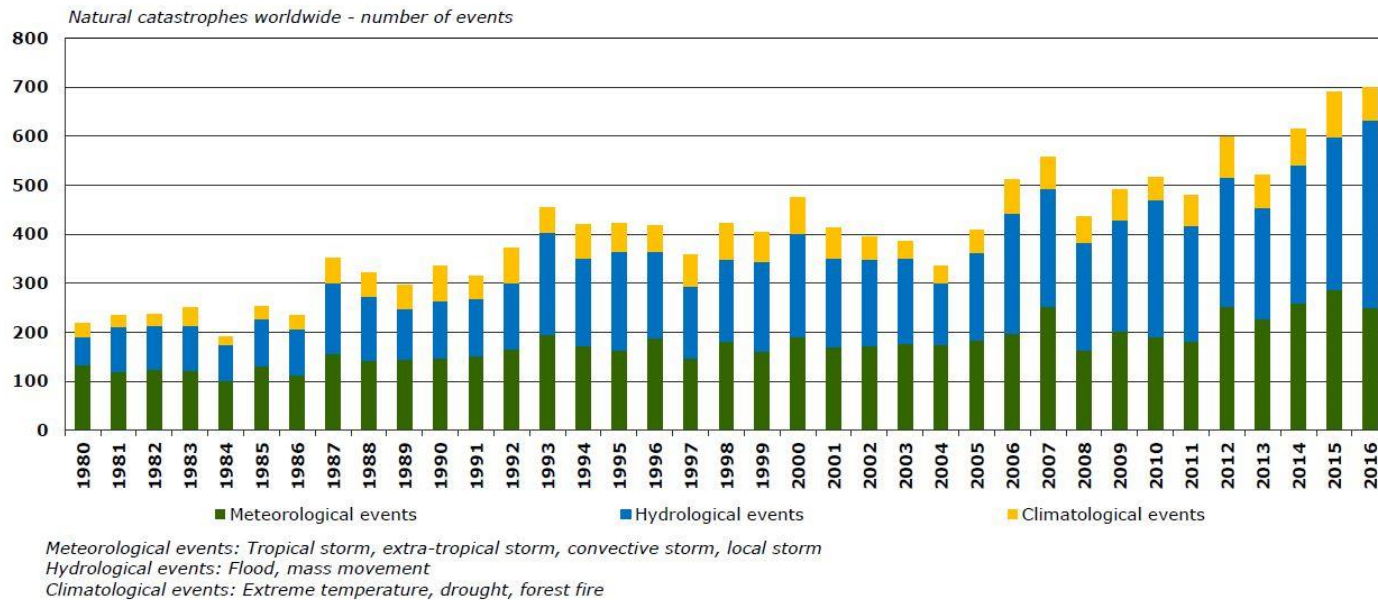
- Nature needs time to respond – time lag
- Soil needs time to build up SOM, same for other resource efficiency questions (water, biodiversity, etc.
- Research and commercialisation of suggested solutions for reducing emissions is underway
- Agriculture will have to follow a different path towards a low carbon future

What are the most important obstacle to unlock the full potential?

- Food production and environmental and climate protection should work in tandem
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- Data ownership from farmers

How to make it work for all farmers, regardless their size or type of farm?

- All farmers are subject to risks
- Synergies addressing productivity and a number of climate/market risks
- Future projections of pressure from climate change



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- Climate change and food security and food security are global challenges

Farming is an old but not old fashioned profession!



Thank you for
your attention!