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Farmers – Producers of HUMAN BEING - FUEL (your every day food)

Farmers face barriers that prevent them sometimes, from adapting to the now globalized world. We face climate change effects and also have to use sustainable sources of energy. We have market problems...the price of our products has the smaller share on the price the consumer pays for it. There are many barriers to face:

Farmers **LACK THE FINANCIAL CAPITAL** to invest in new sustainable practices.

It is need to continue to **EXPAND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH** – and make it available to the farmers.

Detailed regional information for climate change impacts and lack of capital make predictions and adaptations difficult to realise. **NO** Internet network for most farmers in under development countries.

It is essential to recognize the **important role of farmers and growers** both as representing one of the most affected sectors by climate change but also as a sector with a huge potential in the design of instruments and tool to address this problem.

If the **DEVELOPDED WORLD** invest in **RENEWABLE ENERGY** in the underdeveloped countries, **WE FARMERS** could produce it, such as, **ETHANOL –BIODIESEL** etc. And **POVERTY** could vanished of the world as planned and wished. So I would like to finish this statement saying

WE FARMER ARE THE SOLUTION AND NOT THE PROBLEM,