



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant

Name:	
Job Title:	Scientific and technical adviser
Division/Department:	AGDDD (CFS-HLPE)
Programme/Project Number:	
Duty Station:	FAO-Headquarters, Rome, Italy
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	Duration: 11 months
Reports to: <i>Name:</i> Nathanaël PINGAULT	<i>Title:</i> HLPE Coordinator

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Background and rationale :

The High Level Panel of Experts for Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) was created in October 2009, as an essential element of the reform of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the foremost inclusive and evidence-based international and intergovernmental platform for food security and nutrition. The HLPE was assigned 3 key functions in the reform document:

- Assess and analyze the current state of food security and nutrition and its underlying causes.
- Provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice on specific policy-relevant issues, utilizing existing high quality research, data and technical studies.
- Identify emerging issues, and help members prioritize future actions and attentions on key focal areas.

The HLPE produces its reports, recommendations and advice independently from governmental positions, through an inclusive and evidence-based process, in order to inform discussions and debates in CFS.

The HLPE has a two-tier structure: a Steering Committee composed of 10 to 15 internationally recognized experts in a variety of food security and nutrition related fields; and Project Teams, acting on a project-specific basis, selected and managed by the Steering Committee.

The consultant will therefore work with internationally recognized scientists in different disciplines, from all over the world. He will contribute to the elaboration and coordination of scientific reports on topics related to food security and nutrition.

This activity will contribute to FAO Strategic Objective 1 *"Eradicate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition"*, Output 1.1 *"Increased awareness among decision makers, development partners and society at large of the urgent need to take decisive action to eradicate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition"*.

Justification:

The consultant will contribute to strengthen the links between the HLPE and the Chinese scientific community, in particular as relating to food security and nutrition and to the topics of the reports under preparation, and to better use the results and knowledge coming from Chinese scientific literature in the elaboration of future HLPE reports that will be used as a basis to elaborate negotiated CFS policy recommendations.

Supervision:

The consultant will work within the HLPE Secretariat team, in FAO HQ, Rome, under the general supervision of the HLPE Coordinator.

Activities

The consultant will:

- Conduct targeted researches and literature reviews in the areas of interest
- Facilitate access to diversified evidence basis and, in particular, to the Chinese scientific literature related to the topics of interest
- Contribute to check data and references before the release of the final reports
- Take proactive contacts in order to better involve Chinese experts in HLPE work
- Contribute to the improvement and updating of the HLPE roster of experts
- Trigger scientific contributions to the HLPE work
- Contribute to the analysis and synthesis of the contributions received during the HLPE open consultations
- Contribute to the quality check of the translation of the final reports in Chinese.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribution to ongoing reports• Synthesis of the HLPE open consultations• Updated HLPE Roster of experts	NTE