



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant

Name:	
Job Title: Food Chain Crisis Policy Advisor	
Division/Department:	AGD/AG Food Chain Crisis – Intelligence and Coordination Unit (FCC-ICU)
Programme/Project Number:	
Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	Duration: 11 months
Reports to: Name:	Title: Senior Coordinator
<i>Mona Chaya</i>	

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

General Description

The Food Chain Crisis Intelligence and Coordination Unit (FCC-ICU) based in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department has a key strategic role in the global governance of food chain threats caused by transboundary animal and plant pests, diseases and food safety emergencies. The Unit focuses on food chain threats intelligence, short and medium term threats forecasting, early warning, anticipating crises and developing risk scenarios, information sharing and communication, advocacy, networking, identifying strategic partnerships, and resources mobilization for emergencies in close collaboration with other FAO units and decentralized offices, and contributing mainly to FAO Strategic Program 5 (Resilience).

The visiting expert is expected to contribute to the role of FCC-ICU according to the objectives and tasks listed below. He/she will be supervised by Dr Mona S. Chaya, who has more than 20 year experience in agricultural rehabilitations in crisis situations and has been leading this Unit for the last 8 years.

Objectives

- Strengthen intelligence in food chain threats to enhance early warning and prevention
- Improve preparedness of countries to food chain crises
- Contribute to overall country and community resilience

Tasks

- Identify networks of relevance to support multidisciplinary intelligence of the FCC-ICU
- Develop external essential partnerships and alliances, including government agencies and academic institutions in China, to enhance multidisciplinary information and intelligence.
- Ensure information gathering from a wider variety of information sources, including China, to support

multidisciplinary intelligence in food chain threats.

- Design and develop a framework to support multidisciplinary integrated contingency plans and risk communication.

- Design a technical, analytical framework to support the integration of databases relevant to early warning systems for food chain crises.

- Contribute to resources mobilization to prevention and early warning in accordance with the FAO corporate strategy on resources mobilization.

Profile of Expert

Agricultural expert with background in plant pests and diseases and early warning strongly focused on policy issues.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

Multidisciplinary intelligence network developed.

One project proposal developed.

Framework developed for multidisciplinary integrated databases.

Framework developed on multidisciplinary integrated contingency plans.

Required Completion Date:

After one year of arrival

After one year of arrival

After one year of arrival

After 18 months of arrival