

Terms of reference

Strategic Secondment on Food Security, Nutrition and Food Quality NL-WB Partnership Food for All

Job Title:	Senior Agriculture Specialist
Manager:	Martien van Nieuwkoop
Department/Division:	GFA12
Length of Assignment:	Two years, likely to be followed by one more year
Financial Agreement:	Fully paid directly by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Background / organizational Context:

The strategic secondment of a Senior Advisor Food Security of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands to the World Bank Agriculture Global Practice takes place in the context of the MoU 'Food for All' signed in 2015 between the two organizations. This partnership between the Netherlands and the World Bank Group is primarily targeted at the development and exchange of knowledge and the promotion of innovation. The pillars of the partnership are safe and healthy food systems, inclusive growth in the agricultural sector and ecological sustainable food systems, all in the context of development cooperation.

The World Bank and the Netherlands have a long history of supporting low and middle income countries in realizing their goals related to agricultural development and food security. Most of this effort has focused on improving agricultural productivity through support for agricultural services and investments in irrigation and other infrastructure. Attention has also been given to improving the policies related to food security and those which affect the enabling environment for farmer and private investment in agriculture and in business activities prior to and after the farm-gate. Reflecting emerging concerns, collaboration has also begun in relation to food safety, agriculture's climate resilience, and strengthening the contribution of food systems to improved nutritional outcomes.

Key Duties and Accountabilities:

The Senior Agriculture Specialist will operate as a liaison for the NL-Bank Partnership Food for All. The World Bank and the Netherlands share a common interest in making effective use of evidence and knowledge generated under the CGIAR system as well as from amongst Dutch institutions. This will contribute to better informed policy dialogue and program development. Synergies among country operations of the Bank, the CGIAR and the Netherlands can strengthen effective delivery. The Food & Business Knowledge Platform in the Netherlands further supports this agenda. While it is expected that the Advisor's liaison and knowledge management functions will, over time, relate to several of the Agriculture Global Practice's strategic priorities, some particular emphasis will be placed on supporting the advocacy, convening, learning, knowledge management and operational back-stopping roles of the Global Solutions Group on Food Quality (FOOD GSG).

The assignment will ensure an effective, accessible and visible NL-WB partnership. It will do so by:

- Enabling an intensified participation of Dutch expertise (from academe, research, civil society and the private sector) in WBG endeavors related to food systems (through development of expert databases, match-making of experts with WB teams, and other means);
- Strengthening WBG staff awareness of successful Dutch and other experiences (through the organization of 'learning journeys', a BBL series, and other means);
- Strengthening collaborations between the NL, the WBG, and CGIAR institutions to deepen knowledge and apply best practices in operations related to nutrition-sensitive agriculture, food safety, and other dimensions of sustainable and inclusive food systems;
- Supporting the functioning of the Food GSG as a Community of Practice (by contributing to portfolio reviews, preparing guidance notes, organizing events, etc.).

Facilitating Dutch expert participation in selected Flagship studies involving the Agriculture Global Practice and contributing to the design/implementation of some such work.

The advisor will be based at the World Bank Agriculture Global Practice in Washington but will maintain close working relations with the food security team at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands. He will maintain and further develop relations with Dutch knowledge institutions, private sector and civil society as well as the Ministry of Economic Affairs in areas relevant to the assignment.