

Vacancy Announcement by La Via Campesina

Title: One Year Consultancy to offer Technical Support to the UN Decade of Family Farming Process within La Via Campesina

Duration of the Consultancy: One year

Since 2021, LVC has taken up the second vice-presidency of the International Steering Committee (ISC) of the UN Decade on Family Farming (UNDF). This mandate for a period of 27 Months will run until the end of 2023. A dynamic team of LVC leaders is responsible for this task. Key to this process are a series of internal consultations within LVC and periodic exchanges with governmental representatives, members of FAO, IFAD and other international institutions. The consultant is expected to provide technical support to this process, under the leadership and responsibility of designated LVC leaders and in close coordination with the assigned staff member(s) from the International Secretariat (IOS).

Description of Tasks

The consultant's primary role would be to facilitate and provide technical support to the internal discussions among LVC members on the UNDF and to follow-up on the decisions taken at such meetings.

More specifically, the work related to the UNDF includes 3 main areas of technical support:

- **Support to the political processes:** Provide constant support to our representatives, organisations of meetings, planning of activities, regular meetings with UNDF secretariat, governments, other organisations and actors of the International Steering Committee of the UNDF, facilitate the interconnection between different policy processes (CFS, ISC, UNFSS).
- Support with the systematization of policies and processes related to family farming at national/ regional level. This would mean proactively following and reporting on the latest developments and news, as well as closely following the initiatives at LVC's regional secretariats.
- Interpretation: Support the constant need of organising interpretation support for meetings and help with the translation of messages and documents (especially EN/ES), in line with the policies followed at the international secretariat.
- Support fund-raising activities and the implementation of funding dossiers after due consultation with the assigned staff member(s) of the international secretariat and based on the direction provided by LVC leaders.

Profile

- Good understanding of movement processes and experience in supporting social movements at regional or international level,
- Ability to support and work in coordination with LVC leaders in different regions and time zones as well as the staff team of LVC following the Decade process,
- Should be able to self-organize, capable of organizing work with minimal supervision,

- Good level of English and Spanish, additional French would be an advantage,
- Should be able to work “in a team” and feel responsible for protecting the collective processes as agreed for this work,
- Should not take any public or political profile, and cannot speak on behalf of the movement in any spaces, unless specifically assigned to.
- Should be ready to give mainly logistical support, to organize calls, meetings and assure the interpretation in smaller meetings and translate smaller texts as far as required,

Consultancy Conditions

Duration consultancy: We offer a 1 year consultancy for 28 hours per week with the possibility of extension. The consultancy fee will be 2600 euros (brut) per month for 12 months in the year.

Location: The person should be preferably based at the moment in Italy, at a reasonable distance from or in Rome, that would allow to travel and work in Rome for face-to-face meetings and organisational work in Rome, taking into account the pandemic context.

Procedure

If you are interested in this position please send your presentation letter and curriculum vitae to Nico Verhagen (nverhagen@viacampesina.org), with a copy to recruitments@viacampesina.org before the 10th of January 2022. Please mention “**UNDF-CONSULTANT**” in the subject line.