



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Interns

Name:	
Job Title: AWSAMe and WASAG Intern	
Division/Office: Land and Water Division (NSL)	
Duty Station: Rome	
Linkage to FAO's Four Betters: Better Environment and Better Production	
Start Date of Assignment: September 2023	Duration and End Date: August 2024
Report to, name of supervisor: Ruhiza Boroto	Title: Senior Land & Water Officer/AWSAMe & WASAG Team leader

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

Background:

Two complementary initiatives are to be supported by this internship:

1. The Value Adding Impact Area (VAIA), 'Addressing Water Scarcity for Agriculture and environment (AWSAMe) which is one of the three Value Adding Impact Areas (VAIAs) of one of the four Betters of the FAO Strategic Framework, namely: Better Environment. AWSAMe is now being rolled out in order to promote sustainable water use for agriculture without jeopardizing the sustainability and social equity with the following tangible results: (1) promoting the wider adoption of indigenous and drought resistant and nutritious crops in response to climate change and water scarcity in agriculture and to reverse land degradation in target countries and through project proposals; (2) supporting the inter- Regional Platform on Water Scarcity through the development of Knowledge Products that address water scarcity in agriculture, in collaboration with other units in NSL and other technical divisions; (3) establishing partnerships with other institutions and resource partners for developing and implementing solutions to water scarcity in agriculture through agreed project proposals.

2. The Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) is a partnership bringing together an increasing number of institutions, all committed to find solutions to water scarcity in agriculture. WASAG was launched at the United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s COP 23 in Marrakech in November 2016. WASAG aims to support the development and implementation of policies, strategies, programmes and field capacity for the adaptation of agriculture to water scarcity, using context specific approaches and processes tailored to specific circumstances and needs, including support to the formulation of transformational projects.

The Committee on Agriculture (COAG) supported the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) during its 26th and 27th meetings. Specifically, COAG 26 and 27:

- a) Supported the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) as a key coordination mechanism to adapt to the effects of water scarcity in agriculture in a changing climate both at national and global levels, in sustainable and inclusive manners;
- b) Requested the collaboration of WASAG towards a Global Programme on Sustainable Dryland Agriculture;
- c) Requested FAO to provide technical and policy assistance to countries, including through South-South Cooperation and innovative approaches, to enhance their involvement in WASAG activities;
- d) Requested FAO to report to COAG periodically on the progress of the partnership;
- e) Requested FAO to develop an umbrella programme, including a funding strategy.

WASAG reported on progress during COAG 28 and was recognized as critical to also achieve water governance.

WASAG (<https://www.fao.org/wasag/en/>) has a Steering Committee (SC) that oversees its activities. The WASAG incumbent will be part of WASAG Support Team, which is hosted by the Land and Water Division of the FAO, in Rome. The incumbent will assist the line supervisor on the Global Framework for Water Scarcity in Agriculture.

WASAG has established working groups with focus on: (1) Water and Migration; (2) Drought Preparedness; (3) Financing Mechanisms; (4) Water and Nutrition, (5) Sustainable Agriculture Water Use; and (6) Saline Agriculture. Each working group is led by one or more WASAG partners. Several partners contribute to the work of WASAG by making available their expertise and other resources to address the needs of addressing water scarcity in agriculture.

WASAG held its 1st International Forum on Water Scarcity in Agriculture from 19 to 22 March 2019 in Praia, Cabo Verde during which, the participants endorsed 17 commitments – called the Praia Commitment and a key WASAG document - emerging the work of each of WASAG's working groups. In the period following COVID-19, WASAG organized 10 webinars with its Partners, mostly on -but not limited to - the themes of its working groups. WASAG has launched its own website on www.fao.org/wasag. WASAG elected its new Steering Committee in August/September 2020 and finalized its Strategy for 2021-2024. The WASAG Support Team is now working on implementing the new WASAG Strategy in the context of FAO's Strategic Framework for 2022-31. A second WASAG International forum is also planned from 7 to 10 February 2023 in Praia, Cabo Verde.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision the Director of the Land and Water Division and the direct supervision of Senior Land and Water Officer, aligning with FAO's visions and targets, the incumbent will carry out the following tasks:

- 1) Support the rollout of the AWSAME initiative, especially its components of drought resilient crops and on knowledge products
- 2) Support the development of AWSAME project proposals
- 3) Support the implementation of the WASAG projects and programme.
- 4) Support the WASAG working groups in their activities
- 5) Contribute to the preparation of the meetings of the Steering Committee of WASAG, Working Groups, Partners meetings and webinars
- 6) Contribute to various tasks related to the water cluster to the NSL division and to the division
- 7) Provide assistance in carrying out any other duties as required

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
1) Support provided to AWSAME's components on drought resilient crops and knowledge products	As required/ ongoing
2) Support provided to the development of AWSAME project proposals	As required/ ongoing
3) Support the implementation of WASAG project and programme	As required/on going
4) Support provided to the WASAG working groups	As required/ ongoing
5) Support provided to WASAG's the SC, Working Groups, Partners Meetings, and webinars	As required/ ongoing
6) Contribution to various tasks related to the water cluster or other tasks of the NSL Division	As required/ ongoing
7) Ad hoc tasks carried out as and when requested	

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Minimum requirements:

- University degree in environmental management, water management, sustainable agriculture, and/or a related field.
- Adequate level of knowledge of current global issues, as well as trends, constraints, and research needs related to water scarcity.
- Working knowledge of either English, French or Spanish is required.
- Ability to effectively use standard office software, such as MS Office (Windows, Word, Outlook, Excel, Power Point).