



联合国
粮食及
农业组织

Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Organisation des Nations
Unies pour l'alimentation
et l'agriculture

Продовольственная и
сельскохозяйственная организация
Объединенных Наций

Organización de las
Naciones Unidas para la
Alimentación y la Agricultura

منظمة
الغذية والزراعة
للأمم المتحدة

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hundred and Sixty-sixth Session

Rome, 27 -31 March 2017

FAO Audit Committee Membership

Queries on the substantive content of this document may be addressed to:

Thierry Rajaobelina
Inspector General, OIG
Tel: + 06 5705 4884

*This document can be accessed using the Quick Response Code on this page;
an FAO initiative to minimize its environmental impact and promote greener communications.
Other documents can be consulted at www.fao.org*



ms955

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the FAO Audit Committee comprises five external members whose membership is agreed by Council on the recommendation of the Director-General and the Finance Committee. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications as senior audit and/or investigation professionals. Due regard is paid in their selection to gender and geographic representation on the Committee.
- Members serve for a three year period, which may be renewed for a maximum of three further years after the initial term at the discretion of the Director-General.
- In mid-2017, two members (from Asia and the Western European regions) will have completed their initial three-year term and have confirmed that they will be available to serve a further term.
- Upon advice received from the outgoing Inspector General, taking into account the active and positive contributions of the two members whose current terms will complete in mid-2017, with the need to continue to balance the Committee in terms of continuity and turnover, maintain the Committee's range of collective professional experience, and give due regard to its gender and geographical balance, the Director-General is recommending the extension of appointments for Ms Enery Quinones and Mr. Verasak Liengsriwat, for a further three years, at which time they will have served on the Committee for six years.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is invited to consider the document and make a recommendation to the Council regarding the extensions of Audit Committee Members recommended by the Director-General.

Draft Advice

- **The Committee considered the document in which the Director-General recommended that Ms. Enery Quinones and Mr. Verasak Liengsriwat terms on the Committee be extended for a further three years which will bring them to a total of six years on the Committee. Such extensions would be made by the Director-General effective from the date of approval by the Council.**
- **The Committee supported the Director-General's recommendation and agreed to submit to the Council its endorsement.**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The FAO Audit Committee operates as an advisory panel to the Director-General and to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). It provides the Director-General with assurance that audit functions are operating effectively and efficiently, in the context of risks to the Organization and coverage of the other FAO oversight functions (evaluation and external audit). The Audit Committee's Annual Report is also presented to the Finance Committee, accompanied by any comments from the Director-General. The current terms of reference were adopted following their consideration by the Finance Committee at its 148th session and their revision is submitted for the Finance Committee's consideration at its 166th session.

2. The Audit Committee consists of five external members, the Inspector General is Secretary ex-officio. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications as senior audit and/or investigation professionals. These criteria were confirmed by the Finance Committee at its 147th session. The Committee elects its own Chairperson.

3. The Committee's terms of reference provide for appointments of an initial three-year period renewable up to six years. This term limit, established in line with a past JIU recommendation¹, combined with an appropriate staggering of membership, provides a reasonable balance between turnover and institutional knowledge within the Committee.

4. The terms of reference also state that Audit Committee members will be appointed by the Director-General, after having been agreed by the Council on the recommendation of the Director-General and Finance Committee².

Current Members of the Committee

5. The four current members of the Committee, and their present terms, are as follows:

- Ms. Lesedi Lesetedi (Botswana), Director of Internal Audit, Botswana International University of Science and Technology. Member since June 2013 and Chairperson since January 2016. Her current term finishes in June 2019;
- Mr Juan Manuel Portal Martinez (Mexico), Auditor Superior de la Federacion and, prior to this, chief internal audit executive of a number of Mexican public enterprises. Member since June 2013. His current term finishes in June 2019;
- Ms Daniela Graziani (Italy), former Internal Audit manager at La Poste Italiane. Member since December 2016. Her current term finishes in December 2019;
- Ms Enery Quinones (United States), retired, formerly Chief Compliance Officer at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Member since June 2014. Her current term finishes in June 2017; and
- Mr Verasak Liengsriwat (Thailand), retired, formerly Special Assistant to the IAEA Director General for Management, Head of IAEA's Programme Planning and Budgeting Unit and, prior to this, Director of IAEA's Office of Internal Oversight Services. Member since June 2014. His current term finishes in June 2017.

6. Ms Enery Quinones and Mr. Verasak Liengsriwat have been valuable contributors to the Committee's work and the Secretary of the Committee confirmed with them that they are available to serve a further three years.

¹ JIU/REP/2010/5 paragraph 195.

² This accorded with action 2.92 of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) for FAO Renewal

Actions on Extensions and Appointments

7. Recent appointments to the Committee have ensured good gender and geographical balance as well as broad collective professional experience from national and international, public and private sector internal audit and investigation.
8. Taking into account the Committee's current composition and upon advice received from the outgoing Secretary/Inspector General, the Director-General is recommending:
 - The extension of appointment of Ms Enery Quinones (USA) for a further period of three years, at which time she will have reached the maximum term.
 - The extension of appointment of Mr. Verasak Liengsriwat for a further period of three years, at which time he will have reached the maximum term.
9. Summary curriculum vitae of Ms Enery Quinones and Mr. Verasak Liengsriwat are attached.

II. SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

Ms. Enery Quinones

Ms. Enery Quinones is the former Chief Compliance Officer at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

She joined the EBRD in June 2004 and as Head of the Compliance Office is responsible for ensuring that the highest standards of integrity are applied throughout all activities of the EBRD.

The Compliance Office, which is also the anti-money laundering office of the Bank, provides a range of advice and assistance to all Bank departments in assessing and evaluating integrity and reputational risks relating to proposed, as well as on-going, Bank transactions.

Her office conducts Bank-wide integrity and anti-money laundering training courses, advises on actual or potential conflicts of interest in respect to the Bank's handling of operations and investments, and investigates instances of staff misconduct as well as allegations of fraud and corruption in Bank financed projects. The Bank's Independent Recourse Mechanism which provides redress for complaints by local groups adversely affected by EBRD financed projects, is also managed by the Compliance Office.

Ms Quinones represented the EBRD in the Financial Action Task Force, the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Transition Economies, MoneyVal, Transparency International's Steering Committee on the Business Principles for Countering Corruption, and numerous other international fora.

Prior to joining the EBRD, Enery Quinones was Head of the Anti-Corruption Division in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Having played a key role in developing the OECD's anti-bribery instruments, she then developed and oversaw the implementation of the first international mechanism to monitor compliance among States Parties to a multinational anti-corruption treaty, the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions.

Before becoming head of the anti-corruption division, Ms Quinones worked on international investment issues, including the negotiations for a Multilateral Agreement on Investment. She has also worked on legal matters for the Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Energy Agency.

A United States national, Ms Quinones received her university degree in economics from New York University and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

Mr. Verasak Liengsriwat

Mr Liengsriwat is a retired former Director of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and has served in recent years on a number of UN agency Audit Committees.

From 2002-2008 he was Special Assistant (D2) to the IAEA Director General for Management, and in his last year before retirement also Head of IAEA's Programme Planning and Budgeting Unit. In his role as Special Assistant, his key areas of responsibility included oversight services, programme planning and formulation, budget and finance, human resource management, information and communications technology, facilities management, security and general services, and reform efforts.

From 1998-2002 Mr Liengsriwat was Director of IAEA's Office of Internal Oversight Service, managing the evaluation, internal audit and investigation services of the Agency.

From 1991-1998 he was with UNICEF, for the last 18 months as Chief of the Finance and Administration Center of the Supply Division in Copenhagen, from 1991-1997 as Senior Internal Auditor, and in earlier years in various internal audit roles at the United Nations.

He has served on the UNESCO, UNDP, and most recently the UNHCR and UNFPA Audit Committees.

Mr Liengsriwat is an Associate Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (NY) and a Retired Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. A Thai national, he has a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Baruch College, City University of New York and a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from saint Francis College, New York.