



Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Biodiversity

Terms of reference for the TAG chair

The **Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance (LEAP) Partnership** is currently appointing a technical expert to coordinate the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on biodiversity assessment in the livestock sector, hereafter called Biodiversity TAG.

The incumbent will support the technical discussions and coordinate the inputs from TAG members during the development of LEAP guidelines on biodiversity assessment for livestock supply chains. Such technical guidelines will include a toolbox of Key Biodiversity Indicators (KBIs) for the livestock sector and define how to select, compute and apply them in different contexts.

The incumbent will also lead the production of a peer-reviewed paper for publication in a scientific journal.

The TAG chair is responsible for ensuring that the TAG work on track and for delivering the expected outputs. Please refer to the terms of references for TAG members for a more detailed description of the TAG goals, deliverables and timeline.

TASKS

The Biodiversity TAG chair will:

- Lead a TAG composed of experts from various backgrounds and areas of research (ecology, biodiversity indicators, biodiversity LCA, biodiversity modelling, ecosystem services, animal science, livestock production systems, agriculture science);
- Coordinate the work of the TAG by email, skype, conference calls, two face-to-face meetings;
- Assign roles and responsibilities, monitor progress of TAG members, moderate technical discussions also in the face-to-face meetings, consolidate inputs from TAG members and incorporate text into Biodiversity TAG deliverables;
- Prepare the agenda of the two face-to-face meetings scheduled according to the timeline provided by the LEAP Secretariat;
- Review comments from external technical reviewers, LEAP Secretariat, Steering Committee, and from the public; in collaboration with TAG members, propose responses to the comments, and finalize of the LEAP technical documents incorporating the proposed changes.

Participation of the TAG chair in the two face-to-face meetings¹ is mandatory and cannot be delegated.

The TAG chair will be supported by a TAG technical secretary and will report to the LEAP Manager and LEAP Secretariat Coordinator.

¹ While the first face-to-face meeting will be held at the FAO HQ in Rome, Italy, the second one is likely to be arranged outside Europe.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Expert in ecology, biodiversity indicators and agroecosystems
- Proven track record in research or experienced in implementation of biodiversity assessment

Previous experience in the leadership of relevant, inter-disciplinary working groups is an asset.

Minimum requirements include:

- Proficient in English (Level C)
- Effective in oral and written communication
- Constructive attitude
- Skilled in arranging meetings instrumental to build common understanding and technical agreement
- Knowledgeable in coordinating working groups and international projects
- Highly-motivated and committed to develop sound tools enabling to support transparent decision making at various scales and in all regions worldwide
- Respect of cultural and scientific diversity of TAG members
- Willing to contribute to capacity development of regional experts

APPLICATION

Candidates are kindly requested to submit their CVs to the LEAP Secretariat (Livestock-Partnership@fao.org) **by 30th April 2017** (*deadline extended*). CVs must include an updated list of publications and work experiences .

All applications will be reviewed by the LEAP Secretariat and LEAP Steering Committee. LEAP will pre-arrange the trips of TAG chair to facilitate their participation in the TAG meetings.