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## COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACT FARMING (CoP/LACF)

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### Co-leaders

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)  
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

### Background

Building upon their cooperation in the preparation of the *UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming*, UNIDROIT, FAO, IFAD have established a *Community of Practice on Legal Aspects of Contract Farming (CoP/LACF)* to promote a favourable legal environment for contract farming operations to support agricultural development.

The CoP/LACF has been established within the framework of the [Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development \(GFLJD\)](#). Initiated and supported by the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency, the GFLJD provides an innovative and dynamic framework for the exchange of law in development knowledge, connecting developing countries, think-tanks, regional and international organizations, international financial institutions, and civil society organizations with relevant research and practice.

### Objectives and Activities of the CoP/LACF

The CoP/LACF has the main objective of promoting a favourable legal environment for contract farming operations through knowledge sharing and dissemination, as well as projects pursued individually by the partners and members or on the basis of joint initiatives. Key in this context is the divulgation and implementation of the [UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming](#), which was released in July 2015.

The CoP/LACF maintains an Internet platform hosted as part of the [Contract Farming webpage of the UNIDROIT Website](#). The platform serves as a repository of information, for the exchange of knowledge among partners and the dissemination of activities, tools and projects in furtherance of the objectives of the Community of Practice.

The CoP/LACF provides an opportunity for partners and members to give visibility to their activities and build synergies with potential partners, including sponsor and financing institutions, for the development of products and projects.

## Members and Sponsors

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Participation in the CoP/LACF is open to international and national institutions and persons working in the field of development, legal harmonization and agriculture, as well as private and public sector groups representing agricultural producers and agribusiness buyers, as well as academic and research institutions or individual experts with an interest in the area.

Membership is granted on the basis of an expression of interest and proven participation in the advancement of the objectives of the Community of Practice.

### Individual Members

Persons with expertise, practical experience and interest in the field are welcome to join on an individual basis, enjoy the benefits of open access to the CoP/LACF's resources, share ideas and materials with the CoP/LACF, and offer collaboration with other Member's projects.

### Project Members

Contributions from Project Members (either individual person(s) or organisations) may for example be in the form of the following:

- a) information on ongoing projects and activities to disseminate/promote/use the *UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming* and generally to strengthen the legal environment for contract farming, such as:
  - academic courses, expert meetings, workshops, training sessions to strengthen the understanding of country, regional and global legal issues;
  - documentation consisting in studies/research and publications including translations of relevant documents – especially the Legal Guide – into country languages for wider dissemination;
  - initiatives of legislative and regulatory domestic reform, or the preparation of instruments to be used in contract practice.
- b) development of projects for the advancement of the objectives of the Community of Practice, which are subject to available funds;
- c) contribution to the CoP/LACF information platform by sharing knowledge products (e.g., studies, databases, training material, etc.), and updates in specific areas of national relevant legislation.

### Sponsors

Sponsors may contribute through a direct grant to the UNIDROIT Foundation or by contract arrangements with project Members. The terms and conditions of specific contributions will be agreed on a case-by-case basis. **See the Note for potential sponsors**

For further information visit our webpage at <http://www.unidroit.org/community-of-practice/home> and/or contact the Community of Practice Secretariat at [contractfarming@unidroit.org](mailto:contractfarming@unidroit.org)

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