COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACT FARMING

Project Members - Projects and Activities

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"Contract Farming: Legal, Economic Aspects and Practical Application in Brazil"

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PROJECTS

1. Translation of the Legal Guide into Portuguese

Expected completion date 2017

The UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming is available in English and French, and a Spanish version is being prepared by FAO. In order to reach different audiences and have a better understanding and effectiveness of the Guide in Brazil, the first objective of the global project will be its translation into Portuguese.

2. Preparation of a document on legal aspects of contract farming applicable in Brazil

Expected completion date: 2017

With a view to providing an easy and accessible way of reading the Legal Guide and facilitating its application in the domestic institutional environment, a document on the legal aspects of contract farming applicable in Brazil will be elaborated, comparing the legal issues dealt with in the chapters of the Guide with the concepts and principles of Brazilian law.

3. Conference on Legal Aspects of Contract Farming

Scheduled: 2018

The Conference will consist of two events, on in Viçosa (Minas Gerais) and one in São Paulo (São Paulo). It will present the newly published version in Portuguese of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD and experts will discuss the content of the Guide in the light of best practices and the Brazilian Law no 13288/2016.

4. Elaboration of a primer that will accompany the Legal Guide

Project to be undertaken at a later stage

The elaboration of the primer will only be possible after the translation of the Guide and the preparation of the document on the legal aspects of contract farming applicable in Brazil are completed. The primer will consist of a simplified presentation of the Legal Guide, and is intended to be used by different audiences, with an accessible and simple language, taking into consideration the reality of the institutional environment in Brazil.

5. Extension work for the dissemination and application of the Legal Guide

A dissemination and implementation programme of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming will rely upon extension work, using the material used under the project, i.e. the Portuguese version of the Guide, the document on legal aspects of contract farming applicable in Brazil, and the preparation of the primer that will accompany the Legal Guide.

5.1. Project: "Possible agro-industrial contractual relationship in agricultural production chains in the Recôncavo da Bahia. An analysis of the agricultural production contract (contract farming)"

possível relação contratual agro-industrial em cadeias de produção agrícola no recôncavo baiano. uma análise do contrato de produção agrícola (contract farming)

Expected completion date: June 2019

Project approved and sponsored by the National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development (CNPq) Universal.

The objectives of the project are as following:

- a) Analyzing the institutional environment of the Recôncavo da Bahia;
- b) Selecting productive chains of Recôncavo da Bahia
- c) Identifying the contractual relationship in the light of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming.

The project will be conducted by Universidade Federal do Recôncavo da Bahia – UFRB (Cruz das Almas – Bahia) in collaboration with Universidade Paulista "Júlio de Mesquita"- UNESP (Tupã – São Paulo).