COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACT FARMING

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UNIDROIT is an intergovernmental, Rome-based organisation specialising in the harmonisation and modernisation of private law rules at the global level, through international treaties and soft law instruments in several areas.

As part of its institutional mandate, UNIDROIT promotes legal research and runs a scholarship programme, addressed to post-graduate law students, academics, government officials, with special attention given to applicants from developing and emerging countries. Research stays are taken in the UNIDROIT library in Rome. The programme is organised as much as possible in cooperation with partner institutions, and funded by voluntary donors.

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PROJECT: Promoting legal research aimed at enhancing a favourable legal environment for contract farming and agricultural contracts

Forthcoming in 2017

Mr Mohamed Abdelsalam (LLM, Loyola University Chicago), Judge, Council of State (Egypt) has been awarded a two-month scholarship to pursue a research at UNIDROIT on “the Egyptian legal framework and Contract Farming relationships in the light of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming – a focus on enforcement mechanisms”. The scholarship will be taken in 2017, (partly) sponsored by the UNIDROIT Foundation.

Ms Albana Karapanço (Albania), Ph.D. Central European University, International Business Law Program (Budapest, Hungary), has been awarded a two-month scholarship to pursue a research at UNIDROIT on “Security Devices and Modern Techniques for Access to Credit in Agriculture-Based Economies and Emerging Markets”. The scholarship will be taken in 2017, sponsored by the Government of the People’s Republic of China.
Mr Iván Filártiga (Paraguay) (LLM, George Washington University Law School), Attorney at law, has been awarded a two-month scholarship to pursue a research at UNIDROIT on “the Paraguayan agricultural legal framework in the light of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming”. The scholarship will be taken in 2017, (partly) sponsored by the UNIDROIT Foundation.

Past

Ms Maria Eugenia L. Bertizzolo, Argentina - Professor of Private International Law. UADE (Universidad Argentina de la Empresa – Buenos Aires), undertook a research on “Contract farming as a tool for the development of the agribusiness in Argentina” - 7 January – 26 February 2015, under a Joint Scholarship UADE/ UNIDROIT general fund.

Ms Nguyen Thi Thu Trang, Vietnam, LL.M Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU), Seoul, undertook a research on “Legal policies and regulations governing contract farming in Vietnam” - 3 June – 11 July 2014, sponsored by TLBU.

Ms FU Wenyi, PR China, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Law College of Kunming University of Science and Technology Mingli Building, Chenggong Campus of KMUST, undertook a research on “Genetically Modified Crops and Intellectual Property Law Issues in Agricultural Contracts in China under a Comparative Law Perspective” - 2 June – 31 July 2014, funded by the UNIDROIT Foundation.