



**Summary**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Capacity Building in the negotiations on Agriculture</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Dominican Republic - Ministry of Agriculture</b>
<b>Duration of the Project</b>	The intended commencement date is <b>June 2010</b> and the period of implementation of the contract will be <b>3 months</b> from this date
<b>Objectives of the action</b>	<b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective of the assignment is to build capacity in the negotiations on trade in Agriculture
<b>Purposes of the action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To strengthen the participation and build capacity of Dominican Republic to negotiate on agriculture at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels.</li> <li>• To expand the knowledge and practice of local technicians on the WTO's Trade Negotiations Committee / Committee on Agriculture and SPS Committee, specifically in terms of procedures, rules, negotiation, and implementation.</li> </ul>
<b>Target group(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government officials from the ministries of agriculture, Commerce, Foreign Affairs and Customs Office, agricultural sector representatives, non-states actors and civil society representatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Expertise Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key expert 1: Team Leader; Advanced University Degree in Law, Economics, or other relevant discipline (42 working days)</li> <li>• Key expert 2: Expert in Agricultural issues (36 working days)</li> </ul>
<b>Expected results</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen capacity of Official and Technical Staff to initiate and defend favorable measures to the country on various trade negotiating fora.</li> <li>• Better coordinated decision-making process among Official and Technical Staff in agricultural trade negotiations.</li> <li>• The agricultural sector representatives and producers had better understand the Dominican Republic positions in the WTO, as well as their local responsibilities needed to respond properly to the bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements that the country has subscribed to.</li> <li>• Better prepared to face the challenges of a more open and global market and respond accordingly.</li> </ul>

<b>Main activities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of training materials in collaboration with the officials in the Ministry of agriculture</li> <li>• Session on Trade Negotiations Tools and Strategies, in the multilateral trading system. (Two days )</li> <li>• Seminar and workshop on Agricultural negotiations at WTO: The actual scenario under the Doha Round, with a very detailed explanation of the Three Pillars. (two and a half days)</li> <li>• Session on SPS as it relates to agriculture, including impact on private standards and food safety.(half a day)</li> <li>• Feedback to assess the usefulness of the project to Dominican Republic.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Estimate</b>	<b>EUR 181.000</b>