

FAO Global Internship, Volunteers and Fellows (IVF) Programme e-Update



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Interns and their supervisors at FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) in Bangkok, Thailand. From left (standing) - Ms. Huijeong Choe (Intern) / Mr. Frank Pumipuntu (Regional M&E Expert) / Mr. Sunyup Lee (Intern) / Ms. Eunyeong Song (Intern) / Mr. Yurdi Yasmi (Forestry Officer) / Mr. Seungjun Lee (Intern) / Ms. Hang Thi Thanh Pham (Senior Resilience Officer) / Mr. Sridhar Dharmapuri (Senior Food Safety & Nutrition Officer). From left (sitting) – Ms. Ha Eun Kim (Intern) / Mr. Jinsoo Shin (Intern) / Ms. Clara Park (Gender Officer)

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Greetings!

I wish to thank you for your continuous interest in the FAO Global Internship, Volunteers and Fellows (IVF) Programme. I am pleased to introduce you to an IVF video at <https://youtu.be/nT2io6zLMtY>.

In the second quarter of 2018, the IVF Team has organized 12 information sessions to inform FAO colleagues as to how interns, volunteers and fellows can contribute to achieving FAO's Strategic Objectives. 40 offices, including 30 decentralized offices, participated in the sessions. The guidelines for Internship and UN Volunteer Programme have been issued to facilitate the recruitment and management of the Programme participants.

In the first half of 2018, 179 interns, 41 regular volunteers, 3 fellows, and 10 UN volunteers have been hired in various duty stations, 67% at headquarters and 33% in decentralized offices. We would like to encourage our colleagues, especially those in decentralized offices, to provide opportunities to a wider range of participants, especially from the global south and indigenous communities.

We look forward to our further collaboration.

Marcela Villarreal, Ph.D.
Director
Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS)

Voice from FAO Senior Manager

“As for my personal point of view as Director, Animal Production and Health Division (AGA), welcoming interns and volunteers in the Division is an opportunity for both sides. They bring their enthusiasm and eagerness to get more knowledge on FAO's work. I personally welcome each of them and found out that they are all deeply committed and eager to work and learn from the Organization and colleagues. I am glad to see that after their experience with us, some of them eventually come back to further assist in our activities.”

Berhe Gebreegziabher Tekola
Director, Animal Production and Health Division (AGA)





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11 Korean Interns Sponsored at FAO through Korea FAO Association

Following the signature of an Internship Agreement with FAO in December 2017, 11 students from the Republic of Korea, fully funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA), started their assignments in FAO Headquarters in Italy, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Thailand as well as in Laos in May 2018. Thanks to MAFRA funding, the second batch of Korean interns are expected to join FAO later this year.

From left: Ms. Wonju Kim, Ms. GaYoung Hong, Mr. Weonju Na, Mr. GyunBae Joe, Ms. Minha Jo, Ms. Myungju Lee, Ms. YeonKy Lee, Ms. Seonyoung Park



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New Internship Agreement signed with Zhejiang University of China

In May 2018, FAO has signed an Internship Agreement with Zhejiang University of China, a comprehensive academic institute with over 120 years of history. 25 students will be fully sponsored this year for undertaking assignments at FAO worldwide. The University thanked FAO for opening a new channel for the students to enhance their international experience. In addition, two Ph.D. students will be assigned as fellows.

Professor Benno Hubert Wagner, Global Engagement Programme of Zhejiang University provided a lecture to the students about FAO



CCIVS – The 70th Anniversary Forum in Paris

In April 2018, Ms. Kazumi Ikeda-Larhed, Deputy-Director, Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS), was invited as a guest speaker to the 70th Anniversary Forum organized by the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS). Over 250 participants attended the Forum to discuss *“Just Volunteers: The Transformational Power of International Voluntary Actions for Climate Justice and Freedom of Movement”*. She highlighted FAO’s intention to mobilize citizens’ engagement through IVF Programme to achieve SDG2 Zero Hunger.

Ms. Kazumi Ikeda-Larhed, center, made a presentation at CCIVS 70th Anniversary Forum held at UNESCO HQ in Paris



MoU Signed with International Impact of France for Youth Volunteering

FAO and International Impact of France signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in June 2018 to collaborate in promoting international youth volunteering against hunger. The collaboration will expand opportunities for young women and men to contribute their voluntary actions to achieve SDGs. International Impact is a non-profit organization experienced in selecting, training, financing and managing international volunteers in agricultural field. Under this MoU, 15 young volunteers will be deployed in 2018, 30 in 2019 and 60 in 2020 for six-month assignments.

FAO GLOBAL IVF PROGRAMME – VOICE FROM IVF PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Alisher Nazirov - UN Volunteer at FAO Yemen

I joined FAO as UN Volunteer at the end of 2017 after 15 years of service with WFP, FAO and UNDP in Tajikistan. My assignment as UN Volunteer in Yemen, which has been declared by the UN as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, coincided with expanding the monitoring and evaluation team and establishing a sound M&E system under my supervision. Over the last six months we have managed to grow from one national M&E Officer to five in total deployed both in Sana'a and two FAO hubs in Aden and Hodeida. It is an exciting and challenging job given the emergency context and the desire to contribute as much as possible in reaching out to people in need in an efficient and effective manner by ensuring we are on the right track and doing the right things. I hope there are more UN Volunteer specialists involved in FAO activities, which definitely adds value to the success of its mission around the globe.



Mr. Alisher Nazirov, from the Republic of Tajikistan, UN Volunteer (Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist) assigned at the FAO Yemen

My personal contribution is to help young professionals achieve combination of academic training with practice; to assist them in facing an ethical and professional way as regards sustainability on agriculture and food systems in a changing and increasingly demanding world."

Ms. Karem del Castillo Velázquez, Ms. Paula Casamayor Segarra and Mr. Alqayam Meghji, Interns at CBD

"Interns are a vital gear when it comes to offering fresh and innovative ideas, high adaptability and extraordinary motivation to such an important organization as FAO. We are not only FAO interns, we are colleagues under training. The Internship Program is the perfect platform to connect highly experienced officers with young representatives from diverse regions, in order to guide the way forward for food security and poverty reduction. Working in a dynamic, multidisciplinary, multicultural space, allows interns to create their first professional networks, and immeasurably enriches you at professional and personal levels. The biggest reward of working at FAO as interns is that all our efforts will directly help those less favored communities to achieve human well-being, while enhancing ecosystem-based solutions to tackle climate change."



From left: Mr. Ribo Perez (former Intern) , Ms. Karem del Castillo Velázquez (Intern), Ms. Paula Casamayor Segarra (intern), Mr. Sergio Zelaya Bonilla (Senior Land and Water Officer)

Mr. Sergio Zelaya Bonilla, Senior Land and Water Officer / Team Manager, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department (CBD)

"FAO is very successful in carrying out a strong Internship Programme that benefits the various work programmes of the technical and administrative units of the Organization. Interns are tomorrow's decision-makers and professionals. The Internship Programme can help young people to structure responses to today's challenges that would need to be resolved in the near future. I see that Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Team greatly values the willingness and motivation of interns who are ready to attend, from the simplest to more fundamental issues. The FAO multicultural work environment also helps them for the job market. I see that an internship is a sound complement to academic training, which makes interns discover their own comparative advantages towards their upcoming professional career. And allow FAO and partners to identify future professionals for specific issues.

Dr. Kae Sekine, Fellow at Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN) from Aichi Gakuin University, Japan

I am an agricultural economist/sociologist, and Associate Professor in Aichi Gakuin University in Japan. My studies have been on food labeling/certification systems such as geographical indication in relation to support small-scale family farming. My previous work includes the publication of a Committee on World Food Security/High Level Panel of Experts (CFS/HLPE) report on smallholder agriculture. I am also interested in power relationships between small-scale family farming and agri-food corporations in a globalized world. During my sabbatical in FAO from April 2018 to March 2019, I will continue to work on geographical indications in order to make a comparison between Italy and Japan, as well as PGS (Participatory Guarantee Systems), GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems) and UNESCO World Intangible Cultural Heritage on culinary culture.



FAO GLOBAL IVF PROGRAMME – IVF CORNER

Information Sharing and Networking Session Organized for FAO Interns Assigned to FAO Headquarters

In June 2018, the Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS) organized an information sharing and networking session where over 50 interns assigned to FAO Headquarters participated. DPS Director Ms. Marcela Villarreal welcomed all interns and congratulated them for being selected through highly competitive selection process. The objective of this session was to share internship experiences and exchange views among interns. DPS took notes of the voice and suggestions from the interns. The Session enabled the interns to better connect with each other for peer learning and exchanges.



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Ms. Marcela Villarreal welcomed interns at
FAO Headquarters

➤ Internship Guidelines

Internship Programme Guidelines are available at FAO Handbook at:

http://intranet.fao.org/faohandbook/area/human_resources/the_internship_programme/resources/

➤ UN Volunteer Guidelines

UN Volunteer Guidelines are available at FAO Handbook at:

http://intranet.fao.org/faohandbook/area/human_resources/the_un_volunteer_programme/resources/

➤ New Event

International Workshop on FAO Global Internship, Volunteers and Fellows (IVF) Programme to Empower Indigenous Peoples to Contribute towards Achieving Zero Hunger (SDG2) will be held at FAO HQ on 24-25 September 2018

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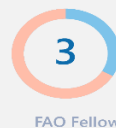
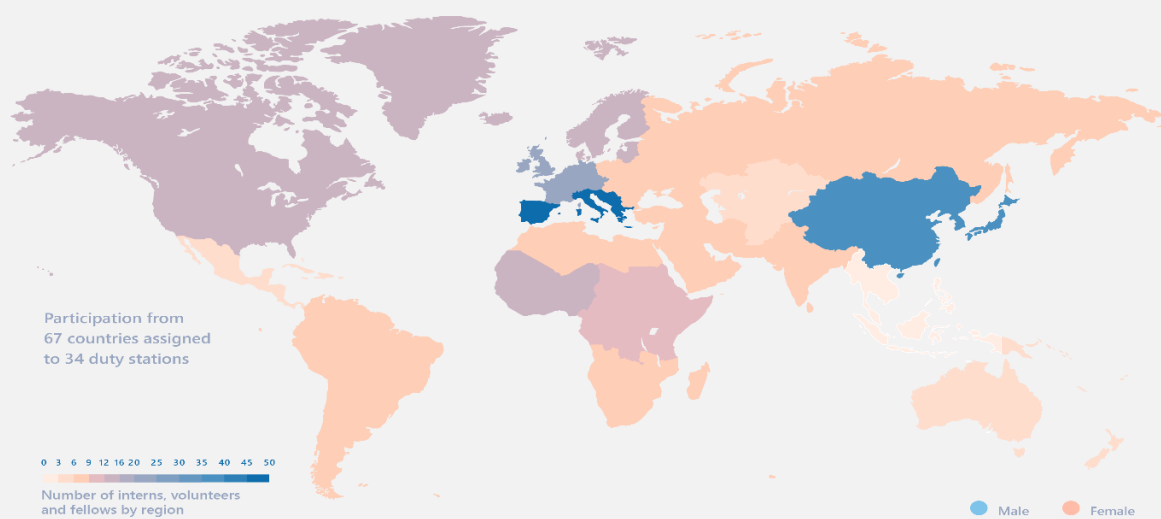
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NUMBER OF IVF PARTICIPANTS

Recruited in the First and Second Quarters in 2018



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