



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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ELECTION OF CFS CHAIRPERSON

I. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CFS SECRETARY (PUBLISHED ON THE FAO MEMBERS GATEWAY)

1. The election of the new CFS Chairperson will take place under Item XII.c of the Provisional Agenda of the 46th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) scheduled from 14 to 18 October 2019 in Rome.
2. In accordance with paragraph 4, Rule II, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, the Secretary of CFS wishes to inform Members that the following nomination for the election of CFS Chairperson has been received:
 - Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Minister (Agriculture), Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations Agencies in Rome (FAO, IFAD, WFP)
3. Pursuant to paragraph 4, Rule II, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, any nomination of candidates reaching the CFS Secretary after the deadline (14 September 2019) of 30 calendar days before the opening date of the session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at which the election of the Chairperson will take place shall not be considered as valid.

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**II. PRESENTATION LETTER AND CURRICULUM VITAE MR
THANAWAT TIENSIN, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES IN ROME (FAO,IFAD,WFP)**

Mr. Christopher Hegadorn

Secretary, Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

FAO ROME

Dear Mr. Hegadorn,

Subject: Nomination of a Candidate for Election of the CFS Chairperson

I am pleased to inform you that the Royal Thai Government has decided to nominate Mr. Thanawat Tiensin, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Agencies in Rome (FAO, IFAD, and WFP) for the position of the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The decision reflects the great importance that the Kingdom of Thailand attaches to the Committee on World Food Security as a unique stakeholder platform for the achievement of food security and nutrition globally. We share the objectives of the Rome-based United Nations agencies and of the CFS in the understanding that food and nutrition security is a reachable goal through the sustainable development, with the involvement of the international community, governments, civil society, and private sector.

Mr. Tiensin has accumulated enough experience relating to food security during his services at the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and in other countries as well as in his mission in Rome. I am confident that Mr. Tiensin's knowledge and experience will effectively lead the CFS with an effective long-term prospective, influencing the trajectory of major shifts in food security policies today in order to sustain food security in the future. He will also contribute to the objectives of CFS as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all. A copy of his Curriculum Vitae is herewith attached.

I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration

H.E. Mr. Chalermchai Sreeon

Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Kingdom of Thailand

CURRIULUM VITAE

Thanawat Tiensin

Permanent Representative of Thailand to United Nations Agencies in Rome (FAO, IFAD, WFP)

Graduated at Kasetsart University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in 1996. He obtained a master degree of sciences on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics from Utrecht University, The Netherlands (The World Bank scholar) in 2005 and then Ph.D. degree, Utrecht University, The Netherlands in 2011 (The Royal Thai Government scholar). He was also a research fellow at the Colorado State University, the United States in 2008.

Thanawat Tiensin is married and father of one daughter. He speaks, reads, and writes Thai, English and Lao.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES IN ROME

2019 Chairperson of Asia Regional Group

2019 Vice Chairperson of the 41st FAO Conference

2019 Rapporteur of the 7th Plenary Assembly of Global Soil Partnership

2019 Chairperson of Asia Regional Group and Bureau member of Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)

2018-2019 Bureau member of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG)

2008-2019 Bureau member of the G77&China

2018 Member of the FAO Council

2018 Vice Chairperson of Asia Regional Group

WORK EXPERIENCES

March 2018 Permanent Representative of Thailand to United Nations Agencies in Rome (FAO, IFAD, WFP)

2017-2018 Acting Assistant Director General, Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

2016-2017 Senior Expert (International Livestock Trade and Policy), Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand CV of Thanawat TIENSIN

2012-2016 Head of International Livestock Trade and Regulation Group, Division of International Livestock Cooperation, Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

2011-2012 Regional Programme Coordinator, Regional programme on Smallholder Dairy Development Programme and School Milk Programme in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Thailand

2010-2011 Veterinary Officer, Center of Veterinary Epidemiology Development, Bureau of Disease Control and Veterinary Services, Department of Livestock Development

2002-2003 Seconded to the Office of Agricultural Affairs, Mission of Thailand to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium

1999-2002 Veterinary Officer and Technical Assistant to Director General, Office of Director General and Division of Disease Control, Department of Livestock Development

1998-1999 Young Professional Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand

1996-1998 Veterinary Officer, Regional Livestock Office 8, Suratthani Province, Thailand

Other works: Provide the technical support to the international development programmes on Capacity building for livestock development and veterinary services, Disease surveillance, Veterinary epidemiology, Risk Analysis of transboundary animal diseases, Emergency response and rehabilitation, Border control and inspection, PVS Pathway, SPS measures, and Food safety related issues for FAO, ADB, EU, OIE, and IAEA in DPRK, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, Laos, Indonesia, and Thailand

Visiting lecturer at universities and other national and international training courses (Lyon University, Utrecht University, Kasetsart University, Chiangmai University, Prince of Songkla University, Myanmar's University of Veterinary Science, FETP/FETPV international training programme)

Reviewers for international peer-reviewed journals (i.e. Emerging Infectious Diseases, Journal of Infectious Diseases, Public Health Reports, Avian Diseases, Vaccine, BMC Infectious Diseases, Virology Journal, International Journal of Infectious Diseases, PloS ONE, Journal of Spatio-temporal Epidemiology, Frontier in Veterinary and etc.).

Authors and co-authors of over 50 peer-reviewed international publication, conference papers, articles and books.

Co-supervisors of master and Ph.D. students (Lyon University, Utrecht University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University)