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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY Building Bridges between Durable Agricultural Practices and School Feeding Programmes

1. BACKGROUND

The World Food Programme Centre of Excellence against Hunger completes five years in 2016 as a catalyst for social development. Guided by this development goal, the South-South cooperation work conducted by the Centre contributes to accelerate social transformation processes in several developing countries by supporting the creation of sustainable national social protection policies, such as the ones promoting school feeding and smallholder farming.

The strategy connecting various social protection policies – including school feeding – with food purchases from smallholder farmers has proven its effectiveness in fighting rural poverty, increasing food security and the nutritional status of policy beneficiaries, farmers and their families, and valuing local food habits. Government food procurement from smallholder farmers creates a stable demand that favours increased and improved agricultural production.

The increase in the number of countries with which the Centre cooperates and the intensification of the dialogue with these countries caused the Centre's scope of work to expand gradually while including new and challenging topics. The Centre's technical cooperation work focused, in the beginning, mostly on school feeding. Now, it includes not only the school feeding flagship, but also the exchange of experiences and technical assistance in other social protection programmes, such as single registry benefits.

Accordingly, the expansion of the Centre's scope work has also strengthened its activities in the area of nutrition. There are an increasing number of countries interested in nutrition policies, ranging from hunger to obesity control, and the Centre has facilitated the exchange of experiences among developing states in this field. Strategies such as community restaurants, food banks, milk banks and monitoring and evaluation systems for nutritional situation of the population have attracted the attention of more and more governments and the Centre has been offering specific support on these issues.

However, this is only a part of the Centre's profile. Beyond the multiplication of experiences, strategies and best practices sharing, now the Centre of Excellence wants to know how many different programmes operate worldwide from a scientific perspective, and how such diverse actors involve themselves in the delivery of school feeding programmes. In many countries, governments are developing their own development to school feeding. As a result, new successful models and experiences have been developed across the globe.

This is why the Centre wants to facilitate learning, and knowledge management and sharing through the identification, analysis and documentation of practices and innovative approaches on sustainable food and nutrition security, focusing specially on bridges between durable agricultural practices and school feeding. Straightening partnership with universities, research centres and national and international organizations is part of this process. Therefore, the Centre of Excellence, in partnership with the University Centre of Brasília, has decided to launch a research papers contest for graduate students and senior researchers during the Centre's 5-year anniversary.

2. AWARDS

The contest will award scientific research articles on sustainable food and nutrition security that show the bridges between durable agricultural practices and school feeding. The contest will select the best papers in two distinct categories:

- i) The three top research papers will be selected for the main prizes, delivered throughout 2017:
 - a. 1st place: participate in an international study mission with Centre of Excellence's team;
 - b. 2nd place: accompany the Centre of Excellence's team in a study mission in Brazil;
 - c. 3rd place: join the Centre of Excellence's team in a study mission in Brasília.
- ii) The best five papers (including the top three) will be selected for the additional prize:
 - a. Articles published in 2017 as complete research papers in the Brazilian Journal of International Law, a leading scientific magazine in Brazil.

Accordingly, the Centre of Excellence expects the winners to:

- ❖ Be able to travel to the chosen destination chosen by the Centre in 2017;
 - ❖ Possess a valid passport for the duration of the visit and six months beyond the period of the trip;
 - ❖ Be able to apply for and obtain a visa, if necessary;
 - ❖ Obtain at her/his own cost a health insurance valid in the destination country.
- **Chosen research papers are to be announced in April 2017.**

3. ORGANISATION

The competition of scientific research on SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY – Building Bridges between Durable Agricultural Practices and School Feeding, hereinafter referred to as CONTEST is held and organized by the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger, a legal entity in the Brazilian public law, established in Brasília, Distrito

Federal, Setor Hoteleiro Norte, Quadra 1, Bloco A, Edifício Le Quartier, C.E.P. 70.701-000 hereinafter ORGANISER.

Furthermore, the present competition, pursuant to Article 3, item II, of Law 5,768/71 and Article 30 of Decree 70.951/72, does not entail to its competitors, or future contemplated person, any payment or use or enjoyment of any right, duty or service.

4. AIM AND SCOPE

We welcome both conceptual and empirical papers in English only reporting either quantitative, qualitative, and historical methods that rely on archival data analysis, surveys, case studies, or experiments, with special interest in longitudinal data, cross-disciplinary research, and multilevel approaches. Multi methodology research papers are also welcomed. The proposals should be formulated as assessment tools; case studies; general monitoring and evaluation; review and background information; impact evaluation; and legal instrument. A combination of various content types is possible and is encouraged.

We expect authors to link, crosscut, and answer some of these driving questions, preferably linking their research evaluations to the Centre's mandate and actions:

- ❖ Which theoretical dialogues and methodologies could evidence the Centre's influence on access to national-based treatment of severe malnutrition and food insecurity;
- ❖ How do necessities of food security and smallholder farming affect transnational agenda setting, creating new dynamics to fight hunger worldwide;
- ❖ What are the legal frameworks that support sustainable agriculture in specific case-study countries?
- ❖ Do the existing legal frameworks to agriculture in specific case-study countries provide linkages between the concept of human security, social safety nets and food and nutritional security?
- ❖ What is the benefit of the United Nations human security approach in addressing the broad range of food and nutritional insecurities faced by vulnerable communities?
- ❖ To what extent do impacts and dynamics of regional and global governance networks on food security and right to food help sensitise national governments to create demands towards fighting hunger;
- ❖ To what degree do international institutions and networks on food security and right to food help create multiple channels of communication able to sensitise and integrate global stakeholders agendas in these issues;
- ❖ How do transnational and international knowledge sharing of national models of zero hunger actions can incentivise South-South and Triangular cooperation on fighting hunger and eradicating poverty;

- ❖ To what extent do different levels of national multi-sectorial and inter-sectorial integration affect the design and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, such as SDG 2 - Achieving zero hunger;
- ❖ How are national legal and institutional frameworks formulated and implemented, affecting the allocation of resources on food security and right to food actions;
- ❖ How can eradicating hunger join forces with the private sector, including small producers, to scale up successful programmes and link actions for better results;
- ❖ To what degree may small and large-scale businesses contribute by disseminating their knowledge, data and scientific innovation to increase sustainable food production and provide access to food to the most vulnerable people?

5. MANUSCRIPTS GUIDELINES

Manuscripts must be submitted in English. The Brazilian Journal of International Law and the Centre reserve the right to reject articles if the language level is insufficient.

Authors must hold or must be enrolled in Master's, PhD or Postdoctoral course, and/or have a strong professional/academic background in International Law, International Relations, Political Science, Social Sciences or related field at the time of submission. The editors will reject manuscripts before review if they are not suitable for the journal; for example, because of low adherence to The Brazilian Journal of International Law editorial policy and scope, inadequate or imprecise analytical development, inconsistent formatting or non-compliance with our submission guidelines, and poor writing style (this list is not exhaustive).

- **WE ACCEPT SINGLE AUTHOR PAPERS ONLY**
- ❖ **The deadline for submission is 07 February 2017.**
- ❖ **Participants must submit 1) One manuscript in .doc or .docx format; and 2) one signed and fulfilled application form attached to this call**

5.1. Editorial policy

We follow the complete guidelines for preparing and submitting manuscripts to the Brazilian Journal of International Law.

All submissions must be done via e-mail to: bra.research@wfp.org

The journal considers all manuscripts on the strict condition that they have not been published already, nor are they under consideration for publication or in press elsewhere. Contributions to The Brazilian Journal of International Law must report original research. Winners will be subjected to review by referees at the discretion of the Editorial Committee.

Successful manuscripts usually are characterised as follows:

- a) They are introduced with a clear, concise argument that presents the work's scientific contribution to the field of this contest;
- b) They have an interpretation based on state-of-the-art literature which indicates the manuscript's relevance to it;
- c) They present an indication of the importance of cited sources;
- d) They have arguments structured clearly in the body of the article, presenting evidence unambiguously;
- e) They have a concluding section summarizing the content and analysing results, which may possibly introduce an agenda for further research;
- f) They observe the correct use of grammar and academic language in English, and format consistent with the journal's criteria.
- g) They respect the criteria of maximum extension.

Manuscripts that fail to be admitted usually are characterized as follows:

- a) They are irrelevant to the working field of the journal and present low adherence to the editorial policy;
- b) They present imprecise, superficial, or incorrect treatment of the theme;
- c) They lack adequate sources for sustaining arguments;
- d) Their presentation is flawed (non-adherence to the journal's standard and writing and style problems);
- e) The writing is poor, the language is imprecise, and they present logical or conceptual inaccuracies;
- f) They are contributions that have been previously published elsewhere, in whole or in part.

a) Format

Articles should be based on original research and develop an original argument falling within the scope of journal. Selected articles are subjected *a posteriori* to blind peer review. Research articles should be 7000-10000 words in length (including notes and references), and include:

- ❖ The article must be written exclusively in English and must not exceed 8,000 words (including title, abstract, bibliographic references, and keywords);
- ❖ The article must include an abstract which does not exceed 60 words;
- ❖ The article must include from 4 to 6 keywords;
- ❖ The file to be uploaded must be generated by a universally-used text processor software, and in .doc format. Use only default text formatting;
- ❖ Footnotes must be used only for additional clarifications to the text;
- ❖ The bibliographic references must be listed at the end of the text. All references listed in the Bibliographic references section must have been cited throughout the article, according to the following examples:
- ❖ Observe the Chicago system (author date) strictly;
- ❖ In the text of the article, the submitting author must eliminate any reference that may indicate his or her identity.
- ❖ The Journal does not publish in its articles liability waivers or disclaimers of any sort.

6. JUDGING PANELS

The choice of works will take place in two stages

1st round: Elimination phase

- ❖ The elimination committee, composed of three members of the Centre of Excellence, shall determine the best 50 works according to a scoring matrix.
- ❖ The chosen papers will be based on the average of three notes elimination committee.
- ❖ The Chair person of this committee will send to the classificatory committee the top 50 evaluated works.

2nd round: Classification phase

- ❖ This judging committee will consist of five external members to the Centre of Excellence. This group will consist professors and experts drawn from the Brazilian Journal of International Law editorial board.
- ❖ Following the same score board as the playoff phase, this judging panel will select the best five works, indicating, in order, which are the best three ones.
- ❖ The final choice will be based on the average of the five notes of the classification committee.
- ❖ Tying cases: the decision will rest on the evaluation by the evaluation criteria of the fifth member's expertise.
- ❖ The Chair person of this committee will send the list of selected papers to the Chair person of the elimination committee to the process of dissemination of results and awards.

7. MINIMUM EXPECTED CRITERIA

The judges will use these criteria to evaluate all aspects of the papers and presentations:

- ❖ **Scientific importance:** Does the paper address the proposed issues in the sample topics? Does the researcher's work demonstrate a high level of intellectual input, and is it innovative? Do the findings substantially add to the understanding of the area investigated?
- ❖ **Creativity:** Is the paper original and imaginative? Did the researcher develop new solutions or procedures? To what extent were the researcher's talent and insight incorporated into the project?
- ❖ **Field knowledge:** Does the researcher demonstrate knowledge of the area of inquiry and the underlying scientific issues?
- ❖ **Comprehensiveness:** Are sufficient details given so that others can replicate the work? If the work is experimental, are the variables and controls clearly defined? Did the researcher use the correct quantitative or qualitative measures? Are the procedures well-defined? Were the tools for measurement and analysis chosen and used appropriately? Does the research fully explain the paper itself or further explanation is needed?
- ❖ **Interpretation:** Has the researcher stated the interpretations and conclusions clearly? How scientifically reasonable and credible are the data, interpretations, and conclusions? Do the conclusions and interpretations follow from the results

presented? Can claims of novelty or improvement be justified? What are the limits of the interpretations and the conclusions? Are there alternative conclusions that fit the results?

- ❖ **Literature review:** Does the report reference appropriate related works and place the study in a proper context? Are all sources used in the research listed as references? Are the references cited within the text?
- ❖ **Future work:** Is there a discussion of future or follow-up research? If so, what further data would be needed? What are possible applications of the work?
- ❖ **Clarity of expression:** Is the paper understandable? Is the material presented logically and coherently? Are the key points, problems, and solutions stated clearly and precisely? Does the researcher use tables and figures appropriately, including correct labelling of axes? Was the research carefully proofread for spelling and grammar?
- ❖ **Presentation:** Is the method of presentation consistent with the nature of the work and with scientific practice in the discipline involve

8. JUGDING RUBRIC

- ❖ Judges will assign to each paper a maximum of 20 (twenty) points from a 5-domain scoring matrix. The categories below describe the characteristics we expect from of papers at five different levels of competence.

Quality Criteria	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points
1. Thesis/Focus: (a) Originality	Thesis is missing	Thesis may be obvious or unimaginative	Thesis is somewhat original	Develops fresh insight that challenges the reader's thinking;
2. Thesis/Focus: (b) Clarity	Reader cannot determine thesis & purpose OR thesis has no relation to the contest	Thesis and purpose are somewhat vague OR only loosely related to the contest	Thesis and purpose are fairly clear and match the contest	Thesis and purpose are clear to the reader; closely match the contest
3. Organization	Unclear organization OR organizational plan is inappropriate to thesis. No transitions	Some signs of logical organization. May have abrupt or illogical shifts & ineffective flow of ideas	Organization supports thesis and purpose. Transitions are mostly appropriate. Sequence of ideas could be improved	Fully & imaginatively supports thesis & purpose. Sequence of ideas is effective. Transitions are effective
4. Support/ Reasoning (a) Ideas (b) Details	Offers simplistic, undeveloped, or cryptic support for the ideas. Inappropriate or off-topic	Offers somewhat obvious support that may be too broad. Details are too general, not interpreted,	Offers solid but less original reasoning. Assumptions are not always recognized or made explicit. Contains	Substantial, logical, & concrete development of ideas. Assumptions are made explicit. Details are

	generalizations, faulty assumptions, errors of fact	irrelevant to thesis, or inappropriately repetitive	some appropriate details or examples	germane, original, and convincingly interpreted
5. Use of sources/ Documentation	Neglects important sources. Overuse of quotations or paraphrase to substitute writer's own ideas. (Possibly uses source material without acknowledgement.)	Uses relevant sources but lacks in variety of sources and/or the skillful combination of sources. Quotations & paraphrases may be too long and/or inconsistently referenced	Uses sources to support, extend, and inform, but not substitute writer's own development of idea. Doesn't overuse quotes, but may not always conform to required style manual	Uses sources to support, extend, and inform, but not substitute writer's own development of idea. Combines material from a variety of sources, incl. pers. observation, scientific data, authoritative testimony. Doesn't overuse quotes.

9. GENERAL RULES

- ❖ All inscriptions must be done via e-mail to: bra.research@wfp.org ;
- ❖ All participants must have a valid passport number in the inscription act;
- ❖ Proof of enrolment at/completion of a graduate programme may be demanded for the awarding;
- ❖ For registration purposes, use only your highest academic degree;
- ❖ The application form and the submitted work may not have their content changed after being sent to the organiser , even if registration is extended;
- ❖ No prize will be transferable from the lead author for any possible co-author of the classified work.
- ❖ Work derived from monographs, dissertations or theses will be considered, but must come necessarily identified as such.
- ❖ Each contestant may submit only one (1) and Article. The submission of two papers will eliminate the competitor. 5. Use of sources/ Documentation
- ❖ Only the e-mail confirmation attests entering the competition.
- ❖ The paper inscription entails that the participant is full and unequivocal compliance with all the rules in this notice, having nothing to claim, in any way and at any time, in court or elsewhere.
- ❖ If one paper is placed in the competition by more than one author who claims to be your sole and exclusive owner of the respective intellectual copyright, all similar registration will be cancelled in the face of the impossibility of the organiser to judge who has (effectively) copyright in question.
- ❖ Participants will be fully and unrestrictedly responsible for the accuracy of the information provided to the organization of the competition, exempting the organiser or partner, as of now, of any responsibility hypothesis.

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