



**Strengthening Technical Capacities in Surveillance for
Prevention and Response to African Swine Fever (ASF)**

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CALL FOR CONSULTANCY – LEGAL SPECIALIST

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) invites applications for the position of a qualified **Legal Specialist** to support a regional consultancy focused on developing sanitary emergency response legislation, in particular the compensation component for the Caribbean under the African Swine Fever Surveillance and Response Capacity Building Project for the Caribbean and Central America, which is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. The objective of this project is to strengthen surveillance and response capabilities to prevent the imminent danger of the arrival of ASF in the countries of the Caribbean and Central America.

Key Responsibilities

- Review and analyze **sanitary emergency response legislation**, in particular compensation-related regulatory provisions in **CARICOM Member States, and the regional animal health model bill**.
- Conduct national consultations across CARICOM countries to discuss provisions that are needed to address compensation relating to sanitary emergencies.
- Draft **new and improved regulations to address compensation relating to sanitary emergencies**.
- Facilitate a **regional workshop** with CARICOM countries to validate the regulations relating to compensation.
- Prepare a **technical report**, including the impact of analyzing and improving regional legislation on health response in the Caribbean, analysis of health policies or regulations in countries, and how to strengthen them in the second part of the project.
- The appointment will last for **6 months**.

Expected outcomes

- Report on sanitary emergency response legislation in CARICOM Member States and the regional animal health model bill.
- Report on legal provisions needed to address compensation during sanitary emergencies.
- A regulatory proposal to strengthen compensation-related provisions for sanitary emergencies.
- A regional validation workshop.
- Final technical report.

Minimum Requirements:

- Advanced university degree (master's or equivalent), preferably in Legislative Drafting, International Trade Law, or related field. A first-level university degree in Law with a relevant combination of professional training, certification, and experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.
- At least ten (10) years' post-qualification experience in the area of international law or trade law.
- Experience in advising on, reviewing, and/or drafting laws and regulations in CARICOM States.
- Experience in conducting legal gap analyses in relation to international treaties or obligations, especially the WTO SPS Agreement or other relevant trade/environmental frameworks.
- Knowledge of the law-making process and law drafting technique in CARICOM States.
- Knowledge of agricultural legislation in CARICOM States.
- Proven track record of working with regional institutions, national governments, or international organizations in the Caribbean.

Competencies and Skills:

- Good organizational and logistical skills and ability to multitask and work in a team.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
- Computer literacy in Microsoft Suite - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Project, as well as knowledge and experience with web-based technologies.
- Intermediate knowledge of Spanish would be desirable.

Applications, curriculum vitae, and two references must be submitted via e-mail to:

project.asf@iica.int

Submission deadline: April 30th, 2026.

Attention: **Legal Specialist**

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Please Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged