

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### “Repairing Broken Food Trade Routes Ukraine – Africa”

**Title of consultancy post:** Agrifood Trade Expert

**Duration:** Two years

**Duty station:** Ukraine or in a traders’ network covering Ukrainian producers, processors, exporters and importers

**Contract type:** Work-day contract (remuneration per person-day) – rate commensurate with work experience and local remuneration conditions

**Expected start:** ASAP

### **BACKGROUND**

[The World Trade Institute \(WTI\)](#) is a leading academic institution dedicated to studies, teaching and research in international trade and investment regulation, economic globalisation and sustainability. The WTI is one of the 14 partners to the EU funded Horizon 2020 programme called MATS ([Making Agricultural Trade Sustainable](#)). MATS is a 3.5-year duration programme which started in 2021. It comprises partners with a wide spectrum of expertise and competences, substantial and longstanding experiences, and wide geographical spread in Europe and Africa. The programme aims to identify key leverage points for changes in agricultural trade practices that foster the positive and reduce the negative impacts of trade on sustainable development and human rights.

On 26 March 2022, the European Commission’s Director-General for Research and Innovation urged all EU-funded projects to consider hiring Ukrainian refugees (Communication "Solidarity with refugee researchers of Ukraine"). The role of the WTI in this new Sub-programme is to identify and explore Ukrainian - African food trade routes (including for imports from Africa) which have been “broken” after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Starting with a **Food Trade Flow Chart** pre- and post-24 February 2022, it will assess, first, whether Ukrainian (or African) traders can again supply these products (**Output 1**). Failing that, whether the new EU-financed “crisis management” programme can possibly make up for lost Ukrainian agrifood exports (**Output 2**). It will also identify alternative exporters (in Africa and in Europe) which might already have filled in demand for these products (**Output 3**). Importantly, the MATS/WTI Sub-programme also looks at the potential effect of these developments on competing farm production in Africa e.g., South African white maize (**Output 4**).

Communication and interaction with MATS project partners and agricultural trader associations in Africa and in other European countries will be required for all outputs and throughout the programme period.

Logistics and programme support by qualified (Ukrainian) WTI staff is available.

The Project will adopt a gender-responsive approach.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Implementation of the 4 Outputs as identified hereby, with reporting under supervision and coordination by [Dr Christian Häberli](#) (WTI/MATS).
- Job-sharing for different outputs can be discussed.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

- Work experience in agrifood trade such as in a Chamber of commerce or a Ukrainian trading company
- African trading knowhow is an advantage
- Academic degree in Agriculture, International Economics, International Trade, Law, Development Studies, Social Science or related field

### **SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- Must demonstrate a high level of commitment and professionalism
- Experience in project management and reporting
- Computer literate in MS office applications (Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to keep deadlines

### **LANGUAGES**

- Full knowledge of Ukrainian and English (written and spoken)
- French is an advantage

**To be considered for this vacancy in the first round of consultancy search, please apply by 15 May 2022**