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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-first Session

Rome 2-13 November 2001

### APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. At its Hundred and Twentieth Session, the Council decided that, in accordance with Rule XXIII-1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, nominations for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council should be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council by 12.00 hours on Friday 17 August 2001.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council received four nominations. Copies of the *Curricula Vitae* of the nominees and the transmittal communications are appended as follows:

Appendix A: Mr Francis Ofori (Ghana)

Appendix B: Mr Frederick Zenny (Jamaica)

Appendix C: Mr Aziz Mekouar (Morocco)

Appendix D: Mr Tjibbe Joustra (Netherlands)

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**APPENDIX A**

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA  
ROMA

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**NOTE VERBALE**

The Permanent Representation of Ghana presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations and has the honour to forward to the FAO a letter and a Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Francis Ofori who is being proposed by the Government of Ghana for the position of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council.

The Permanent Representation of Ghana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.



THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION  
ROME

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### (Abridged Version)

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>NAME</b>   | <b>Dr. Francis Ofori</b>   |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>ADDRESS</b>  | Director of Crop Services<br>Ministry of Food and Agriculture<br>P O Box M.37, Accra<br>Tel. No. : (233-21) 665066, 772157 (Residence)<br>Fax. No. : (233-21) 671715<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:cropserv@gh.com">cropserv@gh.com</a> |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>  | March 21, 1949   |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>MARITAL STATUS</b>   | Married with five (5) children   |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>EDUCATION</b>  |  |
|           | 1982-1986:  | PhD (Agronomy), University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia.   |
|           | June-Sept. 1981:  | Certificate in Agricultural Business Management, Planning and Control of Agri-business, Commonwealth Development Corporation Agricultural Business Centre, Mhlume, Swaziland.  |
|           | 1975-1977:  | MSc (Agronomy), University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.   |
|           | 1972-1973:  | BSc (Honours) Botany with Plant Physiology, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.   |
|           | 1968-1972:  | BSc (Education) Botany, Zoology and Education, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.  |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>KEY QUALIFICATIONS</b>   |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in tree crop (coffee and cocoa) research and the supervision and co-ordination of nationwide on-farm adaptive research on food crops in Ghana.</li> <li>• Agronomy, soil science, tropical crop production, administration and research management.</li> <li>• Environmental impact assessment with particular reference to agriculture and land use in the mining sector of Ghana and Guinea.</li> <li>• Co-ordination of feasibility studies in the crops sub-sector of the agricultural sector in Ghana.</li> <li>• Supervision of the implementation of donor-funded agricultural project.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>EXPERIENCE RECORD</b>  |  |
|           | May 2001 to date  | Acting Chief Director, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana.  |
|           | 1990 to date:   | <i>National Director of Crop Services, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana.</i><br>Responsible for general administration and co-ordination of activities of the crops sub-sector of MOFA.                                       |
|           | 1987-1990:  | Plantations Manager (Coffee), Cocobod Plantations Limited.<br>Co-ordinated the activities of Plantation Officers who were responsible for 19 coffee plantations scattered in the forest regions of Ghana.                            |
|           | 1982-1987   | Undertook a PhD course at the University of Western Australia under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.  |
|           | 1973-1978   | Assistant Research Officer (Coffee), Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana, Tafo-Akim.   |
|           |   | Initiated research on coffee husbandry and assisted the head of Agronomy Division in cocoa agronomic research.   |

## 8. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Grains and Legumes Development Board (1991-1996). Chairman of the Steering Committees of the AFD-funded Lowland Rice Development Project at Tamale, and the Coconut Sector Development Project at Sekondi. Member of Board of Directors, Twifo Oil Palm Plantations Limited, Member of the Working Group on the Management of Science and Technology in Ghana. Supervisor of the IFAD-funded Root and Tuber Improvement Programme and the AfDB-funded Food Crops Development Project. Member of the 6-Member USAID-sponsored External Program and Management Review of the International Fertilizer Development Center, Muscle Shoals, Alabama. U.S. A. (January 1999). Member of several local committees in the agricultural sector of Ghana.

## 9. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

Have attended about 36 international and several local conferences, workshops and meetings worldwide, and presented several papers at these meetings.

## 10. SPECIAL AWARDS

- i. A plaque awarded by Government of Ghana in recognition of my outstanding contribution towards the National Agriculture Programme at the National Farmers Day Celebration, December 1991 at Juapong, Ghana.
- ii. A Distinguished Service Award presented by the International Society for Tropical Root Crops - Africa Branch (ISTRC-AB) for my contributions to research and development of tropical root crops at the 7th Triennial Symposium of ISTRC-AB, 11-17 October 1998, Cotonou, Benin.

## 11. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- i. Ofori, F. and W. R. Stern (1986). Maize/cowpea intercrop system: effect of nitrogen fertilizer on productivity and efficiency. *Field Crops Research* 14, 247-161.
- ii. Ofori, F. and W. R. Stern (1987). Relative time of sowing and density of component crops in a maize/cowpea intercrop system. *Experimental Agriculture* 23, 41-52.
- iii. Ofori, R. and W. R. Stern (1987). The combined effects of nitrogen fertilizer and of density of the legume component on the production efficiency in maize/cowpea system. *Field Crops Research* 16, 43-52.
- iv. Ofori, F. and W. R. Stern (1987). Cereal/Legume intercropping systems (A review paper). *Advances in Agronomy* 41, 41-90.
- v. Ofori, J. S. Pate and W. R. Stern (1987). Evaluation of N<sub>2</sub> fixation and nitrogen economy of a maize/cowpea intercrop system using <sup>15</sup>N dilution methods. *Plant and Soil* 102, 149-160.
- vi. Ofori, (1992). Enhancing the supportive capacity of land resources for agriculture in Ghana. *World Resources Review* 4 (4), 469-479.
- vii. Ofori, F. and S. I. Hahn (Eds.) (1994). Proceedings of the 9th Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops. 20-26 October 1991, Accra, Ghana. 531 pp.
- viii. Eden-Green, S. J. and F. Ofori (Eds.) (1997). Proceeding of the International Workshop on Lethal Yellowing-Like Disease of Coconut, Elmina, Ghana. November 1995. Chatham, U. K.: NRI. 308 pp.
- ix. Plucknett, D. L., O. J. Eilerstern, G. Uehara, J. H. Joshi, F. Ofori and M. Yudelmann (1999). External Program and Management Review of International Fertilizer Development Center. Prepared for USAID. 133 pp.
- x. Adjekum, A. A. and F. Ofori (2000). Promotion of root and tuber crops in Ghana. A paper presented at the 12th Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops (ISTRC) held at Tsukuba, Japan. 10-16 September, 2000.

**APPENDIX B**

PERMANENT MISSION OF JAMAICA

GENEVA

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The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the Food and Agriculture Organization presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the Conference and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and has the honour to advise that the Government of Jamaica has decided to present the candidature of Mr Frederick Zenny, for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council for the period 2001-2003 at elections to be held during the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the Conference in Rome, Italy, in November 2001. A copy of his Curriculum Vitae is attached.

Currently assigned to Rome as the Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the FAO, Mr. Zenny has had a long standing and distinguished career in the Government Service, especially in the area of Agriculture, and has over the past 40 years gained vast experience in issues pertaining to FAO. He has held a number of posts in several international organizations, most notably the FAO, and his wealth of knowledge and expertise in FAO matters make him a suitable candidate for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the Conference and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 26 March 2001

Secretary General of the  
Conference and the Council  
FAO



## CURRICULUM VITAE

**NAME:** Frederick Bancroft ZENNY

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 25 September 1937

**NATIONALITY:** Jamaican

### EDUCATION

1963 – 1964 Institute of Higher International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.  
Certificate of Studies in Private and Public International Law,  
Political Science and Economics.

1961 - 1962 Lincoln's Inn, London. Called to the English Bar (Bar Exam)

1957 – 1961 Cambridge University  
M. A. Law - Honours (Class II/I), LLD  
International Law Honours (Class II/I)

1949 – 1956 Munro College, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica  
Senior and Higher School, Cambridge Certificates

**LANGUAGES** English: Mother tongue  
French: Mother tongue  
Italian: Fluent  
Spanish: Reasonably fluent

### EXPERIENCE

11 March 2000 – present Deputy Permanent Representative of  
Jamaica to FAO

January 1995 – December 1999 Secretary General of the FAO Council and  
Conference

January 1995 – December 1999 FAO, Assistant Director-General, General  
Affairs and Information Department (ADG),  
Rome.

December 1992 – December 1994 FAO, Assistant to the ADG, Economic and  
Social Policy Department (D-2), Rome.

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1989 – 1992	FAO, Directeur de Cabinet (D-2), Office of the Director General, Rome.
1984 – 1988	FAO, Representative to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean (D-1).
1981 – 1983	Special Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture, and Director of Marketing and Credit Division, FAO/OPAS (D1), Jamaica.
1977 – 1980	Special Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture and Director of the Production and Extension Department, Jamaica, on Leave-without-pay from FAO.
1975 – 1977	Special Adviser to the Minister of Public Utilities and Transportation, and Director of Advisory and Monitoring Unit, Jamaica, on Leave-without-pay from FAO.
1969 – 1975	FAO, Chief, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Legislation Section (P-4), Rome.
1966 – 1969	FAO, Legal Officer (P-3), Rome.
1964 – 1966	ITU, Administrative Officer, and Head of Technical Assistance Section, Administrative Department (P-2), Geneva.
1962 – 1963	ILO, Associate Member of International Labour Standards Division, Geneva.
1961 – 1962	Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple, London

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**CIVIC, PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIPS OF BOARDS**

Member of the FAO Programme Committee (2000 – 2001)

Member of the FAO Director General's Senior Management Committee (SMM) (1995 – 1999)

Member of FAO's Policy and Programme Advisory Board (PPAB) (1988 – 1999)

Member of the Prime Minister's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Private Sector Investments (1981-1983)

Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Private Sector Projects Evaluation Committee (1981- 1983)

Member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture) on the Stabilization Fund (1981-1982)

Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Marketing Task Force (1980-1982)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Food Corporation (1979-1983)

Member of the Board of Directors of Jamaican Frozen Foods Ltd. (1979-1983)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Marketing Corporation (1979-1983)

Chairman of the Land Utilization and Development Commission (1978-1980)

Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Project Staffing Committee (1978-1980)

Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Organizational and Training Committee (1978-1980)

Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Disciplinary Committee (1978-1980)

Member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Integrated Rural Development (1977-1983)

Member of the Ministry of Agriculture's Board of Management (1977-1983)



Member of the FAO Task Force on Management-Staff Relations (1972-1973)

Chairman of the FAO Staff Council (1971-1973)

Secretary of the FAO Special Committee on Management-Staff Relations, chaired by the Swedish Ambassador to Italy, Ambassador Brynolf Eng, following breakdown in staff-management relations, including walk-out and strikes (June 1970-March 1971)

Member of or Head of Government of Jamaica's Delegations to several international conferences and meetings including: *FAO Council and Conference* (1978-1979), *Sixteenth FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean*, Havana, Cuba (1980), the *World Food Council Fifth Ministerial Session*, Ottawa, Canada (1979), *Standing Committee of Ministers of Agriculture of CARICOM (SCMA)* (1978-1982)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author of numerous technical assistance reports to member countries and other FAO publications on Fisheries, Forestry, Wildlife Law and Institutions.

***Report to the Government of Jamaica on the Establishment in the Ministry of Agriculture of a Department of Production and Extension and a Marketing and Credit Division*** – 1984.

***Memorandum on Five-Year Agricultural Sector Plan*** (Internal Document, Ministry of Agriculture, Jamaica, 115 pages) – 1978.

***Progress Report on Worker Participation – A Programme and Strategy for Industrial Democracy*** - 1979.

***The Advisory and Monitoring Unit – An Experiment in Monitoring and Performance Appraisal*** (Public Utilities) – 1977.

***Improving the Management Information System for Public Enterprises*** – 1977.

***The Case for an Advisory Council for Public Utility Enterprises*** – 1977.

***A Guide in Implementing Worker Participation in the Utility Enterprises*** – Submission to the Government of Jamaica's Advisory Committee on Worker Participation – 1976.

***The Post Acquisition Dilemma – In Search of Policies and Money*** (Public Utilities) – 1976

***Skilled Leadership – A determining factor in improving efficiency and production*** (Public Utilities) 1976.

**APPENDIX C**  
(TRANSLATION)

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco, Permanent Representation to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, and has the honour to forward communication note DG/8/1/3 of 2/8/2001 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco concerning the submission of the candidature of H.E. Mr Aziz Mekouar, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, for the position of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council for the period November 2001 to November 2003, for which elections will be held during the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of FAO in November 2001.

The Curriculum Vitae of Mr Aziz MEKOUAR is attached.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco, Permanent Representation to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Organization the assurance of its highest consideration.

Rome, 3 August 2001

Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations  
ODG  
Rome

(TRANSLATION)

*Kingdom of Morocco  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
and Cooperation*

*Directorate for the United Nations  
and International Organizations  
FB/HF  
DG/8/1/3*

FAX

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to inform it that the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco has decided to submit the candidature of H.E. Aziz MEKOUAR, Ambassador Permanent Representative to FAO, WFP and IFAD, for the position of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council for the period November 2001 to November 2003, for which elections will be held during the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of FAO in November 2001.*

*The Curriculum Vitae of Mr Aziz Mekouar is attached.*

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.*

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Name	Aziz
Surname	MEKOUAR
Date and place of birth	13 November 1950, Fès (Morocco)
Family status	Married with one child

### **Primary and secondary studies**

- Chateaubriand French School in Rome (Italy)
- Charles Lepierre French School in Lisbon (Portugal)
- Baccalaureate ( Sciences) 1968

### **Higher studies**

Degree of the Higher School of Commerce (HEC) Paris 1974

### **Languages**

- Arabic, English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish.

### **Professional experience**

- 1974 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
- 1977 Counsellor (Foreign Affairs) 15 September 1977
- 1977 - Nov 1985 First Counsellor at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Rome
- 1978 - Nov 1985 Permanent Representative of Morocco to the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics
- Nov 1985 - June 1986 Minister Plenipotentiary Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
- 19.6.86 - 31.7.93 Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to Angola
- 17.9.93 - 15.9.99 Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to Portugal
- 16 Sept 1999 Appointed Ambassador to Italy, Malta and Albania by His Majesty King Mohammed VI
- Since Nov 1999 Chairman of the FAO Finance Committee

- Since 21.12.99 Permanent Representative of Morocco to FAO, WFP and IFAD
- Jan -Dec 2000 Chairman of the Africa Group of the United Nations agencies based in Rome
- Member and Head of Moroccan Delegations at international conferences

### **Thesis and studies**

- Thesis on the fisheries sector in Argentina and its contribution to the development of the country – 1973
- Studies on the Asia-dollar and prospective impact on the development of South-East Asia – 1974
- 30 years of Italian Foreign Policy – 1983
- 30 years of Italian Domestic Policy – 1983
- Studies and analyses on the situation in Angola

### **Conferences and seminars**

Facilitator of seminars and keynote speaker on development prospects and investment opportunities in Morocco.

Lectures on political and economic affairs and international relations of Morocco in selected Portuguese institutions (Institute of Higher Strategic Studies of Lisbon, Institute of National Defence, University of Minho, University of Lisbon, Centre for Maghreb Studies in Lisbon, Portuguese Industrial Association, Industrial Association of Porto, etc.).

Reports on Euro-Mediterranean and Euro-African relations.

### **Awards**

- Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of Portugal
- Grand Cross of the Military Order of Christ
- Grand Cross of the Italian Order Merit

**APPENDIX D**

Rof 2001/989

Permanente Vertegenwoordiging van het  
Koninkrijk der Nederlanden

## NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to the World Food Programme and to the International Fund for Agricultural Development presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Council and Protocol Affairs Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and, with reference to FAO's note G/CF 4/3 dated 25 June 2001 concerning the submission of candidates for Independent Chairman of the Council, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has decided to present the candidature of Mr Tjibbe Joustra for that post for the period 2001-2003, at the election to be held during the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference.

Mr Joustra has a long standing and distinguished career in the Government Service, notably the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries. Since a number of years he has been holding the post of Secretary-General, the most senior civil service rank of the Ministry. His Curriculum Vitae is attached.

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to FAO, WFP and IFAD avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Council and Protocol Affairs Division of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Rome, 16 July 2001



To the Secretary-General of the  
Conference, Council and Protocol Affairs Division  
of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
United Nations  
Via delle Terme di Caracalla  
Rome

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Name	:	Tjibbe Herman Jan <u>Joustra</u>
Date of Birth	:	6 February 1951
Status	:	Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
Education	:	Graduate in law, Groningen University
Experience	:	1975 - Lawyer at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 1984 - Director of the Legal Affairs Department and deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 1987 - Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries.

Main Duties: As the most senior civil servant of the Ministry, responsible for:

- the management and organisation of the Ministry (10,000 employees);
- the main policy areas of the Ministry (including the establishment of the Dutch Food Safety Authority);
- scenario studies on the EU's Common Agriculture Policy, veterinary affairs;

### International Activities

#### *Multilateral Field*

- Responsible for the Dutch policy paper on food security, for the food security debate during the World Food Summit (Rome, 1996) and for the formulation and preparation of the Dutch position during the World Food Summit
- Responsible for the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action in the Netherlands and for stating the Dutch policy positions in the international debate on the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action
- Responsible for the Dutch contribution to the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) (1997) and the Special General Assembly of the United Nations regarding Rio de Janeiro plus 5 (UNGASS, New York, 1997), especially with respect to the themes sustainable agriculture and rural development, biodiversity, forestry and integrated land management
- Responsible for the organisation of the conference "Cultivating our futures. FAO/Netherlands Conference on the Multifunctional Character of Agriculture", Maastricht 1999. This conference formed part of the preparations for the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), which dealt with chapters 10 and 14 of Agenda 21 on integrated land management and sustainable agriculture and rural development

- Responsible for the Dutch contribution to the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) (2000), on the themes sustainable agriculture and rural development and integrated land management, as well as the report of 4<sup>th</sup> and final session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF) and the follow-up of the IPF/IFF-processes
- Organised and co-chaired High-Level Conferences for the Netherlands and the candidate EU countries from central and eastern Europe. The first conference (the Hague, 2000) dealt with various issues related to the enlargement of the EU and institution-building, while the second (Wassenaar, 2001) concerned the enlargement of the EU and the integration of agricultural and nature management policies

#### *Bilateral Field*

- Responsible for the bilateral policies of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries in the general framework of bilateral policies of the Netherlands
- Organised and co-chaired High-Level Working Parties with various other nations, such as the People's Republic of China, Bulgaria, Iran, Rumania, South-Africa and Cuba, concerning the implementation of bilateral working programmes on the various policy fields of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
- Responsible for policy formulation regarding bilateral relations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries in the general framework of bilateral policies of the Netherlands, specifically regarding developing countries in the Southern African region concerning capacity-building and institution-building for trade-related veterinary and phytosanitary matters and in the field of research, education and information and co-chairmanship of expected international conference on these issues