



TORs of AEGIS Coordinator

The AEGIS Coordinator is employed by Bioversity International and is based at its headquarters at Maccarese, Rome, Italy, working as part of the ECPGR Secretariat. The Coordinator will maintain regular communication with the Local AEGIS Task Force and the AEGIS Advisory Committee (AC). He/she will coordinate the implementation of AEGIS as an integral component of the ECPGR programmes of work, in particular his/her workplan will be determined by the relevant decisions taken by the ECPGR Steering Committee (SC) in its 10th meeting in Riga, Latvia (2006). In particular, his/her responsibilities include:

1. Coordinate activities related to the implementation of AEGIS with the partners, in particular those involved with the four model crops (i.e. *Allium*, *Avena*, *Brassica* and *Prunus*), in close consultation with the Local AEGIS Task Force, under the direct supervision of the ECPGR Coordinator and the overall guidance of the AEGIS Advisory Committee. Pro-active information sharing between the different bodies of relevance to AEGIS will be an important mean of coordination.
2. Advance the concept of AEGIS, develop an implementation plan and coordinate the review of the Strategy Framework AEGIS Discussion Paper.
3. Prepare a draft study outline, with the involvement of expert economists that gives an overview of (estimated) operational costs for collection maintenance before and after the introduction of AEGIS, as well as its implementing costs.
4. Coordinate the development of a draft quality management system for the four model crops.
5. Assist the four model crop groups in the development of lists of proposed specific accessions for each of the four model crops to be designated for their incorporation into the European collections.
6. Coordinate the development of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for signature by the Ministries, specifying the political consent of the national authorities for task sharing, and taking into account the relationship with the obligations of the ITPGRFA.
7. Develop a draft model institutional contract covering operational issues related to the implementation of AEGIS.
8. Initiate and oversee the implementation of a survey of (potential) capacity and availability amongst European institutions to develop European task-sharing in the context of AEGIS as well as assessment of the needs for upgrading various facilities and training new experts.

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