The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition



Job Title:	Senior Policy Associate, UN Food Systems Summit (FSS)

Classification:	D4, Senior Associate/ Project Manager	Direct reports:	0
Work location	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Travel required:	More than 30%

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the UN in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition. Working with both governments and businesses, we aim to transform food systems so that they deliver more nutritious food for all people. We aim to make healthier food choices more desirable, more available, and more affordable. GAIN's purpose is to advance nutrition outcomes by improving consumption of nutritious and safe food for all people, especially the most vulnerable to malnutrition. GAIN has a proven record of facilitating practical solutions that increase the nutritional value and safety of foods in ways that work for consumers, businesses, and governments. For more details, please visit: www.gainhealth.org

DESCRIPTION

Overall purpose

The Food Systems Summit will be held in September/October 2021, it is hosted by the UN Secretary General and involving all UN member states. It has a declared focus on system change addressing interconnected challenges: environmental sustainability, planetary boundary limits especially climate change, and increasing inequalities around access to food security and healthy diets. The FSS also takes place in a year which will see the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in December 2021 in which GAIN is actively involved, and which has a specific focus on nutrition commitment within food systems. A critical component of the Food Systems Summit will be national planning processes to develop coherent plans. One component of the FSS strategy is a set of food systems dialogues hosted by every member state to this end.

GAIN Support to FSS

The inclusion of nutritious and safe foods as a major theme is well aligned with <u>GAIN's strategy</u> to make nutritious foods more affordable and accessible for all. Within the FSS preparatory framework, GAIN will lead Action Track 1.

Tasks and Responsibilities

Role in Policy Support

- Support to national preparations for the Food Systems Dialogues for the UN Food Systems Summit, and the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit
- Act as support/facilitation person for national food systems dialogue/s and other planning mechanisms to develop a national food action plan and/or plans and commitments made at the Summits
- Time to time communicate and link with respective advisor, consultant and where appropriate, contribute and facilitate the preparations for the national commitments
- Facilitate and share GAIN expertise derived from GAIN national programs and its global expertise into national consultation and planning see [www.gainhealth.org].
- Be a team player of major country link to the cross-GAIN working group on the Summit

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- Take the responsibility on internal communication to educate and inform fellow GAIN colleagues on the objectives of the summit
- Support the integration and alignment of the Food Systems Summit policy and advocacy work into GAIN's national business plan
- Responsibility to collaboration with food systems partners (including development partners) to develop and implement their Dialogues programme
- To engage with multi-stakeholder for sustainable local and national food systems at least three years after the summit through National Authorities
- Support to analyse the present mechanisms of Food System and come up with innovative ideas.
- Monitor the track and propose an articulated plan and enabling solutions to effectively take in place (e.g. policies, institutions, finance, incentives, data, innovation, advocacy, education, etc.)

Key organisational relationships

The Country Policy Support will work under the direction of the GAIN Country Director and be part of the global GAIN team working on the Summit, working closely with the Policy and Advocacy team based in the UK.

Other key relationships in GAIN:

- GAIN Communications team
- SUN Business Network
- Knowledge Leadership team
- Nutrition Connect
- Food Systems Summit team

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Skill & Competencies

- professional experience of policy development and planning work within a government setting that involves public private engagement
- Key understanding of food systems
- Ability to work collaboratively with a range of different stakeholders from business, farmers, civil society, academia, consumers, etc.
- Excellent written and oral presentation skills

Experience

- Proven track record in supporting food policy dialogue work at high levels in local context
- Capacity to work closely with national stakeholders to progress the Food Systems
 Summit influencing agenda and GAIN's Action Track 1 work

Education

 Bachelor's degree in public relations, food science, nutrition, social science, business administration, or a suitable equivalent work experience.

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- Flexible working hours
- Friendly working environment
- Professional development opportunities