



Kingdom of the Netherlands



Vacancy – Agricultural Advisor

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mexico City

1. Basic Details

Job title:	Agricultural Advisor
Organisation:	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mexico City
Unit/mission:	LAN-MEX
Job Grade:	08
Number of hours/week:	35
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2. Job description

The Netherlands Agricultural Network in Mexico (LAN MEX) is looking for a motivated colleague to join the team. You will be posted at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mexico City, with Mexico as your working area. The diversity of tasks and responsibilities will require a willingness to take initiative, to act proactively and strategically, with a structured and result-oriented approach. You are able to translate policy goals into concrete projects and activities, and you enjoy high-level meetings just as much as the hands-on organization of events. You have analytical skills and you feel comfortable working independently. You are a good communicator and a true team player. Willingness to travel is essential as several visits and activities take place outside Mexico City, including trips of a week 3-5 times per year.

3. The Netherlands Agricultural Network

The Netherlands Agricultural Network (LAN) represents the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN in Dutch). LAN consists of 59 teams stationed at Dutch embassies and consulates-general, covering 75 countries.

LAN is established in regions that offer viable chances for Dutch companies, knowledge institutions and societal organisations in agriculture, fisheries, food and nature. LAN strengthens and contributes to the implementation of the LVVN Europe strategy and the LVVN International strategy aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

LAN supports agricultural development, dialogue and (bilateral and multilateral) cooperation in sustainable agriculture, nature / biodiversity, food safety, food security and fisheries. Trade promotion, stimulating Dutch investments abroad, promoting market access for Dutch agri-food products and knowledge, innovation and technology in the country of representation also belong to its core tasks.

4. Working environment

The team of LAN MEX consists of the Agricultural Officer, the Agricultural Advisor (actual vacancy) and the Agricultural Counsellor. The team works closely with the team of Economic Affairs including the Netherlands Business Support Office in Querétaro and contributes to the one-team cooperation within the Embassy. LAN MEX falls within the organisational structure of the Dutch Embassy in Mexico City and you report directly to the Agricultural Counsellor who carries final responsibility for the entire LAN team.

5. Responsibilities

Your job is very dynamic, actively executing the annual plan of the team, and following up on requests from stakeholders in our network. Sometimes this collides, meaning that some weeks can have a peak in work. This requires flexibility when it comes to supporting the other team members with their responsibilities.

Your main responsibilities are:

- You analyse, report and act upon developments in LVVN domains that are relevant for the development of LVVN policy in the Netherlands and in Mexico;
- You translate LVVN policy to the local context of Mexico and turn it into concrete actions under the direction of the Agricultural Counsellor;
- You guide and support negotiations between the Ministry of LVVN and SENASICA for market access for Dutch companies in Mexico. You monitor local veterinary and phytosanitary legislation and regulations, identify bottlenecks in trade transactions and contribute to solutions and (new) opportunities for Dutch stakeholders;
- You are responsible for the implementation of a subset or several themes of the LVVN policy within the annual plan and under the direction of the Agricultural Counsellor. These themes can be defined within the team and may vary over time. Initially they mainly concern protected and open field horticulture;
- You prepare and support Dutch trade missions and other promotional activities, such as fairs and exhibitions, representing LVVN interests and policy;
- You guarantee an understanding of the local political and administrative environment, establish and maintain contacts for carrying out the above tasks;
- You keep track of and act upon requests addressed to the LAN-team, activities and contacts in the relevant databases, such as Achilles;
- You prepare content for www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl, newsletters and social media.

6. Knowledge & skills requirements

Level of education: higher professional graduate level (preferably agriculture/nature related);

Level of working experience: at least 5 years of relevant professional experience

Knowledge

- Knowledge of and insight into local agriculture, food, fisheries and nature policy, legislation and regulations, sector organizations, knowledge institutions and government structures and agribusiness;

- General knowledge and understanding of current developments in policy domains, society and trading position in Mexico;
- Knowledge of the national and regional environmental policy and veterinary and phytosanitary legislation is a plus;
- Good verbal and written command of English and Spanish (C1 level, CEFR), Dutch is considered an asset;
- Familiarity with and ability to adapt to Dutch culture and customs.

Skills

- You are a natural networker with the capacity to build and maintain a network in all relevant fields;
- Ability to translate insights and information into strategy, recommendations, activities and reports and assessing the resultant policy consequences;
- Strong communication and contact skills, enjoying to use social media and exploring new ways of communication;
- Able to work at a strategic level and strong organizational skills.

Competencies

- Initiative
- Political sensitivity
- Analytical thinking
- Team player
- Flexibility and able to work under pressure
- Strong writing skills
- Integrity
- Planning and organizing

7. Important counterparts

- LAN HQ (homebase of the Netherlands Agricultural Network) at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) in The Hague and other Netherlands Agricultural Networks worldwide;
- The Ministry of LNV in the Netherlands, other Dutch ministries and governmental agencies (like NVWA and RVO (responsible for implementation of policy of the NL government));
- Mexican local, state and federal government, especially SADER, SENASICA, SEMARNAT.
- Dutch exporters and investors, local companies, importers and key business figures, business organizations, professional organizations, and diplomatic representations;
- Diplomatic representations, like the European Union and agricultural teams of other Embassies;
- International organisations present in Mexico like Development Banks, FAO and CYMMIT;
- Independent societal organisations and NGO's;
- Media for public information, PR and press releases.

8. Terms of employment

The appointment will be effectuated on the basis of a local contract according to the Legal Status Regulations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The position has been approved for scale 8 according to the Dutch Local Staff scales. Salary steps within the scale are dependent upon education and experience of the candidate and will range between gross minimum of 45.732 MXN and maximum 68.598 MXN per month. The Embassy will deduct taxes and salary will be paid in nett.

A vacation allowance of 3.89% and a 13th month allowance of 11.11% are paid. You will get 147 hours of leave on top of to the 13 fixed days of Mexican or Dutch holidays and a private health insurance at reduced costs for the employee and his or her dependents.

The contract is initially for the duration of one year. A decision to extend the contract depends on job performance. A valid work permit for Mexico is considered an asset.

9. Diversity and inclusion

The Netherlands Government is an inclusive employer. We value diversity, promote equality and challenge discrimination, enhancing our organizational capability. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. We do not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, colour, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age or any other category protected by law.

10. Application process

Interested candidates can apply before Friday 31st of July 2026 by sending a short motivation letter (max 1.5 pages) and a recent CV in English to Wendele van der Wiele, Agricultural Counselor (mex-lvn@minbuza.nl) with the subject "Application Agricultural Advisor Mexico City".

The selection process will consist of one or two interviews in the weeks of 3 and 10 of August. Candidates will be asked to complete a written exercise of up to 45 minutes around the time of the first interview. Suitable candidates may be invited for an interview before the application deadline and early applications are therefore encouraged.