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Member of the Supervisory Board (Raad van Toezicht)
Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP)

About Netherlands Food Partnership

Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP) works towards a world where sustainable and healthy food is within reach for all. Achieving this requires food systems that are fairer, healthier, and environmentally resilient. Because no single organisation can solve these complex challenges alone, collaboration and partnership are essential.

NFP serves as a trusted connector between the public sector, private sector, civil society, and knowledge institutions across the Netherlands and low and middle income countries (LMICs). By facilitating dialogues, aligning strategic interests, and building multi-stakeholder partnerships, NFP turns shared ambitions into meaningful action and systemic impact. Established in 2020 as a foundation under Dutch law, NFP operates as a pre-competitive public good, funded by the Netherlands' Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature.

Role of the supervisory board

The Supervisory Board (SB, Raad van Toezicht in Dutch) provides independent non-executive oversight, strategic guidance, and acts as a trusted sounding board to the Executive Director. Together, the board and Executive Director ensure NFP stays true to its vision, mission, and core values.

The Supervisory Board currently consists of five members meeting quarterly. The board aims for diversity in gender, age, cultural background, expertise, sector experience, geographical representation and personal perspectives. Due to regular term rotation, NFP is seeking a new **Member of the Supervisory Board,** preferably with a background in the private sector, to start in Q1 2027.

As a member, you participate in the Supervisory Board in its collegial responsibilities, foster constructive debate, contribute to board performance, support the Executive Director and his evaluation. Externally, you serve as a high-level ambassador, representing NFP with strategic partners and international networks when required.

Key responsibilities

1. **Governance & Oversight**: Jointly with other board members exercise strategic supervision over NFP's long-term policy, organisational positioning, and financial integrity (approving annual/multi-year plans, budgets, and accounts).
2. **Board participation**: Drive board effectiveness, ensure balanced stakeholder perspectives, lead on topics agreed to in accordance with other board members, and foster an independent, critical, and collaborative governance culture.

3. **Strategic positioning**: Support the Executive Director, offering solicited and unsolicited advice while balancing supervisory independence with constructive support.

Candidate profile & qualifications

NFP seeks a seasoned leader with demonstrated supervisory experience and a deep commitment to global food systems transformation. A background and extensive experience in the private sector is a requirement in order to keep the board's diversity balanced.

1. **Governance & leadership**
   * Broad non-executive, supervisory, or executive board experience within public, private, or civil society sectors.
   * Demonstrated ability to engage in multi-disciplinary teams, facilitate constructive debate, and link to relevant sector developments in the Netherlands and/or low and middle income countries and globally.
   * Expertise in accountability, financial oversight, and robust governance structures is a pre.
2. **Domain & network capability**
   * Strong strategic vision with an academic level of thinking and working.
   * Knowledge of, or affinity with, the food and nutrition security ecosystem in the Netherlands and low and middle income countries.
   * Access to relevant multi-stakeholder networks across government, industry, academia, or civil society.
3. **Personal attributes & availability**
   * Independent mindset, critical thinking, and unyielding personal integrity.
   * Strong relational skills, cultural awareness, and appreciation for diverse perspectives.
   * Dedication and sufficient availability to fulfill the role effectively alongside other primary or secondary commitments.

Note: To safeguard independence, candidates cannot be employed by or structurally affiliated with organisations that frequently receive funding from NFP.

Commitment & allowance

* **Time commitment**: Approximately 2 to 3 days per quarter (covering quarterly board meetings, preparation, alignment, and occasional external engagement).
* **Term**: Appointed for an initial period of four years, with the possibility of one re-appointment.
* **Allowance**: In accordance with the articles of association, members receive honorarium aligned with Dutch tax regulations for volunteers, alongside full reimbursement of role-related expenses.

Application & process

For more information about this position or to express your interest including a motivation letter and Curriculum Vitae, please contact the Chair of the Supervisory Board, **Mrs. H.F. Verburg**, via the NFP Secretariat (Mrs. Suzan van Hees: svanhees@nlfoodpartnership.com)

* **Closing date**: 27 November 2026
* **Interviews**: 7 - 11 December 2026
* **Expected start**: Q1 2027