



**Institute for  
African Studies**



**Institute of Water, Environment  
and Climate Research  
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CO-OPERATION**

**BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE FOR AFRICAN STUDIES OF THE RUSSIAN**

**ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

**MOSCOW, RUSSIA**

**AND**

**INSTITUTE OF WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE RESEARCH**

**ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY**

## **Preamble**

The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, hereinafter referred to as "IAS" and Institute of Water, Environment and Climate Research (IWECR), Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, hereinafter referred to as "IWECR"

**RECOGNIZING** the mutual interests in the fields of research, development and dissemination of knowledge on a long-term non-commercial basis; and

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of the two institutions' role in the promotion of international collaboration, equality and increased contribution to the development of society; and,

**CONSIDERING** the already existing formal and informal networks between the two institutions expressing the idea of partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, IAS and IWECR

HEREBY do agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the two Institutions according to the terms and conditions set out in the articles following hereunder.

In this Memorandum, unless a contrary intention is expressed in the text, the words "The Parties", "**The two parties**", "The two institutions", "Collaborating Institutions", "both institutions" refer to IAS and IWECR. The Memorandum means this Memorandum.

## **Article 1**

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this MoU is to establish a structured framework for research and academic collaboration between the Parties.

## **Article 2**

### **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

2.1 The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- Joint research projects
- exchange and mobility of staff, sabbaticals
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- mutual assistance in the establishment of new programmes

- exchange of information and publications
  - organizing conferences, workshops, and seminars.
- 2.2 All activities shall be implemented through specific agreements.

### Article 3

## FIELDS OF COLLABORATION

3.1 Collaboration between the two institutions will be established in matters pertaining to African studies in the field of research and documentation.

3.2 Depending on financial means and practical feasibility, the parties shall establish joint research programmes. For each programme, both cooperating institutions shall set up a committee and appoint a Coordinator to be responsible for the implementation of the programme.

3.3 Where one collaborating institution does not have the capacity to cover a field of interest requested by the other, the requested institution shall facilitate such a request by identifying another institution in the relevant home country or region to the requesting party.

3.4 The different departments and scientific centres in both institutions are authorized to sign mutual agreements to achieve the aims of this general umbrella Memorandum.

3.5 The mode of ownership of research materials and research findings shall be spelt out clearly at the commencement of a participation of each party and the prevalent regulations of the partner institutions.

### Article 4

## PROJECT AGREEMENTS

4.1 Each collaboration shall be governed by a **separate written agreement**, specifying:

- Scope and objectives
- Roles and responsibilities
- Deliverables and timelines
- Budget and funding sources

### Article 5

## EXCHANGE OF STAFF

5.1 The purpose of normal exchange of staff shall be research.

5.2 Following receipt of written credentials and proposed activities, either party may submit a letter of invitation to the other party thereto outlining the proposed terms and conditions under which the visit is to take place.



5.3 Negotiations between the parties concerning such proposed visits shall include consideration of the methods and source of funding for the expenses of the visiting staff member or members.

5.4 The two parties agree to afford their respective researchers the same facilities as to their own, access to their libraries and other information sources and to their services (office space, programming and secretarial assistance).

5.5 The two institutions undertake to inform each other about conferences/ workshops, study groups they organize in the field of African studies.

## **Article 6**

### **FUNDING AND FINANCE**

6.1 Exchanges or visits under this Memorandum will, in principle, be organised reciprocally on an honorary basis.

6.2 Development of joint activities will be dependent on availability of funds.

6.3 Both institutions shall also endeavor to secure financial support for implementation of the Memorandum from national and international institutions.

6.4 Financial arrangements will have to be negotiated for each specific project or programme.

## **Article 7**

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

#### **7.1 Ownership**

Intellectual property arising from joint activities shall be jointly owned, unless otherwise agreed in prior written communication.

#### **7.2 Publications**

7.2.1 Publications shall acknowledge both Parties.

7.2.2 Authorship shall follow internationally accepted academic standards.

#### **7.3 Data Sharing**



Data sharing shall comply with national laws of Ethiopia and Russia institutional policies of each party and

**Article 8**

**MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Negotiation, implementation, and reporting on the progress concerning the collaboration shall be coordinated by the Head, Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, 123001, Spiridonovka, 30/1, Moscow, and the Head, Centre for Water Research, Institute of Water, Environment and Climate Research, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

8.2 Coordination of activities:  
Issues about specific activities, including rights and obligations of each party, shall be notified or communicated to the offices mentioned in sub- article 7.1 above.


8.3 This Memorandum shall have duration of five years renewable automatically each time for a further five years unless either party gives notice of termination not later than six months prior to the expiry of the existing Memorandum.

8.4 Any alteration of the Memorandum shall be agreed upon jointly by the two parties.

8.5 In the event of dispute, both parties shall resolve it amicably.

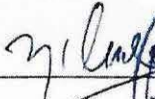
8.6 This Memorandum shall take effect upon ratification, by signature of the Director of IAS and the Director of IWECR.

8.7 This Memorandum is done in two equally authentic copies, one for each of the signing parties.

  
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