



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UGANDA MARTRYS UNIVERSITY (UMU), the host of the *African Centre of Excellence in Agro-Ecology and Livelihood Systems (ACALISE)*

AND

Advocacy Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA)

and

Uganda Organic Certification Company Ltd (UGOCERT) (AS PARTNERS)

11th December, 2019

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made this 11th day of December, 2019

BETWEEN

Uganda Martyrs University (hereinafter referred to as "UMU"), a faith-based not-for-profit private University, owned by the Uganda Episcopal Conference and whose official postal address is P. O. Box 5498, Kampala, Uganda. UMU is the host to the World Bank/Government of Uganda-sponsored **African Centre of Excellence in Agro-ecology and Livelihood Systems** (hereinafter referred to as "ACALISE") under the Eastern and Southern Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project (hereinafter referred to as "ACE II") whose overall Project Development Objective (hereinafter referred to as "PDO") is **to strengthen the capacities of Universities to deliver high quality training and build collaborative research capacity in regional priority areas,**

AND

Advocacy Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as a "Partner 1" or "ACSA") - a coalition of Private Sector organizations in the area of agriculture that focus on organic farming and other sustainable agricultural practices throughout the agricultural value chain, whose overall Goal is ensure that : **"Relevant agriculture policies and services for Small Holder Farmers(SHFs) are implemented to foster profitable sustainable agriculture enterprises"** This is attained through ensuring that ACSA Member Organizations (MO) and smallholder farmers influence the agrarian policy and budget processes at local and national level; ACSA member organizations (MO) have improved their capacity to access, generate and disseminate research and farmer based innovation for evidence based advocacy at local and national level; Strategic partnership and coordination is fostered among ACSA member organizations and other stakeholders for collective action towards improved service delivery to smallholder farmers is enhanced at local and national level; and ACSA member organizations have enhanced their capacity to support smallholder farmers towards improved access to reliable and profitable markets. ACSA is located at postal address is P O BOX 21556, Kampala, Uganda.

AND

Uganda Organic Certification Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Partner 2" or "UgoCert") - a private company limited by shares and works with farmers, exporters, agro input dealers in areas of inspection , auditing and certification of organic practitioners along the value chain, whose overall mission is **" To providing credible certification services in sustainable agriculture seeds and natural resources management, for better market opportunities"** This is attained by providing certification services for organic crops and livestock; Organic bee keeping systems; wild harvest organic products; processors of organic foods and agriculture products; handling of organic foods such as packers, brokers , distributors and wholesalers; Fisheries; re-certification of



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EAOPs; PGS certification. UgoCert's postal address is P. O. BOX 33743 Kampala, Uganda.

Now this MoU witnesseth as follows:

Article 1: Goals of the Collaboration

- 1.1 To work together as **equal partners** for the achievement of the overall PDO for the ACE II Project and ensure timely production of the desired results at ACALISE.
- 1.2 To undertake mutual activities and programmes aimed at ensuring timely realization of the following interventions at ACALISE:
 - 1.2.1 Training of the all-round scientist who is not only academically excellent but also ethically sound and morally mindful of both his/her needs and the needs of others and of the environment.
 - 1.2.2 Popularization of sustainable and climate smart agricultural systems like Agro-ecology and food value chains
 - 1.2.3 Promotion of mutual collaborations with research institutions, academic institutions, industry and Government

Article 2: Specific Activities to be undertaken by the Partner

Given the cordial relationship Uganda Martyrs University and ACSA/UgoCert have had in the past years, and particularly the joint efforts to create a favourable environment for the practicing of Ecological Organic Agriculture at all levels in pursuit of inclusive processes of formulation and implementation of Uganda's National organic agriculture policy and other supporting regulatory frameworks, and given the complementarity in attaining mutually benefiting goals. **UMU/ACALISE shall be the coordinating agency and the partners shall constitute a programs committee composed of the three to parties to govern this MoU** and each of the partner will undertake specific responsibilities as per their mandate as follows;

UMU Shall:

- Conduct relevant research in the ecological organic agriculture
- Provide Technical support and training to CSO farmer innovators
- Disseminate research among stakeholders
- Co organize National and regional dissemination of the National Agriculture Policy
- Work with farmers to develop their innovations in organic farming
- Provide technical and Financial support for the accomplishment of mutually benefiting ongoing activities
- Support the development of the National organic Agriculture law

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ACSA shall:

- Organise fora private sector, CSOs, farmer organizations and other stakeholders to disseminate the organic best practices and innovations
- Undertake media awareness and public sensitization on agro-ecological innovations and practices by ACALISE through Radio, TV and Newspaper pullouts
- Link farmers to research and innovations
- Co-organize National and regional dissemination of the National Agriculture Policy
- **The partners shall constitute a programs committee composed of the three to parties to govern this MoU**
- Support the development of the National organic Agriculture law
- Provide technical and Financial support for the accomplishment of the ongoing activities

UgoCert Shall

- Provide Capacity building necessary to facilitate Certification of organic products
- Provide certification services to producers and operators who comply with the organic standards upon satisfactory inspection and confirmation.
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- Co organize National and regional dissemination of the National Agriculture Policy.
- Offer to UMU/ACALISE a representative position on the Managing Board of UgoCert
- Provide technical and Financial support for the accomplishment of the ongoing activities
- Support the development of the National organic Agriculture law

Article 3: Duration of the MoU

This MOU will be valid for a period of Three (3) years from 01 /January 2020 to 31st December 2022. It is renewable on mutual consent.

Article 4: Financial Commitments

Total budget shall be USD 23,000 (.Twenty Three Thousand Dollars) with each collaborating partner contributing as follows; UMU/ACALISE - USD 20,000 that will be Paid on ACSA to the Coordinating ACSA Bank, ACSA - USD 2000(Two Thousand Dollars) and UgoCert- USD 1000(One Thousand Dollars for the first Year as per designated activities in the budget and work plan attached

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Article 5: Autonomy Clause:

UMU and ACSA/ UGOCERT agree that each of the parties retains their full autonomy for the day-to-day running in accordance to their respective policies, rules, and regulations, without anything being imposed by either party onto the other provided that results are delivered on time in line with the goals in Article 1.

Article 6: Copyright and patenting

In event that there is need to pursue any patenting or copyright the three partners shall equally be involved and take the credit

Article 7: Dispute Management

6.1 The parties shall endeavor to resolve all disputes amicably, as the first and main resort.

6.2 In the event of failure to resolve disputes amicably and where the delay to resolve the dispute(s) amicably negatively affect(s) the timely achievement of the goals in Article 1, the MoU shall automatically be terminated.

6.3 As a last resort for dispute resolution an arbitrator shall be nominated by the partners and agreed upon.

Article 8: Termination

A notice of three (3) months to terminate this MoU shall be given by either Party in writing and shall be deemed given when actually received by the other Party at its recognized address.

Article 9: Article Force Majeure

In case of circumstances beyond the control of any of the parties, either of the parties shall not be held liable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties affix their respective hands and signatures on this MoU on the date aforementioned:

On behalf of
Uganda Martyrs University
Vice Chancellor

Rev. Prof. John C Maviiri

Maviiri JC

Date: 20/12/2019

In the Presence of

Ssemakula Joseph

Dr. Joseph Ssemakula

Date: 20/12/2019

On behalf of
ACSA

Vice Chairperson

Vincent Sebukyu

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Date: 20/12/2019

In the Presence of

Nakasi Harriet

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Date: 20/12/2019

On behalf of
UGOCERT

Chairperson

Masereka Longino

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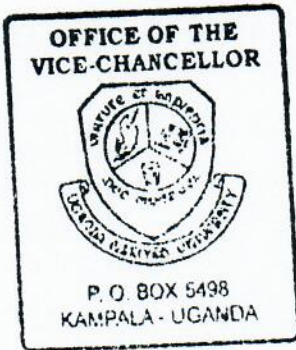
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In the Presence of

Masitulla Nakuya Sseremba

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Date: 20/12/2019





CONCEPT FOR THE IMPELEMENTATION OF THE NEXT STEPS AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE POLICY (NOAP), 2019

1.0 Introduction

Organic agriculture is a whole systems-based approach which addresses concerns of SDGs, CAADP, and the Uganda Agenda 2040 widely using available inexpensive organic management practices which makes it ideal for small-scale farmers for sustainability of agriculture. In 2004, NOGAMU together with other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the Organic Export Fraternity began lobbying government through Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF) for an Organic Agriculture Policy that would regulate the organic agriculture sub-sector development. Since then, MAAIF worked on drafting the National Organic Agriculture Policy (NOAP) together with other key stakeholders. The process included setting up a draft committee in 2004, presenting a first draft in 2005, conducting the Regulatory Impact Analysis and developing a costed Implementation Strategy and Investment Plan in 2016. With continued support from civil society organizations like PELUM Uganda, NOGAMU, and Advocacy Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA) among others in the organic fraternity, a series of stakeholders' meetings were organized to participate in the above-named process to contribute to the National Organic Agriculture Policy formulation process. The cabinet finally approved the National Organic Agriculture Policy (NOAP) on 29th July 2019 following a series of activities that included lobbying, exposure visits, media sensitisation, **updating statistics of the NOAP Documents** (Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA), costed implementation Strategy and Investment Plan); **developing, publishing and disseminating a strong justification pager of the organic policy to create a public buy**; **Engaging the media in sharing information about the policy in the policy among others.**

2.0 Rationale

Uganda is increasingly receiving recognition as a major player in the organic export market. With increasing consciousness about health and food safety, the local market for organic products is also growing steadily. On the global scene, Uganda has the second largest number of certified organic producers (210,352) only next to India. In Africa, Uganda has the second biggest certified organic land (262,282), next to Tanzania. Uganda's Export Market Value exceeds \$ 50m. The most traded items include beverages (Coffee, Cocoa), Sesame, Chia seed, frozen fruit pulp, Fresh/dried fruits (pineapple, apple banana, mango, papaya, jack fruit, passion fruit), spices (Vanilla, chilli, ginger, cardamom, black pepper), herbs, essential oils, and Shea butter/nuts.

5.0 Target

The process will target stakeholders that include; Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC), Ministry of Local Governments (MoLG), Ministry of Science and Technology, Development partners, Members of parliament, Non-state Actors, Academia, farmers, media and other organic agriculture practitioners in the country.

BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES ON THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE POLICY(NOAP)

Activities	Units	Units	Unit Cost	Total	PARTNERS					
					2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	ACSA	UGOCERT	UMU
1 Updating of Organic Statistics										
Hire of consultant to conduct a survey on organic agriculture in Uganda	days	20	500,000	10,000,000						
Sub-total				10,000,000						
2 Dissemination meeting of the Organic survey findings										
Venue	day	1	1,000,000	1,000,000						
Stationery	lumpsum	1	500,000	500,000						
Meals & refreshment	people	30	50,000	1,500,000						
Transport refund	people	30	50,000	1,500,000						
Coordination cost	lumpsum	1	200,000	200,000						
Fuel	trips	1	800,000	800,000						
Publicity (brochures, name tags, banners)	lumpsum	1	1,000,000	1,000,000						
Sub-total				600,000						
3 Editing of the NOAP and development of the Organic Agriculture bill/act										
Content development of the bill and editing of the NOAP	days	20	500,000	10,000,000						
Designing and printing of the policy documents	copies	####	20,000	40,000,000						
Sub-total				60,000,000						
4 Validation of the survey and the developed organic agriculture bill										
Venue	day	1	1,000,000	1,000,000						
Stationery	lumpsum	1	500,000	500,000						
Meals & refreshment	people	30	50,000	1,500,000						
comodation	people	30	80,000	2,400,000						
Transport refund	people	30	50,000	1,500,000						
Coordination cost	lumpsum	1	200,000	200,000						
Total				7,100,000						

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Fuel	trips	1	1,500,000	1,500,000	V			V	
Media	Lumpsum	1	1,000,000	1,000,000	V			V	
Resource persons	people	3	300,000	900,000	V			V	
Publicity (brochures, name tags, banners)	Lumpsum	1	600,000	600,000					
Sub-total				11,100,000	11,100,000			V	V
5 Launching the NOAP									
Venue	day	1	1,000,000	1,000,000	V			V	
Stationery	Lumpsum	1	500,000	500,000	V			V	
Meals & refreshment	people	150	50,000	7,500,000	V			V	
Accommodation	people	20	80,000	1,600,000	V			V	
Transport refund	people	150	80,000	12,000,000	V			V	
Coordination cost	Lumpsum	1	500,000	500,000	V			V	
Fuel	trips	1	1,500,000	1,500,000	V			V	
Media	Lumpsum	1	1,000,000	1,000,000	V			V	
Resource persons	people	3	300,000	900,000	V			V	
Publicity (brochures, name tags, banners)	Lumpsum	1	600,000	600,000	V			V	
Sub-total				27,100,000	27,100,000			V	V
6 Regional dissemination meetings (four regions)									
Venue	day	4	200,000	800,000	V			V	
Stationery	Lumpsum	4	200,000	800,000	V			V	
Meals & refreshment	people	120	160,000	19,200,000	V			V	
Accommodation for participants (for 1 days)	people	120	425,000	51,000,000	V			V	
Transport refunds	people	120	60,000	7,200,000	V			V	
Coordination cost	Lumpsum	4	200,000	800,000	V			V	
Fuel	trips	4	1,000,000	4,000,000	V			V	
Media	Lumpsum	4	1,000,000	4,000,000	V			V	
Resource persons	people	12	300,000	3,600,000	V			V	
Publicity (brochures, name tags, banners)	Lumpsum	4	600,000	2,400,000	V			V	
Sub-total				93,800,000	46,900,000		46,900,000	V	V



	Underatke reseach on profitability of selected value chains(pineapples and 7 Coffee)	Lumpsum	2	37,000,000	74,000,000					V
	Subtotal				74,000,000	37,000,000	37,000,000			V
8	Validation and Dissemination meeting of the research									
	Venue	day	2	1,000,000	2,000,000					V
	Stationery	Lumpsum	2	500,000	1,000,000	V	V			V
	Meals & refreshment	people	60	50,000	3,000,000	V	V			V
	Accommodation	people	60	80,000	4,800,000	V	V			V
	Transport refund	people	60	50,000	3,000,000	V	V			V
	Coordination cost	Lumpsum	2	200,000	400,000	V	V			V
	Fuel	trips	2	1,500,000	3,000,000	V	V			V
	Media	Lumpsum	2	1,000,000	2,000,000	V	V			V
	Resource persons	people	6	300,000	1,800,000	V	V			V
	Publicity (brochures, name tags, banners)	Lumpsum	2	600,000	1,200,000	V	V			V
	Subtotal				27,200,000	11,100,000	11,100,000			V
	Supporting the institutionalisation of organic subsector platforms(Certification, Exporters, Input dealers, support training Institutions and 9 farmers)									
	Quarterly meetings	Lumpsum	5	10,000,000	50,000,000	V	V			V
	Subtotal				60,000,000	16,666,700	16,666,700	16,666,700		V
10	Press conference	Lumpsum	3	3,500,000	10,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000		V
11	TV & newspaper Pull out)	Lumpsum	1	10,000,000	30,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000		V
12	Admin Costs					V	V			V
	Contribution to office cost(Uilities)	Lumpsum	3	500,000	18,000,000	V	V			V
	Contribution to operational costs(support staff , stationery)		3	700,000	25,200,000	V	V			V
	Subtotal	Lumpsum			43,200,000	14,400,000	14,400,000	14,400,000		V
13	Fuel and transport hire for exchange visits to ACALISE	Lumpsum	3	10,000,000	30,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000		V
	Subtotal				448,500,000	254,866,700	149,566,700	10,000,000		V
	GRAND TOTAL IN UGX									



GRAND TOTAL IN US\$					121,216	68,883	40,423	14,748		
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