



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

National Agricultural Research Laboratories (Food Bioscience and Agribusiness Program)

and

K.K Business Development and Agricultural Advisory Consultants

1st January, 2020

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made this 1st day of January 2020

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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

The Food Bioscience and Agribusiness Program (FBA) of the National Agricultural Laboratories of the National Agricultural Research Laboratories (NARL) hereinafter referred to as a "Partner 1" or "FBA-NARL" is a research and development program. The program conducts research and development on all national priority crops, livestock and fish. Its national mandate is to provide services and *generate technologies, innovations and management practices through client-demanded research in food processing, preservation, nutrition, storage, packaging, quality, safety, markets and agribusiness. The program's activities cover four results areas vis (1) Products and processes for enhanced nutrition and market competitiveness; (2) Technologies and processes that extend shelf-life of agricultural produce; (3) Technologies and practices that ensure safety in agri-food supply chains; (4) Process for supporting conversion of research results into commercial products for incomes and wealth creation; (5) Food Bioscience Research and Agribusiness R & D infrastructure.*

AND

KK Business Development and Agricultural Advisory 'U' Ltd (KBADA) which a private company incorporated in under the Laws of Uganda. It responds to the current needs for technical, entrepreneur and soft skills services provision in growing economies. The company provides services in (1) Research and Development projects design and implementation, farmer organizations, value chain development plus monitoring and evaluation using a variety of creative participatory tools; (2) Conducting baselines and impact studies; (3) Livelihood analysis and food security assessments; (4) Marketing research; (5) Skilling (technical, healthy living and soft);

(6) Agricultural input supplies, capacity building in crop and animal husbandry, development of training manuals, brochures, posters and leaflets. The company also organizes and manages/ facilitates scientific events such as workshops/ conferences and meetings.

Now this MoU witnesseth as follows:

Article 1: Goals of the Collaboration

- 1.1 To work together as **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 Support the 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 Popularise 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 Partners.

The partners will complement the academic and research activities of UMU/ACALISE by carrying out the following collaborative activities of mutual interest and on the basis of equality and reciprocity:

- (a) Exchange of academic and administrative staff
- (b) Offering 60 exchange/internship placement of staff or MSc/PhD students of ACALISE
- (c) Conducting collaborative research programs
- (d) Participating in lectures, workshops and hands on symposia for staff and students
- (e) Exchange of academic information and materials relevant to the research areas of ACALISE students and staff
- (f) Promoting collaboration in relevant fields of mutual interest

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 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars)** with each collaborating partner contributing as follows; **UMU/ACALISE contributing USD 35,000; KBADA contributing USD 8000** (Eight Thousand Dollars) and **FBA-NARL contributing USD 7000 (Seven Thousand Dollars)** for the first Year as per designated activities in the budget and work plan attached. The monies will be deposited on the account of the coordinating partner, namely **KK Business Development and Agricultural Advisory 'U' Ltd, Account Number 3710300798 (Centenary Bank: Mapeera Branch).**

Article 5: Autonomy Clause:

UMU and KBADA/ NARL 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 for the activities mutually carried out, the partners shall mutually agree on this and will all take the credit without discrimination.

Article 7: Dispute Management

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

7.2 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.

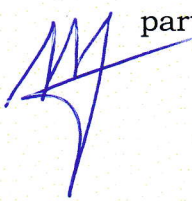
7.3 As a last resort for dispute resolution an arbitrator shall be nominated by the partners.

Article 8: Termination

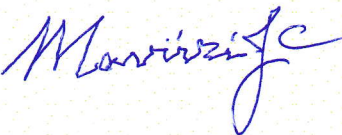
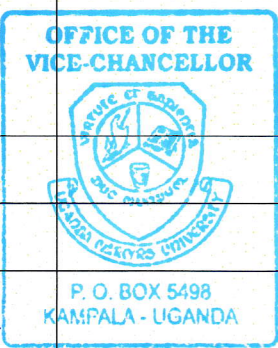


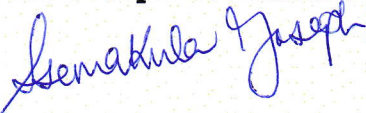
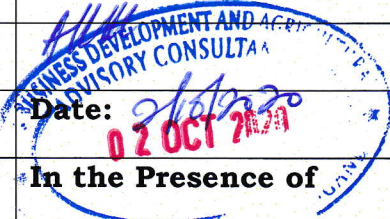
A notice of three (3) months to terminate this MoU shall be given by either Party in writing and shall be deemed given when actually received by the other Party at its recognized address.

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	On behalf of	On behalf of
Uganda Martyrs University		National Agricultural Research Laboratories
Vice Chancellor		Program Director
Rev.Prof. John C Maviiri 		Kephas Nowankunda 
Date:		Date: 
In the Presence of		In the Presence of
Dr. Joseph Ssemakula 		
Date: <i>2nd October 2020</i>		Date:
		K.K Business Development and Agricultural Advisory Consultants
		
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