

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT),  
Patancheru 502 324, Telangana State, India**

and

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The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid-Tropics (ICRISAT), a member of CGIAR Consortium, is a non-profit, non-political organization that conducts agricultural research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa with a wide array of partners throughout the world. Covering 6.5 million square kilometres of land in 55 countries, the semi-arid tropics are home to over 2 billion people, with almost 650 million of these the poorest of the poor. ICRISAT and its partners help empower these poor people to overcome poverty, hunger and a degraded environment through better agriculture.

ICRISAT is headquartered in Greater Hyderabad, Telangana State, India, with two regional hubs and six country offices in sub-Saharan Africa.

.....[partner institution’s mission statement] .....

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1. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and the ..... (the Institutions) desire and intend to develop co-operation and collaboration in research for development, training, and other agreed activities that further the aims and objectives of the Institutions as follows:
  - 1.1. To encourage, and use their reasonable endeavours to effect, within the limitations of the Institutions’ resources, policies and procedures, visits from one Institution to the other by members of the academic, research and other staff for the purpose of participating in teaching, training, research for development programs and other agreed activities.
  - 1.2. To develop within the limitations of the Institution’s resources, policies and procedures, collaborative work plans that specify the activities to be undertaken, objectives and targets, implementation mechanisms, roles and responsibilities, and resource contributions.
  - 1.3. To jointly explore external funding opportunities through project proposal development, thus enabling both Parties to expand and extend their collaborative activities.
  - 1.4. To provide, within the limitations of the Institutions’ resources, policies and procedures, qualified students hosted by one institution access to research opportunities and/or degree programs at the other institution.
  - 1.5. To encourage the exchange of scientific materials, publications and information. The actual exchange of materials will be done on a purely voluntary basis and subject to required institutional Material Transfer Agreements.
2. The Institutions acknowledge that all visits of staff and the admission of students will be subject to compliance with the entry and visa regulations of host country and the Institutions' requirements in respect of admission and staff appointments.

3. The Institutions acknowledge that in the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary, all expenses of salary, travel, living and allied costs will be determined at the discretion, and be the responsibility of the visitor's home Institution.
4. This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either party. It serves only as a record of the parties' current intentions. Before any of the activities set out in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are implemented, to ensure the activities can be accomplished in conformity with the law and so as to enable the principles set out in this MOU to be implemented, the Institutions shall enter into a formal and binding separate agreement or agreements with each other which will detail the specific form and content of the activities and cover the responsibilities and rights of each Institution. Such agreements will be negotiated in good faith.
5. This MOU commences from the date of last signing and shall be in force for 3 years. The MOU may be terminated at any time by mutual consent or by 6 months' notice by either party. It may be amended, modified, extended, or renewed only by the written consent of both Parties. The Institutions agree to review this MOU six months prior to end of the 3-year term.
6. The specific terms of this MOU do not preclude the development of future collaborative ventures or projects not mentioned in this document.

*On behalf of the*  
**International Crops Research Institute  
for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)**

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**Dr David J Bergvinson**  
*Director General*

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