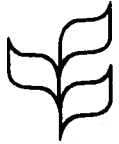




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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**

AND

**THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED
STUDIES**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity ("the SCBD") and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies ("UNU-IAS"), collectively referred to as "the Signatories" or "the Parties",

Recalling the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity ("the Convention"), namely the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources;

Recalling also that the mission of UNU-IAS is to contribute through research and capacity development, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States, and UNU-IAS' consistent work in the area of biodiversity;

Recognising that the Parties share substantial areas of common interest;

Considering that the Signatories mutually recognise that UNU-IAS will ultimately support the Convention's implementation;

Aware of the benefits that would flow from closer cooperation between the Parties in terms of the increased impact and effectiveness of their respective programmes and the faster attainment of their common objectives;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1: Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") is for UNU-IAS to support the Convention's implementation.

Article 2: Areas of Cooperation

The Parties will act in close cooperation and consult each other, on a regular basis, on issues of common interest, including projects and other activities, to coordinate their work and to strengthen cooperation in support of the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, focusing on cooperation in the fields of research and capacity building, education, communication and public awareness.

The areas of common interest include the following:

- Access and Benefit Sharing of the biological resources
- Traditional Knowledge and biodiversity
- Biodiversity and cities, subnational governments and local authorities
- Tourism and biodiversity
- International Cooperation
- Satoyama and Satoumi
- Marine biodiversity
- Science, technology and biodiversity
- Biosafety
- International negotiations related to biodiversity
- Ecological assessments
- Education, training and capacity building

The Parties to this Memorandum will:

a. Cooperate in the UNU-IAS Master of Science Programme in Environmental Governance, Specialization in Biodiversity, including:

(i) Promotion of the programme among different stakeholders linked to the parties;

(ii) Exchange of didactic material for the use of the students and teachers;

(iii) Exchange of staff as visiting faculty and teachers;

(iv) Use of the work of the students, particularly the theses, for research in the area of interest of the SCBD;

(v) Use of the programme to strengthen the capacity building efforts of the SCBD;

(vi) Join fund-raising efforts for getting scholarships for students from developing countries, particularly those linked to the Convention, such as focal points at the national and sub-national level;

(vii) Support the programme institutionally by the use of the logo in the promotional materials as well as in their respective home-pages;

(viii) Other activities of interest to both Parties.

b. Cooperate in undertaking research on areas of importance to the Convention, including access and benefit sharing, and the development of mechanisms for sharing scientific and technical information and advice of relevance to the programmes of work of the Convention, including:

(i) a thematic roster of experts to which relevant UNU-IAS faculty and researchers can be nominated;

(ii) a peer-review process for the Convention's scientific and technical reports and other materials, to which academic experts can contribute;

(iii) the organization of presentations, seminar series or other academic forums addressing issues of relevance to the Convention.

c. Cooperate in the field of capacity building and provision of advice on training materials and modules aimed at enhancing implementation of the

Convention, particularly in developing countries, and contribute, where appropriate, to training programmes developed under the Convention;

d. Contribute awareness rising regarding the Convention, particularly with regards to the UN Decade of Biodiversity;

e. The Parties will undertake concerted fundraising initiatives for the implementation of activities under this Memorandum.

f. Promote other mutually supportive activities, as may be agreed.

Article 3: Focal Points

The Director of UNU-IAS and the Executive Secretary of SCBD, or designated representative(s) or focal points, will consult one another periodically on issues relating to this Memorandum and may agree, if necessary, on additional arrangements for its implementation.

Article 4: Financial Aspects

Activities under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funding.

Article 5: Dispute Settlement

Any dispute between the SCBD and UNU-IAS arising out of the interpretation or execution of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation.

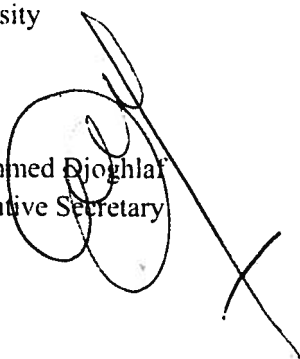
Article 6: Entry into Effect, Amendment and Termination

- a. This Memorandum will enter into effect upon signature by the Signatories for a period of five (5) years and may be subject to extension by mutual consent.
- b. Any amendment or modification of this Memorandum shall only be made upon agreement between the Signatories by means of an amending or supplemental agreement.
- c. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Signatory subject to a prior written notice of six (6) months.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this MOU in the English language, in two originals, in Tokyo on 10 October, 2011.

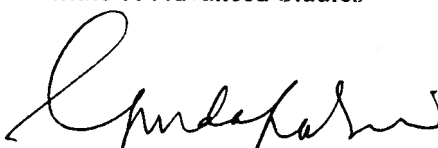
For the Secretariat of the
Convention on Biological
Diversity

Dr Ahmed Djoghlaï
Executive Secretary

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For the United Nations University
Institute of Advanced Studies

Dr Govindan Parayil
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, flowing 'G' followed by several loops and a long horizontal stroke.