

Memorandum of Association/Understanding

between



**National Council for Climate Change,
Sustainable Development and Public Leadership
Ahmedabad 380014 (Gujarat)**

and



**Agro Economic Research Centre
(Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI),
Sardar Patel University,
Vallabh Vidyanagar 388120, Anand (Gujarat)**



Terms of Reference

This **Memorandum of Understanding [MOU]** executed on this **June 3, 2023** between **National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership Ahmedabad 380014 (Gujarat)**, [hereinafter called "**NCCSD**"/ **First Party**] having its registered office at Patel Block, Rajdeep Electronic's Compound, Near Stadium Six Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380 0014 (Gujarat), which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the subject or context thereof, includes its successors and assigns, of the **FIRST PART**:

AND

Agro-Economic Research Centre (AERC), Sardar Patel University (SPU), Vallabh Vidyanagar 388120, Anand, Gujarat [hereinafter called "**AERC, SPU**"/**Second Party**] as **SECOND PARTY**

WHEREAS NCCSD and AERC, SPU are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Parties**" and individual as the "**Party**".

1 Background

National Council for Climate Change Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD) acts as an apex organization at the national level disseminating information and technology that will enable appropriate action and suggest policy frameworks to tackle impacts of global warming and climate change. NCCSD consolidates existing learning into a well-structured body of knowledge that can communicate suitable adaptation practices in order to strengthen locally relevant action for sustainable development.

The main objective for NCCSD is to facilitate and carry out appropriate and target oriented action for climate change mitigation and adaptation; interlinking agriculture, sustainable development and rural development & Climate Smart Cities; to foster and leverage public leadership to achieve the goals of such an integrated approach & to strengthen knowledge economy.

The NCCSD was registered under Bombay Charitable Trust Act 1950 Rule-29-No. E/19344/Ahmadabad as Public Trust on 17th September 2010. Also registered under The Trust is also registered u/s 12AA of the I.T. Act, 1961 on 17/09/2010 as per the Director of Income-tax (Exemption) Ahmedabad's order u/s 12AA No. DIT (Exempt)/12A/665/2010-11 dated 13/06/2011. The Trust has also been granted recognition u/s 80G(5) of the I.T. Act, 1961 from 17/09/2010 onwards as per Director of Income-tax (Exemption) letter No. DIT (Exempt)/Abad/80G (5)/701/2011-12 dated 19/07/2011. Approved under Section 35 AC of the Income tax act 1961 as recommended by the national Committee for promotion of Social and Economic Welfare for "Global Warming Sustainable Livelihood for Small Farmers, Promotion and Extension of Mitigation and Adoption Practices"- eligible for 100% exemption. NCCSD is a member of "Global alliance on Climate Smart Agriculture"-(GACSA)

The Council may establish State level units or associate with other interested organizations at State and district levels in furtherance of its objectives. These are based on a logical framework to ensure locally relevant action duly integrating local knowledge and leadership to sustain action. The Council may for instance create knowledge platforms, organize seminars and network with scholars and public leadership specialists at the regional, national and International level in cooperation with government and non-government organization.



The Agro-Economic Research Centre (AERC) for the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan was established in July 1961 at the Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar 388120, Anand, Gujarat by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi. It was late Shri H.M. Patel (ICS ret'd.) who not only provided the vision for establishing such an Institute but also ensured the much-needed support and encouragement for its growth at Vallabh Vidyanagar.

The Centre has crossed a milestone of 62 years as an institution. AERC is mandated to provide feedback on the ground reality to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India for policy formulation in the areas of agriculture and rural development. AERC has done this work very effectively over a period of last six decades and has emerged as a leading research Centre of its kind in the country. AERC has been providing independent and objective feedback to the GOI and it has been serving as its eyes and ears. Centre has prepared 211 impact evaluation reports covering almost all major aspects and programs on agricultural and rural development. These research studies have emerged with useful findings and policy implications for agriculture and rural development in the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan.

During the period of the last decade, AERC has covered topics of national importance such as soil health card, pressurized irrigation system, impact of check dam, break-even point in milk production, fodder development under National Dairy Plan I, electronic national agriculture market, solarization of agricultural water pumps, Ration Balancing Program in Dairy, Direct Benefit Transfer in Fertilizer.

During last six-decade period, Centre has published 17 books and organized 41 seminars/conferences/training programmes, most of those were organized jointly with Post Graduate Department of Economics of our University. AERC has been publishing a monthly magazine 'Agriculture Production and Market Approach' in Gujarati and English language covering recent policy initiatives at the government level. This magazine contains updated information on government assistance and interventions to farmers in agriculture and rural development. Besides, the Policy Briefs and Policy Alerts are submitted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI & others [Compiled and Edited by Center for Management in Agriculture (CMA), Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (based on Research & Contributions of: 15 Agro-Economic Research Centres and Units, supported by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare) for policy formation at national level. AERC is also engaged in continuous study of the changes taking place in the rural economy through village survey studies. It also conducts research on fundamental problems related to the country's agricultural economy, leading to better policy formulation oriented towards sustainable development, covering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

AERC undertakes research-driven work (interdisciplinary research, qualitative research, participatory research, needs assessment, baseline studies, program evaluation, impact assessment) to achieve lifelong learning for all. It facilitates the bridge between academic research, innovation and adoption and policy development.



2. Purpose of the MOU

The aim of this MOU is

- to undertake a collaborative academic and extension activities such as organisation of conclave, seminar and conferences, exposure visits, training programs, etc.
- to undertake research studies (impact analysis, case studies, comparative analysis, adoption of practises, climate smart agriculture, etc.)
- to undertake the collaborative field surveys and experiments; training and building the capacity of stakeholders/farmers.
- In furtherance of the aforesaid, both Parties shall endeavour to collaborate in capacity building, value-added services, research and publications.
- Workout and establish an “**Climate Smart Agriculture Unit**” at AERC, for training and capacity building the of stakeholders.
- Activities in each year Action Plan would be prepared jointly and will be targeted to achieve jointly the same.

Each party shall have no financial obligations unless agreed in writing separately. While NCCCS and AERC on their own may execute the field survey work as per requirement for policy brief/alerts at national and international level.

3. Use of name and logo

- Save as expressly permitted herein, each party shall use the name, logo and trademarks of the other party only for the purpose of this MOU as defined herein.
- Each Party is permitted to use the other Party's name, logo and trademarks for the purpose of publicizing the agreement and subject to the confidentiality obligations stated herein, when making reference to this MOU, each party undertakes to use the other's name in good faith reflecting accurately the agreed upon nature of the collaboration contemplated hereunder, and only in relation to or in furtherance of this agreement.

4. Correspondence:

All correspondence regarding this agreement shall be addressed to:

For NCCCS	For AERC, SPU
<p>Ms. NISHA SHAH Chief Executive Officer National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership, Patel Block, Rajdeep Electronic's Compound, Near Stadium Six Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380 0014. Ph. No. 079-26421580 M- 9913399175 / 9725460733</p>	<p>Dr. S.S. Kalamkar Director and Professor, Agro-Economic Research Centre, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Email- aerc@spuvvn.edu, directoraercgujarat@gmail.com Ph. No. 02692-230106</p>



5. Termination Clause

- Each party shall have the right to terminate the MOU by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the other party, at any time. Termination by either side shall not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

6. Disputes:

- Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with laws of India. In the event of any dispute, the parties shall endeavour to resolve the dispute by amicable discussions within 30 days of either party calling for amicable settlement of disputes. Should this fail, either party may refer the matter to arbitration by a single arbitrator to be appointed with the consent of both parties. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India in the English / Gujarati language. The arbitration decision shall be final and binding. The arbitration shall be governed by the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 (India). The courts in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India shall have exclusive jurisdiction for any matter or issue arising out of agreement

7. The Parties have caused this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representatives. This agreement shall be made in two sets and signed by both the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of NCCCS and of AERC, SPU, respectively, have on behalf of NCCCS and AERC, SPU signed the present collaborative work agreement on the dates indicated below their respective signatures.

On behalf of
NCCCS:



Dr. Kirit Shelat, IAS (Rtd),
(Former Principal
Secretary, Government of
Gujarat) & Executive
Chairman, National
Council for Climate
Change,
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Public Leadership,
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Date: 03.06.2023



On Behalf of SPU, VVN
AERC



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