

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
and
the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
(ICARDA)

Preamble

The International Center for Agricultural Research (hereafter referred to as ICARDA) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (hereafter referred to as ECO), mindful of their common interest in supporting the efforts of their Member Nations to promote regional cooperation, the attainment of food security for all, within the framework of sustainable agriculture development and the struggle against hunger and malnutrition.

Article I

Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this MoU is to ensure cooperation between ICARDA and ECO by consultation, coordination of effort, mutual assistance and joint action in fields of common interest and in accordance with the objectives and principles of ICARDA and ECO.

Article II

Consultation

ICARDA and ECO shall consult on all matters mentioned in Article I that are of mutual interest to them.

Article III

Reciprocal Representation

Depending on resources available, ICARDA and ECO shall invite each other to participate in an observer capacity, in conferences and meetings convened by either party on matters of common interest.

Article IV

Exchange of Information and Documents

ICARDA and ECO shall arrange for the exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest.

Article V

Technical Cooperation and Joint Action

1. Whenever desirable and as resources become available, ICARDA and ECO may seek each other's technical cooperation with a view to promoting the development of special project proposals or activities in fields of common interest and may, through their competent programs

or appropriate channels, conclude special arrangements or arrangements for joint action with the aim of attaining objectives of mutual interest.

2. These agreements or arrangements shall define the manner and extent of participation by each party and shall specify the financial commitment, if any, that each is to assume. They may also seek financial support for joint projects, workshops or activities from potential donors.

Article VI

Entry into Force

This MoU, being concluded in a spirit of friendly and increased cooperation, shall come into force on its signature by the Director General of ICARDA and the Secretary General of ECO.

Article VII

Termination of MoU

Either Party may for valid reason terminate this MoU, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days within notice to the other. In the event of any termination, any mission in progress by expert/experts provided by ICARDA or ECO shall be completed in an orderly manner in accordance with this MoU.

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