

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING(MoU)**

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**RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND  
COOPERATION**

*BETWEEN*

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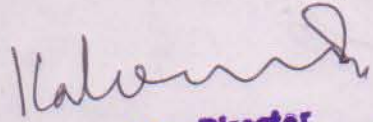
**COUNCIL FOR TRIBAL & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CTRD),  
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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India an internationally recognised and ISO 2008-9001 certified Research and Consultancy Agency for Social Development and Biodiversity located at HIG-101, Kanan Vihar, Phase-I, Patia, Bhubaneswar, (here afterwards as CTRD) and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana (here afterwards as MEC). Both the parties wish to initiate collaboration in undertaking action research, organising international conferences, organising international exhibitions and workshops, publishing books and journals on Tribal Empowerment, Conservation of Biodiversity by tribal communities, participatory research on Forestry livelihood, need assessment by tribal communities and implementing collaborative projects in Ghana mobilising grants from international donors, Government of India and Government of Ghana. The funds shall be allotted to both the partner agencies as per provisions of the projects for executing the activities.

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana recognise their strength in research and project implementation in the area of Biodiversity Conservation, participatory research on tribal empowerment, livelihood promotion, poverty alleviation, traditional knowledge and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in research collaboration and cooperation. Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana has vision and mission to organise courses and undertake research projects focusing on issues relating to tribal development and biodiversity conservation in Ghana. On the other hand, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India has gained international reputation as lead Resource Agency for providing consultancy and technical service in terms of technical guidance, monitoring, evaluation, document of success stories, developing and executing participatory research on biodiversity conservation

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among tribal. CTRD has vast experience of organisation international conferences and publishing international standard books.

Therefore, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to establish a programme for research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

**A. Objectives**

The goal of this cooperation is to foster research collaboration, exploring opportunity for sharing of research experience and expertise and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best efforts, mutual benefits and frequent interactions. Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to explore possibility of engaging following modes of research collaboration and translate agenda of biodiversity conservation programmes and policy of Government of India and Government of Ghana streamlining greater benefits to tribal communities of Ghana. .

- (a) Collaboration for undertaking research on Tribal Development, Poverty alleviation, promotion of household food security among tribal communities, biodiversity conservation and traditional knowledge, protection of IPR of tribal healers.
- (b) Collaboration for bringing out Journals and books on Biodiversity Conservation, livelihood & related issues.
- (c) Joint organisation of International Conferences, Summit, Seminar short term training on topics of mutual interest while extending invitations to each other's expert to participate therein.
- (d) Joint mobilisation of grant and fund from different donor agencies identified by both the parties from time to time.

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- (e) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India shall work as Resource Agency for Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana towards providing technical and consultancy services for monitoring, evaluation, documentation of process of project implementation on mutually agreed terms and conditions. This will be applicable only to projects jointly implemented by both the partner institutions.
- (f) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India shall provide technical expertise and services of its experts in developing participatory research projects, proposal on tribal development, proposals on workshop, seminar and international conferences. Both the agencies shall work together to raise grants and implement the projects on shared responsibilities as per agreed terms and conditions of the projects.
- (g) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India shall take the responsibilities of documenting the proceedings and publishing it in form of books by national and international publishers acknowledging copy right and contribution of both the partner institutions.
- (h) Use of logo of both the partner agencies for national workshops, seminars and conferences jointly hosted by these partner agencies.

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree that following technical descriptions will guide each proposed activity identified and agreed upon by the two institutions.

**B. Joint Sponsored Research and Consultancy**

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to investigate ways of identifying and inviting experts from the other institution to participate in ongoing research of mutual interest. It is anticipated that the terms and conditions for

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such participation would be worked out by mutual agreement between experts of both the institutions.

**C. Joint Mobilisation of Fund and Grant**

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to approach appropriate donor agencies and Government Departments following their grant guidelines and application forms for implementing collaborative research projects, publications, conferences, workshops and seminars.

**D. Publication of Books and Journals**

- i) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to mobilise resources and fund to jointly publish books and Journals on the thematic areas of mutual interest. Both the partner institutes agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property. All background IP used in connection with this MoU shall remain the property of both the partner institutions.
- ii) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to bring out a quarterly international Journal on Forestry and Development. The funds for this Journal shall be jointly mobilised from suitable donor agencies.

**E. Joint Conference, Workshops and short term courses**

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana agree to joint mobilisation of fund,

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provide technical outputs and organise international conferences, workshops and short term courses on natural medicine and related field.

**F. Use of Logo**

The logo of Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana and Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India shall be used on letter head for project application and backdrop of conferences and seminars jointly organised by both the partners.

**G. Tenure of MoU**

The MoU will take effect from the date; it is signed by representatives of two institutions. It will remain valid for a period of five years. The terms of the MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement. Any extension to this MoU will be formally agreed in writing by the parties.

**G. Activities for entire five years of collaboration**

1. Promotion of Centre of Excellence on Forestry related Traditional Knowledge, Ghana.
2. Joint participatory research on tribal development, livelihood issues and documentation of traditional knowledge
3. Execution of Canadian University supported collaborative research and action project on indigenous healers of Ghana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Columbia and Canada.
4. Publication of quarterly Journal on Entitled "Forestry & Development" focussing on regional Development issues.
5. Organising periodic Training and workshops.
6. Publication of following books acknowledging collaboration of both partner agencies
  - a) Poverty and livelihood issues among PTG Communities
  - b) Profile of Primitive Tribes of Ghana

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7. Joint organisation of following National level Conferences and Workshops
  - a) National conference on Regional Development & Biodiversity Conservation.
  - b) National Workshop on participatory research on Biodiversity Conservation.
  - c) Forest Governances: Issues and challenges
  - d) Regional Development in India.
  - e) National Seminar on Forestry Issues
8. Joint implementation of participatory research projects
  - a) Pro-poor value chain intervention and integrated livelihood promotion among Hill Tribes of Ghana.
  - b) Participatory resource mapping on community based biodiversity conservation among Forest Dwelling tribe of Ghana.
  - c) Research project on livelihood security analysis of selected tribal communities of Ghana.
  - d) Mainstreaming biodiversity into value chains for conservation of medicinal and aromatic plants in selected tribal villages of Ghana.
  - e) Action Research Project on Participatory Conservation and documentation of traditional knowledge in important medicinal plant hotspots in Ghana.

All above activities are subject to following terms and conditions on finance, resource management and project execution.

1. Periodic Training and Workshops shall be planned and organised by CTRD. The Trainers and resource persons shall be hired by CTRD. The Training Certificate will be jointly issued by CTRD and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana. A token of overhead expenses shall be given to Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech

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Educational Complex, Ghana @ 20% of total income after deduction of all the expenses.

2. The research projects shall be designed by experts of Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and channelized through Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana to Government and funding agencies. The fund will be received by Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana and required amount of fund will be transferred to Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India for execution of assigned research activities as per budgetary provisions of the project. The execution and fund shall be shared equally by Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana by following terms and conditions of grants.

3. The fund for publication for books and journals shall be jointly raised by Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana.

#### **I. Arbitration clause**

Should there be a dispute relating to any other aspect of research collaboration and cooperation, Executive Director, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Odisha, India and Chief Executive, Mastech Educational Complex, Ghana will jointly resolve the dispute in spirit of independence, mutual respect and shared responsibility.

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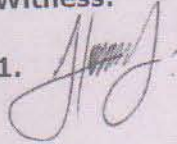
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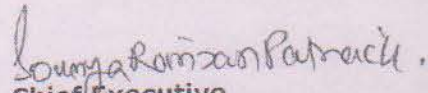
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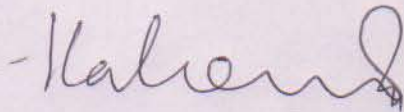
  
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