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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Bhubaneswar, 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 Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (here afterwards as CTDS). 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 livelihood need assessment by tribal communities and implementing collaborative projects in Chhattisgarh mobilising grants from international donors, Government of India and Government of Chhattisgarh. The funds shall be routed through Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society. The funds shall be allotted to both the partner agencies as per provisions of the projects for executing the activities.

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Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) recognise their strength in research and project implementation in the area of traditional medicine, participatory research on tribal empowerment, livelihood promotion, poverty alleviation, traditional knowledge and biodiversity conservation and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in research collaboration and cooperation. Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) has vast experience in implement various poverty alleviation, livelihood and tribal empowerment projects in Chhattisgarh as a lead Government Agency. The track record of CTDS has been recognised by international donors as well as Government of India. On the other hand, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) has gained international reputation as lead Resource Agency for providing consultancy and technical service in terms of thematic support, technical guidance, monitoring, evaluation, document of success stories, developing and executing participatory research among tribals. CTRD has vast experience of organisation international conferences and publishing international standard books.

Therefore, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) 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) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) agree to explore possibility of engaging following modes of research collaboration and translate agenda of Tribal Development Programmes and Policy of Government of India and Government of Chhattisgarh streamlining greater benefits to tribal communities of Chhattisgarh. .



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- (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 Tribal Empowerment, 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.
- (e) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) shall work as Resource Agency for Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) 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) 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) 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.



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Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), India and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) 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) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) 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 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) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) 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) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) 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) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) agree to bring out a quarterly international Journal on Tribal Empowerment. The funds for this Journal shall be jointly mobilised from suitable donor agencies.



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E. Joint Conference, Workshops and short term courses

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) agree to joint mobilisation of fund, provide technical outputs and organise international conferences, workshops and short term courses on natural medicine and related field.

F. Tenure and Termination

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.

Either Institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other Institution six months in advance. Once terminated, neither Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) nor Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institute may suffer. However, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) will ensure that all activities in progress allowed to complete successfully.

G. Activities for entire five years of collaboration

1. Joint participatory research on tribal development, livelihood issues and documentation of traditional knowledge
2. Execution of Canadian University supported collaborative research and action project on indigenous healers of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Columbia and Canada
3. Publication of quarterly Journal on Tribal Empowerment
4. Publication of following books acknowledging collaboration of both partner agencies
 - a) Poverty and livelihood issues among PTG Communities



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- b) Profile of Primitive Tribes of Chhattisgarh
 - c) Best Practices of Tribal Empowerment
 - d) Tribes of Chhattisgarh
5. Joint organisation of following National level Conferences and Workshops
- a) National conference on Policy, Programmes and Development Prospective of Tribes
 - b) National Workshop on participatory research on need assessment and resource mapping for livelihood promotion
 - c) National Workshop on Impact of Forest Right Act in Tribal Development : Issues and prospective
 - d) National Conference on impact of seasonal outmigration on quality of life of Tribal Communities
 - e) National Seminar on Empowerment of PTG population : Its trend and Bearing
6. Joint implementation of participatory research projects
- a) Pro-poor value chain intervention and integrated livelihood promotion among Birhor of Chhattisgarh.
 - b) Participatory resource mapping on community based biodiversity conservation among Baiga tribe of Chhattisgarh
 - c) Research project on livelihood security analysis of selected tribal communities of Chhattisgarh
 - d) Mainstreaming biodiversity into value chains for conservation of medicinal and aromatic plants in selected tribal villages of Chhattisgarh
 - e) Demonstrative community based livelihood project among Hill Korwa of Chhattisgarh

All above activities to be subject to separate agreement on finance, research management and conference. This MoU shall not affect the prevailing rules and norms of the Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society in awarding consultancy



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through competitive bidding and tender for projects other than joint projects planned for implementation by both the partner institutes.

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) and State Programme Director, Chhattisgarh Tribal Development Society (CTDS) will jointly resolve the dispute in spirit of independence, mutual respect and shared responsibility.

Signatures :

**For Chhattisgarh Tribal
Development Society (CTDS)**

Witness:

1.

2.


State Programme Director
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**For Council for Tribal & Rural
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