



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The University of Winnipeg
Master's in Development Practice Program
(hereinafter, "UWINNIPEG")

and

Council for Tribal and Rural Development
(hereinafter, "CTR D")

BACKGROUND:

The UWINNIPEG's Master of Development Practice (MDP) is a professional interdisciplinary degree that trains students to practice sustainable indigenous development. The four pillars of study are health, management, natural and social sciences. A critical and required component of the MDP curriculum is the field placement.

MDP student(s) will work on projects or programmes, policies and strategies or other relevant development initiatives being implemented by CTR D and its local partners in assisting with the development and implementation of community based conservation programs that support the healthy development of tribal and rural communities and people in Chhattisgarh and Orissa.

WHEREAS, CTR D AND UWINNIPEG are committed to building human capital for effective, responsible community development and believe that practical experiences are an essential component of preparing today's students for the challenges of sustainable development

WHEREAS, The CTR D works towards balancing economic development and biodiversity conservation in forest regions of Chhattisgarh and Orissa, India, as well as the elimination of poverty, improvement of quality of life of forest dwellers and biodiversity conservation.

WHEREAS, The UWINNIPEG and CTRD have a common desire to contribute to the student's learning objectives and work together to help strengthen the capacity of organizations and individuals in the forest regions of Chhattisgarh and Orissa, India.

WHEREAS, The qualified student(s) have expressed their desire to support the goals and the objectives of the CTRD by contributing their time, skills and experience through the field placement under the aegis of the CTRD.

Now therefore, the UWINNIPEG and the CTRD have come together to collaborate and so agree to the following:

1) NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

- a. The signatories agree to work together in order to organize field placements with CTRD for two UWINNIPEG students from the Master's in Development Practice program.
- b. The duration of the placements will be of 10 to 12 weeks.

2) CTRD RESPONSIBILITIES

The CTRD will:

- a. Develop a proposed work plan for the student before the field placement begins.
- b. Identify any project deliverables from the student(s) before field placement commences.
- c. Assign the student relevant tasks and responsibilities.
- d. Provide a designated mentor who will:
 - i. Orient and supervise the student(s).
 - ii. Complete an evaluation at the conclusion of the placement.
- e. Ensure a safe learning environment.
- f. Provide in-kind contributions to support the student(s) where possible.

3) Roles and Responsibilities of UWINNIPEG

The UWINNIPEG will:

- a. Ensure suitable student(s) participates in the placement, when appropriate.
- b. Assist the student(s) in understanding the goals and objectives of their placement and provide academic support.
- c. Provide financial support to the student for their lodging, travel and food expenses.

4) GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a. UWINNIPEG and CTRD will exercise due diligence in selecting appropriate placements and corresponding students.
- b. In cases of circumstances beyond their control, and following discussion with all parties, each party reserves the right to terminate the field placement. Such termination must be indicated in writing.
- c. If both parties are in favour of renewing the agreement, it may be renewed and provided that the parties have satisfactorily fulfilled their obligations as set out in the agreement.
- d. Amendments made to their agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties. This agreement shall not be assignable by either party.

5) Effective Date and Signatures

Agreement to Terms and Conditions

By their signatures, the parties signify their agreement to the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

On behalf of the CTRD

Signature: Kahremund Date: January 9, 2014
Dr. R.N. Pati, Executive Director
Executive Director
Council For Tribal & Rural Development

On behalf of the University of Winnipeg

Signature: W. Lloyd Axworthy Date: Jan 16, 2014
Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice Chancellor

Signature: Claire Reid Date: Jan 16, 2014
Claire Reid, MDP Director