



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

The Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, NIGERIA

And

The Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en zone Subhumide (CIRDES), Bobo-Dioulasso, BURKINA FASO

1.0 Preamble

The *Africa Centre of Excellence in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology* (ACENTDFB) domiciled at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria is one of the ten World Bank-supported Centres of Excellence in Nigeria as part of strategic interventions in higher education in Africa. Towards the fulfilment of its mandate, ACENTDFB seeks to partner with both governmental and non-governmental institutions in the health sector particularly those that implement field and laboratory activities in the control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and related diseases.

The « Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en zone Subhumide » (CIRDES - "International Centre for Research and Development on Livestock in the Sub-humid zone") is a research institution with a sub-regional vocation in the service of livestock development in West and Central Africa. The Centre conducts research and development activities to improve the health of domestic animals and increase their production to meet the growing needs of the human population, including meat and milk, and to improve their incomes and, thus, contributes to the growth of their animals, poverty reduction. CIRDES is tasked, in close collaboration with the National Agricultural Research Systems, to conduct research and activities targeted at improving health and animal production, conservation of animal genetic resources, preservation of the environment, capacity building, staff/students exchange and technology transfer.

In order to extend the effective and mutually beneficial cooperation and development exchange in education, research and other areas, ACENTDFB and CIRDES agree to collaborate towards manpower development and research works on NTDs particularly trypanosomiasis and, its vector, tsetse fly. The cooperation shall principally include, but not limited to, faculty exchange, joint research activities, provision of bench space for students and faculty (short term research visits), joint research grants application and other activities that will facilitate the advancement in the understanding, prevention, control and treatment of NTDs. The primary areas shall include tsetse and trypanosome biology, distribution/ecology, surveillance, epidemiology, diagnostics, control, trypanosomiasis pathology, immunology, chemotherapy and chemoprophylaxis. This agreement permits the two parties to extend the collaboration to other areas of their mandate and capacity.

2.0 Faculty Exchange

In furtherance to this agreement, there shall be regular exchange of Faculty between the two institutions. Experts and senior researchers from CIRDES shall be encouraged to visit ACENTDFB for joint research coordination and scientific presentations. The cost and logistics of such visits shall, unless otherwise funded, be borne by the ACENTDFB.

3.0 Provision of Bench Space for Research Works (Short Research Visits)

The « Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en zone Subhumide » (CIRDES) will avail its research facilities for use by research scientists and students from ACENTDFB. ACENTDFB shall bear the cost (accommodation, upkeep and transportation) of such researchers and students unless otherwise funded and subject to agreement by the Centre and CIRDES.

The selection of such researchers or students shall be the primary responsibility of the ACENTDFB and without any prejudice is dictated by the scientific soundness of the proposed work and availability of the facilities at CIRDES. The number of such research scientist or student and duration of bench work shall be with mutual consent of the Centre and CIRDES. However, CIRDES shall reserve the right to accept or reject the selected researcher/student for good cause. Each researcher/research student shall abide by the rules and regulations of the host institution (CIRDES). For the research student, CIRDES shall attach one of its staff members to such student to provide supervision during the bench work. Publications arising from such works shall acknowledge the input of CIRDES or its staff by way of joint authorship or acknowledgement.

4.0 Joint Research Work

The « Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en zone Subhumide » (CIRDES) and the Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) hereby agree to cooperate with

each other in establishing joint research projects. Research scientists from the two parties shall engage or initiate fundable research works in which students can key into for their postgraduate degree programmes. In this regard, the two institutions shall, from time to time, partner in writing and submitting joint research proposals for funding.

5.0 Encumbrances and Logistics

Before students/researchers are sent to either institution, there shall be a discussion each year concerning logistics and place of stay of respective students/researchers. The host institution shall facilitate the place of stay while the logistics for staying shall be borne by ACENTDFB.

6.0 Effective Date of Agreement, Duration and Termination

The agreement shall come into effect once the two parties represented by their respective heads (Director General, CIRDES and Centre Leader, ACENTDFB) sign the MoU. This agreement is signed for a renewable period of 5 years. There shall be an annual appraisal of the MoU. Either party to the agreement may terminate the MoU at any time by providing a written notice regarding the programme to the other party. Effective date for such termination shall be at least six months from the date of such notice.

7.0 Collaboration Management

The collaboration between the two parties shall be managed and coordinated by the Heads of the respective institutions, namely the Director General, « Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en zone Subhumide » (CIRDES) and The Centre Leader, the Africa Centre of Excellence on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB).

Signature

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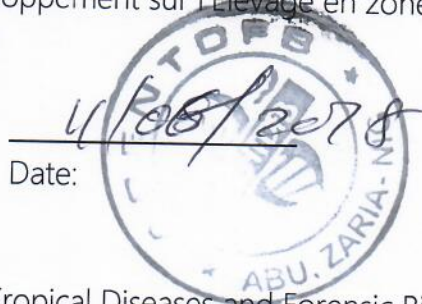
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