

**CENTRE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY OF THE NON-ALIGNED
AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
(NAM S&T CENTRE), NEW DELHI, INDIA**

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**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES
AND FORENSIC BIOTECHNOLOGY (ACENTDFB), AHMADU BELLO
UNIVERSITY, ZARIA, NIGERIA.**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned & Other Developing Countries, (hereinafter called the NAM S&T Centre), New Delhi, INDIA established as an inter-governmental organization for the promotion of mutually beneficial collaboration among scientists and technologists and scientific organizations from the non-aligned and other developing countries, helping in the establishment of links between national and regional centres for promoting technological cooperation and transfer of technology among developing countries, stimulating and promoting joint R&D projects and training programmes in selected fields of relevance, and preparation of state-of-the-art reports and publication of books;

and

The Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (hereinafter called, ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, NIGERIA, established under the Africa Centres of Excellence and funded through national governments by the World Bank to drive molecular research and innovations on novel standardized molecular diagnostic tools for the characterization of the parasites, develop a drug and vaccine development facility for innovative vaccination approaches on animals of economic relevance, explore novel strategies and identify novel targets to disrupt the pathogens lifecycle, deploy competencies in the area of recombinant DNA technology to build capacity in the area of Forensic Biotechnology to improve current law enforcement efforts in the greater West African Region and Africa at Large;

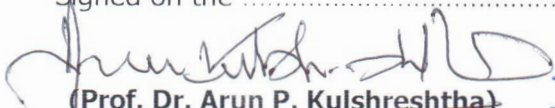
Recognizing the common interests and importance of strengthening cooperation between them with the purpose of furthering the development of science and technology, specifically in the field of molecular diagnostic research, drug and vaccine development, characterization of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) pathogens and related public health issues;

Agree to undertake the following:

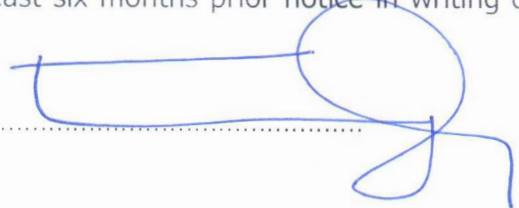
- 1) Facilitate contacts amongst scientific community in developing countries;
- 2) Consult and cooperate in the development of activities designed to foster and promote human resource development, capacity building and scientific research;
- 3) Initiate a joint Fellowship programme to provide short-term research opportunity in ACENTDFB on molecular diagnostic and vaccine development for Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology to the scientists from the developing countries. The details of the programme would be as hereunder:
 - a) The Programme would be named as "NAM S&T Centre – ACENTDFB Fellowship programme in Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology".
 - b) Up to Five researchers from Developing Countries will be awarded the Fellowship each year for a duration of 1 - 2 months.
 - c) The NAM S&T Centre will be responsible for international travel of the selected fellows.
 - d) The ACENTDFB will provide to the visiting researchers free furnished single AC accommodation and a subsistence allowance of US\$400.00 per month for their food and other expenses during their stay.
 - e) The ACENTDFB will provide the necessary research facilities and consumables to the visiting researchers for their research work;
 - f) The NAM S&T Centre will circulate an announcement each year inviting applications for the Joint Fellowship Programme and send a list of eligible candidates to ACENTDFB for selection of fellows based on their research background and the short-term research proposal submitted by them.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall be in force for an initial period of five years from the date of its signature. It will be renewed for further periods of five years unless either of the parties gives at least six months prior notice in writing of their intention to terminate the MoU.

Signed on the



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