

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between



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



And

INQABA BIOTEC, WEST AFRICA



### 1.0 Preamble

The Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) domiciled in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria is one of the ten World Bank-supported Centres of Excellence in Nigeria, with the mandate of addressing issues of neglected tropical diseases in the region through capacity building and research and employing modern and molecular tools/techniques. In this regard, ACENTDFB seeks partners in the health sector particularly those involved in activities linked to the control of NTDs and related diseases. ACENTDFB requires genuine and ready access to research consumables (chemicals, reagents, kits) and specialised equipment for its top quality training and research works.

Inqaba Biotech, an African biotechnology company with a regional office in Nigeria, is known for its supply of quality research consumables and links to reputable biotech equipment manufacturers.

The two institutions hereby agree to work together in facilitating the realisation of the mandates of ACENTDFB. The cooperation shall include but not limited to supply of research consumables and specialised equipment, capacity building and advocacy that will facilitate the advancement in the understanding, prevention, control and treatment of neglected tropical diseases.

Furthermore, the two institutions shall work together towards the commercialisation of developed products and services.

## **2.0 Supply of Research Consumables**

Inqaba Biotec shall establish a biotec consumable holding (storage) facility at ACENTDFB and constantly stock same with mutually agreed list of genuine chemicals and other consumables for ready access and use by ACENTDFB at agreed terms and conditions.

## **3.0 Capacity Training**

Inqaba Biotec shall collaborate with ACENTDFB in mounting short-term training course modules particularly in the area of Bioinformatics, Phylogenetics and Sequencing within Nigeria and other locations in the region. In this regard, Inqaba Biotec shall provide, where necessary, resource persons for such courses and course training materials. The sharing of revenue derived from and logistics for such training workshops shall be mutually agreed upon by the two partners.

## **4.0 Procurement of Research Equipment**

Inqaba Biotec shall assist ACENTDFB in the supply of specialised research equipment through its contact with reputable manufacturers at reasonable discounts and other agreed conditions including but not limited to installation, maintenance and supply of accessories and consumables for such equipment.

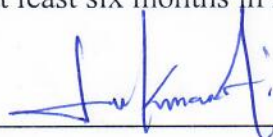
### 5.0 Internship Placement of ACENTDFB Students

Inqaba Biotec shall provide internship placement at their laboratories for students of the ACENTDFB. The duration shall be a minimum of one month or as mutually agreed by the two parties. ACENTDFB shall shoulder the cost of transportation, accommodation and feeding of the students during such internship at the company. The number of students that will participate will be determined by the two parties

### 6.0 Collaboration Management

The collaboration between the two institutions shall be managed and coordinated by the heads of the respective institutions, namely the Managing Director, Inqaba Biotec, West Africa Region, and ACENTDFB Centre Leader.

The agreement shall come into effect immediately the two institutions, represented by their respective heads, sign the MoU. The MoU shall be subjected to review every three years. Either party to the agreement may terminate the MoU at any time by providing a written notice regarding the programme to the other party. The effective date for such termination shall be at least six months in from the date of such notice.




Signature  
Mr Lukman Aroworamimo  
Managing Director,  
Inqaba Biotec, West Africa Ltd



Date



Signature  
Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim  
Centre Leader  
ACENTDFB, Ahmadu Bello University,  
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Date