

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY (INSA)

THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND



THE MAURITIUS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MAST)

THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

September 2011

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The Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology (MAST) is a non-governmental body (NGO) dealing with issues of Science and Technology for development, bringing together some of the best brains in the country and the diaspora, under one association, willing to give an independent and studied opinion on issues of concern. Its mission is to promote excellence in the fields of science, technology and innovation for human development and welfare.

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) is a premier scientific body representing all branches of science in India. It promotes scientific knowledge in India including its practical applications to problems of national welfare and coordinates among Scientific Academies, Societies, Institutions, Government Scientific Departments and Services. It acts as a body of scientists of eminence for the promotion and safeguarding of the interests of scientists in India and to present internationally the work done in the country.

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING

ARTICLE I

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a framework of co-operation between Indian National Science Academy and the Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology (MAST). The two Academies shall use their best endeavours and in good faith to identify opportunities for collaboration.

ARTICLE II

Each Academy shall act as an independent body and neither Academy shall have the right to represent itself as an agent of the other Academy unless specifically authorized thereto in writing.

ARTICLE III

Cooperation between the two Academies shall be effected in science and technology research and education, and in associated multidisciplinary areas for solving social, economic and environmental issues.

ARTICLE IV

Collaboration between the two Academies can take place, with mutual consent, by means of:

- (i). exchange of scientists, research workers, specialists and scholars;
- (ii). exchange of scientific and technical information;
- (iii). organization of bilateral seminars and courses;

- (iv). joint identification of research projects and their formulation and implementation;
- (v). joint science and technology research and development programmes for industry and other fields;
- (vi). sharing of facilities for Research and Development as may be mutually agreed upon; and
- (vii). other forms of co-operation as may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE V

The main fields of collaboration shall be:

- (i). transfer of knowledge and experience;
- (ii). identifying research needs and scenario analyses;
- (iii). science education for sustainable development;
- (iv). implementation of pilot projects;
- (v). identifying training needs and modes of delivery;
- (vi). sharing of experiences regarding best practices;
- (vii). increasing our potential to attract international funding.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Arrangements

Each Academy shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in the execution of its obligations in terms of this MoU. However, for visits of scientists/experts, the sending side will meet the international travel costs while the local hospitality costs will be borne by the receiving side.

The signatories will source funds together and in addition use their own assessment and funding mechanisms for proposals of collaborative activities.

ARTICLE VII

Confidentiality Arrangements

It is hereby specifically recorded that neither Academy shall divulge any information about the Agreement or any project in which it becomes involved in terms of this agreement to any other party, without the expressed written authority of the other Academy.

ARTICLE VIII

Termination

The MoU will come into effect from the date of its signing and shall continue to remain in force unless terminated by either Academy by giving six (6) months written notice to the other, provided that no such notice shall be given within twelve (12) months from the commencement

date. However, both Academies may extend the termination period further upon agreement, in order to allow any on-going projects to be brought to the end.

ARTICLE IX

Dispute Resolution

Any dispute or difference arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the present MoU shall be settled amicably by the two Academies.

ARTICLE X

Amendment

The present MoU may be amended at any time by mutual consent of both the Academies and no amendment shall be in force or take effect unless made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Academies.

ARTICLE XI

Interpretation and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be interpreted in terms of the rules of both the Academies.

Signed at Mauritius Research Council, Ebene, Republic of Mauritius, on this ninth day of September 2011 in two originals, in English language, both texts being authentic.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized by the **Indian National Science Academy (INSA)**, has signed this Agreement

Signature: 

Name: **Dr Krishan Lal, FNA**

Designation: **President**

Indian National Science Academy (INSA)

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized by the **Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology (MAST)** has signed this Agreement.

Signature: 

Name: **Prof S Jugessur, CSK, GOSK**

Designation: **President**

Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology (MAST)