



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Indo-Global Social Service Society

&

Indian Society of Agroforestry

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered between “**Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS)**” having its Campus at **28 Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003**, hereinafter called “**IGSSS**” and **Indian Society of Agroforestry, Krishivaniki Vihar, Jhansi 284003 (Uttar Pradesh)**, hereinafter referred to as “**ISAF**”. Both IGSSS and ISAF are independently referred to as “**Party**” and collectively as “**Parties**”.

The Parties have agreed to engage in a broad spectrum of joint activities in the field of Agroforestry and Natural Resource based Sustainable Livelihood Promotion, in the Bundelkhand region and adjoining areas of India. This MoU shall be treated as a platform on which both Parties agree to work together in future. The terms and condition of this collaboration are as follows.

BACKGROUND

Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS)

Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) is a non-profit organization working with the mandate for a humane social order based on truth, justice, freedom and equity. Established in 1960, IGSSS works for development, capacity building and enlightenment of the vulnerable communities across the country for their effective participation in development.

With its presence in 25 states and one Union Territory of India, IGSSS has set its thematic focus on promoting sustainable livelihood, energizing the youth as change makers, protecting lives, livelihood and assets from the impact of hazards, advocating for the rights of City Makers (Homeless Residents) and developing cadre of leaders from the community and civil society organizations. Gender and Youth are underlining theme across all its interventions.



Vision

Help establish a humane social order based on equity, freedom and justice in which human rights and the dignity of every individual is upheld.

Mission

To implement and support quality development programs across India to empower individuals and communities belonging to the poor, marginalized & vulnerable sections of the society with special focus on women and children.

Focus Area

Sustainable Agri-based livelihood programmes for the rural marginalised communities with a focus on organic farming, natural resource management (with a focus on land, soil and water), climate-resilient agriculture practices, promotion and conservation of traditional seeds as well as traditional good agricultural practices, is major expertise of IGSSS. It is implementing projects on Nutrition and Climate Change. Working with the urban poor (unorganised sector workers) is an important intervention in cities. Disaster risk reduction and linking disaster with development are a few important expertise that IGSSS has along with relief response work. Gender and youth are mainstreamed in all our projects.

Presence in Bundelkhand:

IGSSS has been working in the area with men and women farmers for 6 years now. We started working with the farmers of the Bundelkhand after the drought was intense in the year 2016-17. We have been working since then with the support from Misereor to enhance the water availability in the area through the construction of watershed structures jointly with the panchayat resources and active participation of the people. Hence IGSSS has a good presence, rapport with the community as well as with different private-public stakeholders. IGSSS at present is working in the same area U.P & MP Part on climate-resilient villages.

Indian Society of Agroforestry, Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)

The Indian Society of Agroforestry (ISAF) is a non-for-profit society that dwells on information generation, dissemination and promotion of agroforestry and allied sectors for the cause of enhancing the socio-economic and environmental benefits to the farmers and stakeholders.

The Society was founded during the Golden Jubilee Year celebrations of India's Independence in July, 1998 to (i) encourage basic, applied and strategic research in the field of agroforestry, (ii) disseminate knowledge and technology related to agroforestry, (iii) organize & provide



facilities for seminars and conferences for agroforestry, scientists, environmentalists, research and development workers and farmers, and to encourage close cooperation among organizations having interest in the field of agroforestry.

1. PURPOSE & SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

The potential areas of collaboration include training and capacity building, experience sharing and knowledge management, in the domain of Agroforestry and Natural Resource based Sustainable Livelihood Promotion & Ecosystem Health Management. The specific areas for joint activities will be decided in due course of time.

2. OUTLINES OF THE COLLABORATION

This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either Party. It serves only as a record of the Parties' current intentions.

Under the aegis of this agreement, IGSSS & ISAF shall jointly explore the possibilities of working mainly in the Bundelkhand and adjoining areas of India. The major focus of this collaboration shall be on:

- Technology backstopping for sustainable development of rural areas
- Provisioning knowledge sharing in agroforestry and natural resource-based sustainable livelihood promotion and ecosystem health management
- Enabling exposure visits for farmers, students, and unemployed rural youth
- Any expenses incurred by each institution under this agreement will be the sole responsibility of the institutions concerned.
- Information /Provisioning cropping systems suitable for the agro-climatic zone.
- Enhancing dissemination of new and appropriate technologies developed by researchers strengthening research on carbon sequestration

2.1 Collaboration:

In pursuant of the agreement, the collaborations shall be initiated between both Parties. The collaboration shall involve, experts visiting their counterpart institutions and providing stepping up framework for further the process of sustainable development.

Any publication arising out of the joint work shall have acknowledgements and authorship



keeping the intellectual property rights intact.

2.2 Information exchange, dissemination, and scholarly publications:

In pursuant of the agreement, exchange of academic information, data regeneration and dissemination and scholarly publications shall be the privilege of both institutions involved. The data generation could be from primary or secondary sources. The samples to be collected from field areas shall be shared as per convenience and the Government protocols. Secondary data source and sharing shall also need to have clearances of the Government procedures. Dissemination of information to print/visual media shall be as per the Government protocols.

3. Publication & Intellectual Property Rights

- (i) If the collaborative work is conducted and completed in India with the help of IGSSS members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in India with IGSSS as a co-applicant. ISAF will have rights to commercialize technology.
- (ii) If the work is conducted and completed in India with the help of ISAF members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in India with ISAF as a co-applicant. IGSSS will have rights to commercialize the technology.
- (iii) In case application is to be made for international protection, then both ICAR-ISAF and IGSSS will apply as co-applicants for the protection of intellectual property rights subject to exclusive rights of both the Parties to commercialize the technology in their respective countries. Commercialization in any other country shall be done jointly through a separate agreement.
- (iv) In case research is carried out solely and separately by the Party or the research results are obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Party, the Party concerned alone will apply for grant of IPR and once granted, the IPR will be solely owned by the Party concerned.
- (v) In case of research results obtained through joint activities, the grant of intellectual property rights will be sought by both the Parties jointly and once granted these rights will jointly owned by the Parties.
- (vi) Any Publication, document and/or paper arising out of joint work conducted by the participants pursuant to this MoU will be jointly owned. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the participants. It may however be ensured that the official emblem and logo is not misused.



- (vii) Both Parties agree to ensure appropriate protection of intellectual Property Rights generated from such cooperation consistent with their respective laws, rules and regulations and other international agreements to which both Parties are signatories.

4. Performance Standards

The Parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

5. Disclosure of Information

ICAR-ISAF and IGSSS agree that except for a Court Order requiring disclosure, neither shall disclose to any third party without the written consent of the other, any information made available to the Parties, in the performance of work and/or generated by the performance of work, under this Agreement, except information which at the date hereof was;

- (i) In the public domain
- (ii) Known to either prior to the date hereof as evidenced by written documents subsequently.

The provisions in this Article shall survive termination or completion of the Memorandum of Understanding.

6. Amendments

The Parties of this MoU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any words, phrases, sentences or Articles in this MoU.

7. Validity of the MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of signing and will have a duration of three (3) years. However, it can be extended by mutual agreement. Any cessation of the MoU by either Party shall be notified in writing to the other Party at least six months in advance.

8. Arbitration

Dispute arising out of this MoU, if any, shall be amicably settled jointly by Indo-Global Social Service Society and the Indian Society of Agroforestry, Jhansi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute the MoU in two original copies in English language on the 26th of August, 2021

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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
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