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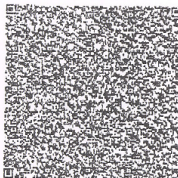


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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE**  
And  
**AMEF (AGRICULTURE MAN ECOLOGY FOUNDATION)**  
**BANGALORE**

**FOR COLLABOTATION IN**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF DRY FARMING**  
**AND TRAINING RURAL YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT**  
**For AME FOUNDATION**



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REGISTRAR  
University of Agricultural Sciences  
Bangalore-560 004

## PREAMBLE:

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B) is a premier, autonomous institution devoted to Education, Research and Development in agriculture and rural development, established under the provisions of UAS Act No.22 of 1963, with its head quarters at GKVK, Bangalore. It operates a number of Agricultural Colleges, Research Stations and KVKs (Krishi Vigyan Kendras) in pursuing research in agriculture and allied sciences, preparing professional manpower and extension of practical scientific knowledge to farming communities.

AME Foundation, Bangalore, was established in The Netherlands, in 1982, to promote Sustainable Agriculture (SA) concepts and practices, devoting attention to rural leadership in the developing countries, in the face of over-use of agro chemicals under green revolution. In 1986, it moved to Pondicherry, with its "hands-on training" mode, and on to Bangalore, in 1994, focusing on improving the livelihoods of resource poor farmers in dry farming, with the Support of the Royal Netherlands Embassy. While operating as a Joint Project with the Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, (1996 - 2001), it was proposed to become an Indian organization. It became a Charitable Indian Trust, AME Foundation (AMEF) in 2002. It implemented a Partnership Project with FAO, from 2004 to 2008, continuing its focus on resource poor farmers in dry farming, further specializing in participatory methods, including FFS, and community organization (forming development-support social entities). It is now working in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, in association with several agencies including NABARD, GEF, Deshpande Foundation and DST.

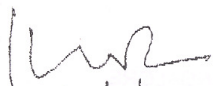
UAS-B and AMEF have identified for collaboration two strategic areas in agricultural development. UAS-B shares the national concern regarding the sluggish growth in the farm sector, and reckons dry farming as the second front in agricultural development. It has generated a mass of practical knowledge through the ORPs it has been conducting. Here, AMEF also has considerable field experience in improving dry farming systems. Further, since there is a notable absence of a ground-level extension service to work with farmers, UAS-B is contemplating working with some proven CSOs like AME Foundation, for enlisting the participation of farmers in development work. In this background, UAS-B and AMEF have agreed to join forces in **Enhancing the Productivity in Dry Farming and Preparing Literate Youth in Farming as Players in this Development Effort.**

The following terms govern the Agreement:

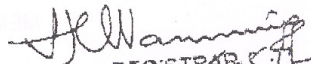
## Article - I

UAS-B will facilitate the following:

1. Select one taluk in a dry farming district for implementing a pilot project on development of dry farming and mobilizing people's efforts in agricultural development.
2. Identify the KVK in the district as the nodal agency.
3. Adopting the activities of frontline demonstrations as the season-long, guided farm improvement practices on farmers' fields.
4. Guide the selected KVK to re-orient its training activities to prepare Farmers Groups and farm youth as players in agricultural development and social mobilization.
5. Designate a suitable professional in the KVK to be the Project Coordinator.
6. Support AMEF in bringing into practice its specific organizational expertise, in developing sustainable agricultural systems, in participatory systems of community work and in mobilization of people's interests and initiatives into durable social entities.

  
4/8/2012  
For AME FOUNDATION

Executive Director

  
REGISTRAR  
University of Agricultural Sciences  
GKVK, Bangalore-560 089.



**AMEF will ensure the following:**

1. Will prepare an action plan for the entire Project period, and detailed annual work plans
2. With the GP villages as the Base communities, and other villages as Adopted and Outreach communities, it undertakes PRA processes, Baseline Survey and prepare annual plans in association with local communities
3. Organising Eco Farming Groups (EFGs), Adopted Farmer Groups (AFGs) and Outreach Farmer Groups (OFGs), it enables farmers to evolve and accept, through Participatory Technology Development exercises, LEISA-based, low-cost, low-risk, Alternative Farming Practices.
4. Adopting the participatory methodologies like PRA, PTD and FFS, it prepares, motivates and utilizes trained local manpower in establishing and scaling up eco friendly farm improvements, involving better management of natural farm resources, applied technologies and production practices, as well as group marketing practices, leading to cost reduction and also enhanced production and incomes.
5. All along, AMEF strives to build upon the basic aims of evolving and popularizing cost-effective, sustainable farming systems, bringing into operation community based processes of sharing of new knowledge in farming, and forging community entities as players in development leading to both cost effectiveness and durability in development
6. In the entire operational period, AMEF will make use of the technical expertise, institutional facilities and organisational abilities of the KVK in pursuit of the common goals.

**Article -II**

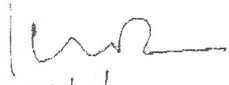
1. This MOU will be supplemented with detailed work plans to be prepared in mutual consultation, which describe the activities to be carried out under this cooperative programme.
2. The UAS-B and AMEF will nominate members of their respective agencies to coordinate the operations.
3. These work plans will require the approval of both the agencies.
4. Operational research/ Field Research projects which are mutually beneficial to University and AMEF could be jointly prepared and applied for funding from outside agencies.

**Article - III**

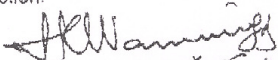
1. Benefits such as improved technology, materials, processes and techniques, accruing or arising from this Project may be used by either or both the parties with due recognition of each party's contribution.
2. Results from collaborative development effort may be used by either or both the parties with due recognition of each party's contribution.
3. Useful findings resulting from this collaborative work may be published in the public interest.
4. Project findings published by either party will give credit to the other party's contribution, but the party publishing them will be entirely responsible for conclusions and interpretations thereof.

**Article - IV****FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations under this agreement due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not limited to Acts of God, war, flood, earthquakes, strike, lockouts, epidemics, riots, civil commotion, etc. provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the party affected thereby shall give a notice in writing to the other party within one month of such occurrence or cessation. If the force-majeure conditions continue beyond six months, the parties shall then mutually decide about the future course of action.

  
For AME FOUNDATION

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GKVK, Bangalore-560 085.

**Article - V**

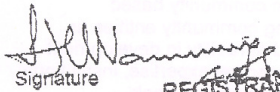
This agreement will be in effect initially for a period of ten years from the date of signing of this MOU. Both the parties renew or expand this arrangement further, if mutually agreed. Either party may terminate the agreement by written notification signed by the appropriate official of the institution initiating the notice. Such notice must be received by the other party six months prior to the effective termination date. However, obligations and commitments already contracted for and involving their parties shall be honoured and continued by both parties until such commitments are completed.

**ARBITRATION**

In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties arising out of or in connection with this agreement such dispute or differences shall be referred to the sole arbitration of a person nominated by the heads of the two organizations. The award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on both the parties. Arbitration proceedings shall be governed under Arbitration and Conciliation, Act, 1996 and the venue of such Arbitration proceedings shall be at Bangalore.

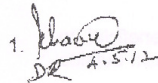
In witness whereof, the parties hereto caused this instrument to be executed as of the day, month and the year indicated below:

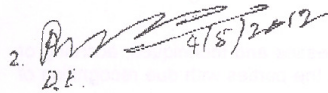
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**REGISTRAR**  
Registrar, University of Agricultural Sciences  
UAS, Bangalore-560 065.

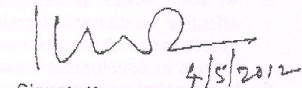
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For AMEF, Bangalore

  
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Signature  
**FOR AME FOUNDATION**  
Executive Director  
AMEF, Bangalore  
Executive Director  
Date: 4.5.2012

K.T. Kavishree Gowda  
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