



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

INTERNATIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

AND

RANI LAKSHMI BAI CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (RLBCAU), INDIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into and executed on this 20th day of May 2026,

By and between

The **International Water Management Institute**, an international, non-profit, research-for-development organization established under the laws of Sri Lanka with its headquarters at 127 Sunil Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, hereinafter referred to as "**IWMI**", which term or expression shall where the context so requires or admits include the said International Water Management Institute, its successors and assigns of One Part;

And

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), whose principal address is at Jhansi Gwalior Road, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh-284003, India hereinafter referred to as "**the Partner**" which term or expression shall where the context requires or admits include the said RLBCAU, its successors and assigns of the Other Part; RLBCAU has been established as an Institution of national importance under Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) by an Act of Parliament (Act No. 10 of 2014) with its headquarters in Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh), India.

Hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "**Parties**" and individually as a "**Party**"

WHEREAS,

The Parties hereto wish to enter into this MoU to regulate the relations between them, to define the scope of developing co-operation and collaboration in research for development, training, and other agreed activities, that further the aims and objectives of the Parties:

The Parties agree that there are no financial obligations attached to this MoU;



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The Parties further agree that in the event of any financial obligations to be carried out to each other or to any third party under this MoU arising in the future, the Parties shall enter into separate agreement/s which will be supplementary to this MoU;

AND WHEREAS

Subject to provisions of this MoU, IWMI and the Partner may enter into collaborative agreements with other entities to achieve the objectives of this MoU;

Now therefore, in support of this MoU, and in support of future specific collaborative agreements and activities between these two Parties, the Parties have agreed on the conditions set forth in the following articles of this MoU.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN the Parties hereto as follows;

Article 1 Scope of Collaboration

1. IWMI and the Partner will collaborate in research for development, training, and other agreed activities, that further the aims and objectives of the Parties.
2. IWMI and the Partner will cooperate to ensure that research is undertaken in co-operation with relevant private and public organizations in agreement and research is conducted in accordance with the strategies, policies and priorities of the government of (country), this MoU, and with IWMI's identity as an international center with a global mandate.
3. Both Parties agree and ensure; to maintain highest scientific quality, values, and ethical standards in their joint activities, to share the research outcome in a manner which maximizes impact of the joint activities and disseminate knowledge, apply that knowledge to solve problems and assess improvement plan throughout the collaboration.

Article 2 Objectives of Cooperation

The Partner and IWMI will co-operate in the following areas through the establishment of joint activities between the Partner and IWMI.

- Joint research and capacity-building programmes in natural resource management, and sustainable agriculture.
- Exchange of faculty, scientists, and students for collaborative research and capacity building.
- Develop and implement joint R&D projects by attracting funding from different agencies.
- Sharing of knowledge, scientific materials, and publications of mutual interest.



Article 3 **Responsibilities of IWMI**

Subject to the availability of resources, IWMI will contribute to define the scope of developing co-operation and collaboration in research for development, training, and other agreed activities in the following manner:

- i) Carrying out mutually agreed upon collaborative research and professional development activities;
- ii) Providing opportunities for conducting capacity building/trainings both in the state/country in natural resource management and sustainable agriculture;
- iii) Publishing and disseminating research results jointly with scientists and professionals on a purely voluntary basis and subject to required institutional Material Transfer Agreements.
- iv) Facilitating PhD or Master's programme students to carry out research/internships at IWMI country offices.
- v) Collaborating and implementing joint R&D projects by attracting funding from different agencies.

Article 4 **Responsibilities of the Partner**

- i) Facilitating visits from one Institution to the other by members of the academic, research and other staff for the purpose of participating in teaching, training, research for development programs and other agreed activities.
- ii) Developing within the limitations of the Institution's resources, policies and procedures, collaborative work plans that specify the activities to be undertaken, objectives and targets, implementation mechanisms, roles and responsibilities, and resource contributions.
- iii) Jointly exploring external funding opportunities through R&D project proposal development, thus enabling both Parties to expand and extend their collaborative activities focusing on research and innovation for the development of agriculture within tree area of jurisdiction.
- iv) Encouraging the exchange of scientific materials, publications and information. The actual exchange of materials will be done on a purely voluntary basis and subject to required institutional Material Transfer Agreements.
- v) Acknowledging all visits of staff including partial research work will be subject to compliance of the rules, regulations and the Institution's requirements in respect of admission and staff appointments.
- vi) Publishing and disseminating research results jointly with scientists and professionals on a purely voluntary basis.



Article 5
Finance of Operations

Each Party shall meet all the costs of its own operations under this MoU, including but not limited to salaries and accommodation of its personnel and foreign visitors, transport, stipends of Research Fellows, research equipment, office equipment, publication of reports, etc.

Article 6
Privileges and Immunity

Nothing contained in or relating to this MoU, including but not limited to any contract entered into in accordance with the terms of this MoU, shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied of any of the privileges and immunities of IWMI.

Article 7
Intellectual Property Rights

1. The Parties understand and agree that all intellectual property created, generated and improved in collaborative research may be solely or jointly owned.
2. Specific provisions relating to rights on intellectual property of the Parties will be included in research projects or any subsequent agreements.
3. The Parties shall use their best endeavors to provide the widest possible access to all intellectual property and research results owned and generated in the course of their collaborative work.

Article 8
Data Protection

1. The Parties agree to protect personal data, complying with relevant regulations or, in their absence, adhering to GDPR or equivalent standards.
2. The Parties shall implement safeguards for personal data, ensuring equivalent protections in disclosure or transfer.

This MoU does not release Parties from Data Protection Legislation responsibilities within their respective jurisdictions. For this MoU, "personal data" refers to information about an identified or identifiable natural person.

Article 9
Communications, Branding and Acknowledgement

1. With prior consensus between the Parties, the Parties may use logos and brand marks to communicate the collaboration on appropriate marketing, materials, and platforms.
2. Acknowledgement of support, expertise, and knowledge development and transfer related to the collaboration areas of the MoU will be credited to the relevant Party/Parties during and after the collaboration. The relevant credited Party and suitable wordings for attribution will be agreed between the Parties on case-by-case basis and at the time of agreement to co-



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produce such products.



Article 10 Settlement of Disputes

1. Any disagreements between the Parties concerning interpretation or application of this MoU or any other additional agreement will be settled amicably through negotiation between the Partner and IWMI.
2. Where such disagreement cannot be settled through negotiation or some other amicable means within 60 days, they will be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act No. 1996 (as amended) by a sole arbitrator appointed in accordance with the said Rules. The seat of the Arbitration is **New Delhi, India**, and the language shall be English. The written award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto.

Article 11 Entry into Force and Duration

1. This MoU shall be for a period of five (05) years commencing on 1st of June, 2026 and ends on 31st May, 2031.
2. This MoU can be renewed with the mutual consent of the Parties after review of the success of collaboration between the Parties.

Article 12 Amendment and Termination

1. This MoU may be modified or extended at the written request of one of the Parties, and upon the agreement of both Parties. No such amendment shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by both Parties.
2. This MoU may be terminated at the written request of either Party. Such termination will take effect only after completion of on-going specific collaborative agreements, or as otherwise designated and agreed to by both Parties.

Article 13 Miscellaneous

1. **Entire Understanding.** These presents contain the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect thereto.
2. **Assignment.** Neither Party may transfer or assign its rights and obligations under this MoU without the prior written consent of the other Party.
3. **Severability.** Each provision of this MoU shall be a separate and distinct covenant and if declared illegal, unenforceable or conflict with any governing law, shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these presents.



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4. **Waiver.** The failure of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this MOU at any time, or the failure to require performance by the other Party of any of the provisions of this MOU at any time, shall in no way be construed to be a present or future waiver of such provisions, nor shall it in any way affect the right of either Party to enforce each and every such provision thereafter. The express waiver by either Party of any provision of this MoU shall not constitute a waiver of any future obligation to comply with such provision.
5. **Legal Implications:** This MoU merely constitutes a statement of mutual intentions of both the Parties with respect to its contents and does not constitute any binding legal or financial obligation binding the Parties.
6. **Governing Law:** This agreement shall be governed by the general principles of Indian law to the exclusion of any national system of law. Such general principles of law shall be deemed to include the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act No. 1996.
7. **Force Majeure Clause:** Neither Party shall be liable for failure due to force majeure events including natural disasters, war, government restrictions, pandemics, etc.
8. **Non-Exclusivity Clause:** This MoU shall not restrict either Party from entering into similar agreements with other institutions.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, have signed this MoU.

Signed at India in English language.

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU) **International Water Management Institute**

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Designation: Vice-Chancellor, Rani Lakshmi Bai
Central Agricultural University

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