



Addis Ababa Institute of Technology
Addis Ababa University

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAiT)

and

**COMESA – Leather and Leather Products Institute
(COMESA/LLPI)**

in connection with

**Furtherance of their mutual interests in technology
transfer, training and research, and as a contribution to
increased international co-operation**

December 2014

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M.1 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

M.1.1. THIS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made and entered into on this 12th day of December 2014 between Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAiT) of Addis Ababa University having its registered office at King George IV Street, P.O. Box 385 Addis Ababa Ethiopia (hereinafter called AAiT) which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns of other part.

AND

M.1.2 Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) – Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI), having its registered office at P. O. Box. 2538, Code No.1110, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permitted assigns of the other part.

M.2 PREAMBLE

M.2.1 WHEREAS the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) – Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI) (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) works with objectives to support and develop the leather industries in COMESA Member States that encompass Ethiopia.

M.2.2 WHEREAS Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (hereinafter called AAiT) is a higher learning institution that has been training, equipping, and guiding the development of human resource in leather technology.

M.2.3 WHEREAS both AAiT and COMESA/LLPI are convinced of the mutual benefits of undertaking collaborative activities in furtherance of their mutual interests in technology transfer, training and research, and as a contribution to increased international co-operation for the development of leather industry (hereinafter called **ACTIVITY**).

M.2.4 WHEREAS both AAiT and COMESA/LLPI hereby agree to implement, within the framework of the regulations applying in each of the institutions and subject to the availability of resources, the following programmes and activities:

- i. Joint research activities
- ii. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- iii. Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information

- iv. Training in leather products value addition
- v. Technology transfer.
- vi. Consultancy Services
- vii. Staff exchange
- viii. Development of leather products incubator and development

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

M.3 SCOPE OF THE MoU

- M.3.1** This umbrella MoU details the rights and obligations of the parties hereto, pertaining to the ACTIVITY.
- M.3.2** The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various leather and leather products development activities to be undertaken jointly by AAiT and COMESA/LLPI.

M.4 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

- M.4.1** "AAiT " means Addis Ababa Institute of Technology
- M.4.2** "COMESA/LLPI" means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute
- M.4.3** "COMESA Member States" are Burundi, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- M.4.4** "IP" means Intellectual Property
- M.4.5** "MoU" means Memorandum of Understanding
- M.4.6** "Party" or "Parties" refer to the AAiT and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties
- M.4.7** "SME" means Small and Medium Enterprise

M.5 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMESA/LLPI & AAiT and AREAS OF COOPERATION

- M.5.1** AAiT and COMESA/LLPI agree to cooperate with each other through their appropriate organs with respect to all matters of common interest that arise in the fields of SMEs, and leather and leather products in general.
- M.5.2** COMESA/LLPI shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.

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