



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BETWEEN

**COPPERSTONE UNIVERSITY**

HERE IN AFTER CALLED CU

AND

**COMESA – LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INSTITUTE**

HERE IN AFTER CALLED COMESA/LLPI

THE TWO PARTIES AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS

### ARTICLE I

#### DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

1. "CU" means Copper stone University
2. "COMESA/LLPI" means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute
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
4. IP means Intellectual Property
5. SMES means Small and Medium Enterprises
6. "MoU" means Memorandum of Understanding
7. "Party" or "Parties" refer to the Copperstone and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties

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## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the guidelines for collaboration between CU and the COMESA/LLPI in the development of the leather industry in the COMESA Region.

## **ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES**

It is envisioned that the Parties will work together to develop the mechanisms that will promote and sustain the value adding activities along the leather value chain, in the COMESA Region. The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various activities of the leather industry to be undertaken jointly by CU and COMESA/LLPI.

## **ARTICLE IV AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The parties shall cooperate in the following fields:

1. CU 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 leather sector in general.
2. CU shall give due consideration to COMESA/LLPI requests for technical support for the goals and objectives of the same (the Institute) in the development of leather industry in the COMESA Region.
3. COMESA/LLPI, shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.
4. Both parties will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange of programs, development of SMEs, and other regional and international programs, preferably with written protocols and agreements.
5. The two Institutes will give due consideration to consultancy and extension services in the leather sector and other cross-cutting issues as follows:
  - i. Advice on quality assurance on the leather value chain e.g. Standards compliance and certification for the purpose of growth and development
  - ii. Advice on issues of technology transfer
  - iii. Promote and sustain development of SMEs in the region
  - iv. Promote investments in the leather sector in the Africa Region





- v. Promote adoption of cleaner technology and appropriate waste management for sustainable development
  - vi. Standardization, quality grading and certification of leather and leather products
  - vii. Benchmarking
6. CU and COMESA/LLPI will concert and coordinate their efforts in the areas of information collection, analysis and dissemination of activities in the following fields:
- i. Market information
  - ii. Human resource
  - iii. New and indigenous technology
  - iv. Research and Development
  - v. Any other areas of interest to the leather sector

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS**

1. When circumstances so require, CU and COMESA/LLPI shall engage in consultations with a view to selecting the best means of ensuring that their activities in matters of common interest are fully effective.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION**

1. Both parties shall be represented at special sessions organized by either party and at technical conference or meetings, related to the leather sector, at which questions of mutual interest are at stake.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **MEETINGS**

1. CU and COMESA/LLPI may, in appropriate cases, agree to convene under their auspices, according to arrangements to be made in each particular case, joint meetings concerning matters of mutual interest. The manner in which measures proposed by such joint meetings may be put into effect will be determined by the two parties.
2. In appropriate cases, meetings convened by either CU or COMESA/LLPI may call for the cooperation and participation of the other party.



