



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

EUCLID
(Euclid University)

and

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

in connection with

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



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THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

- M.1.1.** This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made between **EUCLID (Euclid University)** (hereinafter called EUCLID), an intergovernmental organization having its international headquarters at Brusubi Phase 2, Senegambia Hwy, Brufut, (PMB 819, Brusubi), Greater Banjul, The Gambia 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** (hereinafter called COMESA/LLPI), an intergovernmental organization having its registered office at P. O. Box. 2538, Code No.1110, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permitted assigns of the other part.

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PREAMBLE

- M.2.1** WHEREAS the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa - Leather and Leather Products Institute (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) works with objectives to support and develop the leather industries in COMESA Member States ;
- M.2.2** WHEREAS Euclid University (hereinafter called EUCLID) is among the world's few intergovernmental universities, and specializes in government capacity building through online / distance programs ;
- M.2.3** WHEREAS both EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI are convinced of the mutual benefits of undertaking collaborative activities in furtherance of their mutual interests in 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 EUCLID 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
 - V. Technology transfer
 - VI. Consultancy Services
 - VII. Staff exchange

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

M.3 **SCOPE OF THE MoU**


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

M.4 **DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS**

- M.4.1** "EUCLID " means Euclid University
- 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 "Participants" refer to the EUCLID and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both Participants

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

- M.5.1** EUCLID 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.
- M.5.2** COMESA/LLPI shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.
- M.5.3** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange of programs, development of the leather sector and other regional and international programs, preferably with written protocols and agreements.
- M.5.4** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI will cooperate to jointly develop and administer distance-learning programs, for example an online Master's degree program in Leather Commerce and Industry, with the recognition and support of the Ministry of Higher Education of The Gambia and the benefit of EUCLID's membership in the Association of African Universities.
- M.5.5** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI will give due consideration to consultancy and extension services in the leather sector and other cross-cutting issues as follows:
- i. Advice on issues of technology transfer
 - ii. Promote and sustain training programs in the leather sector in the region

- iii. Promote investments in the leather sector in the African Region
- iv. 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.

- M.5.6** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI will concert and coordinate their efforts in the areas of information collection, analysis and dissemination of activities in the following fields:
- a. Market information
 - b. Human resource
 - c. New and indigenous technology
 - d. Any other areas of interest to the leather sector.
- M.5.7** EUCLID 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.
- M.5.8** EUCLID 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 Participants.
- M.5.9** In appropriate cases, meetings convened by either EUCLID or COMESA/LLPI may call for the cooperation and participation of the other party.
- M.5.10** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI may, through special arrangements, decide upon joint action with a view to attaining objects of common interest. These arrangements shall define the ways and means in which each of the two organizations shall participate in this action and shall specify the financial commitment, if any, that each is to assume.
- M.5.11** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI, when they consider it desirable, shall set up joint commissions, committees or other bodies, on conditions to be mutually agreed in each case, to advise them on matters of common interest. Joint studies may be undertaken by EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI, and joint programs and projects established and implemented between them.
- M.5.12** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI will concert their efforts to obtain the best use of leather sector data and information and to ensure the most effective utilization of their resources in the collection, collating, analysis, publication and dissemination of such information.
- M.5.13** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI, through their designated officials, shall make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the two Participants.
- M.5.14** EUCLID and COMESA/LLPI, through their designated officials, shall consult with each other upon matters arising out of the present Agreement.

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