

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION WITH EGE UNIVERSITY**

This memorandum of understanding has been signed between **COMESA Leather and Leather Products Institute** (*hereinafter referred to as "COMESA/LLPI"*), represented by

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1. Purpose of the MoU

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the guidelines for collaboration between the Department of Leather Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Ege University and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute (COMESA/LLPI) in the development of the leather industry in the COMESA Region.

2. Assignment of Personnel

In order to follow the performance of this MoU the **parties** shall assign the following researchers Dr. Mehmet Mete Mutlu and Dr. A. Candaş Adıgüzel Zengin from Ege University, Department of Leather Engineering [*Engineering Faculty/Leather Engineering Department*] and Dr. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija from [*COMESA Leather and Leather Products Institute*].

EGE and COMESA/LLPI, through their designated officials, shall make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the two Parties.

3. 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 leather and leather products activities to be undertaken jointly by EGE and COMESA/LLPI.

4. Role and Responsibilities of Parties

A) Role of EGE and COMESA/LLPI

1. EGE 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 and leather products in general.

2. EGE shall give due consideration to COMESA/LLPI requests for technical support for the goals and objectives of COMESA/LLPI 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.

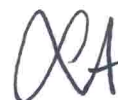
4. Both parties will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange programs, development of SMEs, and other international programs, preferably with written protocols and agreements.

5. The two organizations 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 eg. 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

6. EGE 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. Any other areas of interest to the leather sector



B) Responsibilities of EGE

- a. Coordinate and document activities that are undertaken jointly in pursuit of the objectives of the MoU.
- b. Maintain database of information, records and activities related to the objectives of this MoU.
- c. Provide required technical support to COMESA/LLPI for successful implementation of joint projects, programmes and activities for sustained sectoral development.
- d. Coordinate meetings and reporting activities undertaken jointly in pursuit of this MoU.
- e. Support COMESA/LLPI in resource mobilization activities in the leather sector.

C) Responsibilities of COMESA/LLPI

- a. Prepare feasible projects, programmes and activities for sustained leather industry development in COMESA Region and mobilize resources for their implementation.
- b. Provide required support to DLE for successful implementation of joint projects, programmes and activities for sustained leather development in COMESA Region.
- c. In relation to this MoU, coordinate meetings, document activities and maintain database of information and activities jointly undertaken in the leather industry development of the Region.
- d. In particular, in cooperation with and support of DLE, enhance its mandated leather sector development activities in the COMESA Region that encompass:
 - Human Resources Development
Eg. Capacity Building
 - Investment and Trade Promotion
Eg. Intra and Inter Regional Trade
 - Material and Technological Research and Development
Eg. Enhancement of SMEs and Promotion of Sustainable Projects
 - Consultancy and Extension
Eg. Technology Transfer in the Region
 - Information Collection and Dissemination
Eg. Market and trade information in leather sector
 - Regional Integration Gender parity and other Cross-Cutting Issues.

With specific details of promotion, provision, initiation, coordination, organization, preparation and implementation of these activities for the benefit of member States in the Region.



5. Intellectual Property and Funding

No rights of any kind whatsoever in any invention, copyright, trade secret, or any other form of intellectual property are granted or transferred under this MOU.

This MoU shall not be used to obligate or commit funds. As the need may arise, specific work statements and details of support to be furnished by each of the Parties to this MoU will be developed separately from this MOU in specific agreements or contracts, subject to the availability of funds. No proposal or contract, purporting to commit either Party to perform any work, shall be binding upon that Party without the express written approval of Parties who are duly authorized to issue such agreements and contracts.

6. Duration

This MoU will be valid between the dates 02/05/2014 and 02/05/2019 and will remain in effect for a period of five years, subject to annual review, with the provision for extension by mutual agreement of the two parties. Either of the two parties may terminate this MoU by giving three months written notice to the other party.

Signed on:

Date: 19 / 04 / 2014

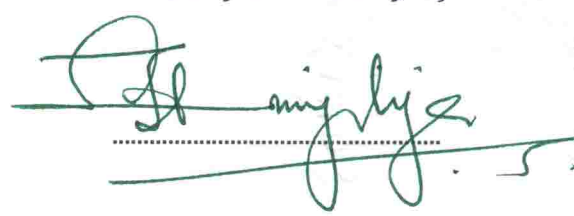
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