



Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement is signed between

Leather Institute of Zimbabwe (LIZ)

Herein after called
And

**COMESA – Leather and Leather Products Institute hereinafter called
COMESA/LLPI**

The two parties agreed on the following points

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

1. "LIZ" means Leather Institute of Zimbabwe.
2. "COMESA/LLPI" means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa - Leather and Leather Products Institute.
3. IP means Intellectual Property.
4. "MoU" means Memorandum of Understanding.
5. "Party" or "Parties" refer to the LIZ and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the guidelines for collaboration between LIZ and the COMESA/LLPI in the development of the leather sector in Zimbabwe

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES

It is envisioned that in pursuance of the Letter from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce reference 0/3/12/4/612, dated 11 March 2013, identifying LIZ as focal point to COMESA LLPI the Parties hitherto place mechanisms of working together to develop, promote and sustain the value adding activities along the leather value chain, that include but not limited to Cluster Development, Capacity Building of SMEs, Incubation and Transfer of Technologies. The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various leather and leather products activities to be undertaken jointly by LIZ and COMESA/LLPI.

ARTICLE IV

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The parties shall cooperate in the following fields:

1. LIZ 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. LIZ shall give due consideration to the goals and objectives agreed by the two parties for the development of leather sector in Zimbabwe.
3. COMESA/LLPI, shall endeavor to spearhead capacity for leather sector stakeholders at various levels within the leather value chain in Zimbabwe.
4. Both parties will cooperate in the areas of training, technology transfer, Incubation, consultancy, development of SMEs, and other programs in the leather sector, 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 issues of technology transfer

- ii. Promote and sustain development of SMEs in Zimbabwe
 - iii. Promote investments in the leather sector in Zimbabwe
 - iv. Promote adoption of cleaner technology and appropriate waste management for sustainable development
 - v. Standardization, quality grading and certification of leather and leather products
 - vi. Benchmarking
6. LIZ 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 MEETINGS

1. LIZ 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 LIZ or COMESA/LLPI may call for the cooperation and participation of the other party.

ARTICLE VI
JOINT ACTION

1. LIZ 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.
2. LIZ 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.

ARTICLE VII
**ASSISTANCE IN TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL, RESEARCH AND OTHER RELATED
FIELDS**

1. Joint requests for technical, financial or other leather sector developmental support to Zimbabwe leather sector, from Regional and International development partners, may be the subject of consultations between the two Parties.
2. Joint studies may be undertaken by LIZ and COMESA/LLPI, and joint programmes and projects established and implemented to further the leather sector in Zimbabwe.

ARTICLE VIII
**STATISTICAL EXCHANGE AND DISSEMINATION OF LEGISLATIVE
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

1. LIZ and COMESA/LLPI shall arrange for the fullest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of the leather sector of interest to both or one of them.

