



Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement is signed between

**Federation of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
hereinafter called FISME**

And

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

The two parties agreed on the following points

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

1. "FISME" means Federation of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
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. "MoU" means Memorandum of Understanding
6. "Party" or "Parties" refer to the FISME 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 FISME and the COMESA/LLPI in the development of the leather industry both in India and 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 India and in the COMESA Region. The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various leather and leather products activities to be undertaken jointly by FISME and COMESA/LLPI.

ARTICLE IV

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The parties shall cooperate in the following fields:

1. FISME 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 field of leather and leather products in general.
2. FISME 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 shall cooperate in the areas of 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 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 both regions



- iv. Promote investments in the leather sector in both regions
 - 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. FISME 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 in the leather sector

ARTICLE V
MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS

1. When circumstances so require, FISME 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 presented.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

1. FISME 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 FISME or COMESA/LLPI may call for the cooperation and participation of the other Party.

ARTICLE VIII
JOINT ACTION

1. FISME and COMESA/LLPI may, through special arrangements, decide upon joint action with a view to attaining objectives 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. FISME and COMESA/LLPI, when they consider it desirable, shall set up joint commissions, committees or other bodies, on conditions to be mutually agreed upon in each case, to advise them on matters of common interest.

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

1. Joint requests for technical, financial or other leather sector developmental support, to either FISME or COMESA/LLPI, from Regional and International funding bodies, may be the subject of consultations between the two Parties.
2. Joint studies may be undertaken by FISME and COMESA/LLPI, and joint programmes and projects established and implemented between them.

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

1. FISME and COMESA/LLPI shall 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.
2. FISME 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.



ARTICLE XI
PARTIES RESPONSIBILITIES

A. FISME Responsibilities

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

B. COMESA/LLPI Responsibilities

1. Prepare feasible projects, programmes and activities for sustained leather industry development in COMESA Region and mobilize resources for their implementation.
2. Provide required support to FISME for successful implementation of joint projects, programmes and activities for sustained leather development in India and in the COMESA Region.
3. 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.
4. In particular, in cooperation with and support of FISME, 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.

ARTICLE XII

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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

ARTICLE XIII

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS

1. FISME and COMESA/LLPI, through their designated officials, shall consult with each other upon matters arising out of the present Agreement.
2. FISME and COMESA/LLPI, through their designated officials, may make such supplementary administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may appear desirable in the light of experience.

ARTICLE XIV


INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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.

ARTICLE XV

FUNDING

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



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expressed written approval of Parties who are duly authorized to issue such agreements and contracts.

ARTICLE XVI

ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

1. As soon as it has been approved by FISME and COMESA/LLPI, this MoU shall be signed by the appointed representatives of the two parties and shall enter into force on the date of such signature.
2. The terms of this MoU may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the two Parties.
- C. This MoU shall 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.
- D. Either of the two parties may terminate this MoU by giving three months written notice to the other party.

Done in duplicate, by the respective representatives of the two Parties on the

21st. day of November 2013.

For Federation of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

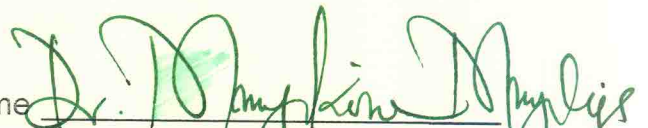
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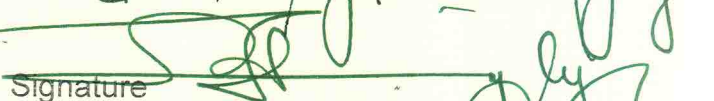
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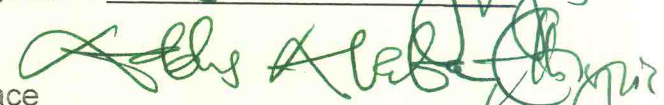
Place NEW DELHI

Date 21. 11. 2013

For COMESA/LLPI

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Date 11th NOV. 2013

