

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

TERTIARY EDUCATION TRUST FUND, ABUJA, NIGERIA



AND

UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND, FINLAND



AND

SAVONIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, FINLAND



AND

LAUREA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, FINLAND



AND

LAPPEENRANTA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, FINLAND



AND

THE CITY OF KUOPIO, FINLAND



NOVEMBER 2021

1. PARTIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 1.1. Tertiary Education Trust Fund, Abuja, Nigeria, (hereinafter referred to as “TETFUND”).
- 1.2. The University of Eastern Finland, Finland (hereinafter referred to as “UEF”).
- 1.3. Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Finland (hereinafter referred to as “SAVONIA”).
- 1.4. Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland (hereinafter referred to as “LAUREA”).
- 1.5. Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland (hereinafter referred to as “LUT”).
- 1.6. The City of Kuopio, Finland (hereinafter referred to as “KUOPIO”).

Hereinafter referred to as “Party” or “Parties.”

2. PRINCIPLES OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 2.1. TETFUND, UEF, SAVONIA, LAUREA, LUT, and KUOPIO, each for its part, agree that they share common interests and that there will be mutual benefit from close collaboration and seek collaboration possibilities in educational training, research, consultancy, professional development and exchange of staff, and study abroad opportunities for students and support for the upcoming Nigeria’s National Research and Development Foundation projects on Research, Innovation, Development and Enterprise.
- 2.2. All articles of the Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) will have the respect for the character, organization, available resources, and the corporate planning processes of each of the organizations.
- 2.3. TETFUND, UEF, SAVONIA, LAUREA, LUT, and KUOPIO shall form a consortium to complete the issues agreed in this MoU. And the name of the consortium shall be: **TETFUND/Finland R&D Consortium**. One coordinator shall coordinate all the activities of the consortium on behalf of Finland through this email address: tfrdconsortium-coordinator@uef.fi, and another coordinator shall coordinate the activities of the consortium on behalf of Nigeria via this email address popoolama@tETFUND.gov.ng.

3. GENERAL AREAS OF COOPERATION

TETFUND, UEF, SAVONIA, LAUREA, LUT, and KUOPIO, each for its part, agree that subject to the availability of resources and the approval of all Parties the following cooperative ventures will be considered:

- 3.1. Collaborative research—joint calls for research proposals and collaborative grant sourcing.
 - 3.1.1. Seek opportunities to conduct scientific research, development, innovation, and enterprise in the selected activity sectors of the economy as enlisted in subsection 3.3.2 below.
- 3.2. Shared consultancies.
 - 3.2.1. Seek possibilities to organize professional exchange and site-visits, curricula consultancy, joint web-courses on bioeconomy and joint implementation on specializing study programs for professionals.
 - 3.2.2. Other forms of cooperation to be agreed by all Parties mutually, such as research internships, virtual and in-person and the development of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) programs for masters’ and doctoral students’ levels, and for bench work, PostDocs’ and short research visit positions.
- 3.3. Collaborative staff development programs.
 - 3.3.1. Share experiences and best practices on enhancing the quality of teaching and learning as well as the learning environment.
 - 3.3.2. Conducting of colloquiums, lectures, seminars, and international industrial research fairs.

The focus areas of the cooperation include:

Agriculture (including Livestock production and animal health, Fisheries, and Forestry), Environment & Bioresources Development, Education, Energy, Health, Pharmaceuticals, Petroleum, Mineral Resources, Mining, Industrialization, Manufacturing, Trade, Investment, Infrastructural Development, Information and Communication Technology, Digital Economy, Governance, Social Development, Internal Security, Defense, Engineering, Technology, Material Science development, **and in particular:**

- Circular Economy Development and Smart Waste Management in Nigeria—critical materials and separate collection systems for different sources of materials;
- Waste to Energy;
- Social Sciences, particularly Multicultural Social Work—social acceptance at community levels is vital through civic education and the application of research-based knowledge and skills;
- Sustainable Forestry and Agriculture (including livestock production and animal health);
- Hydrogen Production;
- Smart Water Management;
- Environmental Aspects in Mining Industry, and related Information and Communication Technology.

All Parties agree that all specific financial agreements must be negotiated separately for each component and are dependent on mutual interest and on the availability of funds from the public and private sectors, and/or international organizations. According to this MoU, no funding shall be paid from one Party to another.

The implementation of the collaboration as referred above is subject to concluding separate written agreements where the content, scope, financing, and other conditions regarding the respective items are agreed between the parties.

Whereas, the collaboration shall be implemented in Nigeria and Finland, and/or other countries relevant to the activities as agreed separately by the Parties in writing.

4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A Party is not responsible towards the other Party any indirect, incidental, or consequential damage or costs, unless the damage is caused by a willful act. In case of breach of the terms and conditions of this MoU, the Party in breach shall be obligated to compensate all damages caused by such breach to the other Party. The liability of a Party shall in all cases be limited to € 20.000.

5. CONDITIONS

- 5.1. The terms and conditions of any specific program agreed under this MoU will be discussed by all Parties and agreed to in writing.
- 5.2. In order to give effect to these forms of cooperation, representatives of individual faculties, departments and institutes within the Parties associated with all Parties to this MoU will consult with each other to develop specific plans for collaboration in any or all of the ways mentioned in Clause 3 above.
- 5.3. It is understood that the implementation of any of the types of cooperation stated in Clause 3 above, shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support.

6. CONTACT

The main channels of communication shall be via TETFUND/Finland R&D Consortium's email: tfrdconsortium-coordinator@uef.fi, and popoolama@tETFUND.gov.ng, but may not be limited to them.

7. DURATION OF THE MOU

7.1. This MoU will become effective upon the signature by the representatives of the six Parties and shall be in effect for five (5) years. It shall be automatically extended for a period of one year at a time unless one of the Parties expresses its wish to terminate the MoU by providing the other Parties with written notice at least three months prior to the termination of the MoU. In the event of termination of this MoU, the students and scholars participating in the exchange activities at such a time shall be permitted to complete their activities in accordance with the terms of this MoU.

7.2. Amendments to this MoU will only be made by the written agreement of all Parties.

8. SIGNATURES

This MoU is to be signed with the original signatures, and a copy is given to each Party. The signed copy can be electronically converted for e-filing as may be deemed necessary by each Party. The Parties warrant that the persons undersigning the MoU are authorized to sign for the organization they represent.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF:

TETFUND

Signature: _____ Date: _____
1. Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro,
 The Executive Secretary,
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TETFUND

Signature: _____ Date: _____
2. Dr. Salihu Bakari Girei,
 Director, R&D/Centers of Excellence,
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UEF

Signature: _____ Date: _____
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UEF

Signature: _____ Date: _____
2. Prof. Sari Rissanen,
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SAVONIA

Signature: _____ Date: _____
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LAUREA

Signature: _____ Date:

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LUT

Signature: _____ Date:

Mr. Janne Hokkanen,

The Strategy Director,

Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland.

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KUOPIO

Signature: _____ Date:

The Deputy Mayor Pekka Vähäkangas,

Deputy Mayor of the City of Kuopio,

Finland.