



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE EUREKA GROUPEMENT D'INTERET ECONOMIQUE
WITH
THE INTER-UNIVERSITIES RESEARCH CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL BIO-RESEARCH INSTITUTE
AND
THE INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCE.**

This MoU is made between the **Eureka *Groupement d'Interet Economique*** (hereinafter referred to as **Eureka**) represented by its Chief Operation Officer, **Professor Alessandra Schettino** and the **Inter-Universities Research Center for Sustainable Development** (hereinafter referred to as **CIRPS**) represented by its President, **Professor Vincenzo Naso** and the **International Bio-Research Institute** (hereinafter referred to as **IBI**) represented by its President/Director-General, **Professor Edmund Ugwu Agbo**; the **Trio – Eureka, CIRPS and IBI** - have, for participation in and actualization of this MoU, joined and are (hereinafter referred to as **ECI**) in the "**ONE PART**" and The **Institute of Sustainable Development and Management Science** (hereinafter referred to **ISDMAS**) represented by its Registrar/Chief Executive Officer, **Professor Samson Chibueze Orjiugo** in the "**OTHER PART**". The **ECI** and the **ISDMAS** are hereinafter referred to as the "**PARTIES**".

Whereas the **Eureka** is an Economic Interest Group, with Corporate Headquarters in Tunis (Tunisia) and Administrative Headquarters in Rome (Italy), whose founding members have decided to unite in order to promote and support the opportunities linked to the development and the realization of European Union projects, aimed at cooperation with Third-Party Countries and also to advance holistic development through education, professional training, research and innovation.

The Representatives of Eureka are **Professor Alessandra Schettino – Vice-President at International University for Peace Rome/Eureka majority shareholder -**, in her capacity as **COO** and **Prof. Giovanni Felice di Prisco, Professor of Economics at UNIPACE Roma**, in his capacity as **CEO**. The Corporate Headquarters is at **24, Avenue du Dollar, Les Berges du LAc II, Tunis 1053, Complexe CITY-LAKE CENTER, Bloc B, Tunisia** while the Administrative Headquarters is at **Rome – Piazza San Pietro in Vincoli n. 10**.

Whereas Eureka is interested in partnering with other Institutions – academic and non – academic - and social and economic, for mutual benefits and also for the attainment of its objects;

Whereas the **CIRPS** is an Interuniversity Research Center, made up of many high-ranking Italian Universities and with more than 300 distinguished Professors, outstanding Researchers and highly-specialized independent Experts belonging to these Universities members of the Centre. Since 1988, CIRPS coordinates and participates in networks of excellence, research projects, and activities for local sustainable development (SD) and carries out Research, Education, Training and Outreach Activities, as well as Technical-Scientific Services Supply, through collaborations and agreements with Universities, Research Centers, Enterprises, National and International Institutions and NGOs. The President of the Center is **Professor Vincenzo Naso of La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy** while the **Corporate Headquarters** is at the **Palazzo Doria in Valmontone, Rome and its Administrative Center is in Via Giovanni Lanza, 12/A, Rome;**

Whereas CIRPS is interested in partnering with other Institutions – academic and non – academic -, for mutual benefits and also for the attainment of its objects;

Whereas the Representative of **Eureka and CIRPS in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific** is **Professor Edmund Ugwu Agbo** while the **Country Representative** is **Professor Charles Nwekeaku;**

Whereas the **IBI** is a Research Institute established in 2010 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), *RC 986419; TIN 11928801*. The **President/DG** of **IBI** is **Professor Edmund Ugwu Agbo**, while the corporate headquarters is at **Opi/Nsukka Road, Ugwogo Nike, Enugu;**

Whereas the objects of the **IBI**, among others, are to carry out scientific research in various disciplines, with a view to promoting the life and survival of mankind; to organize and provide educational, vocational and training programs, on its own, in collaboration, and/or in affiliation to other academic and non-academic Institutions;

Whereas IBI is interested in partnering with other Institutions – academic and non – academic - for mutual benefits and also for the attainment of its objects;

Whereas the **ISDMAS** is an Institute registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (RC 156377).

Whereas the **Registrar/CEO** of **ISDMAS** is **Professor Samson Chibueze Orjiugo**, while the **Main Campus of ISDMAS is in Lagos (Nigeria) – No. 2 Sholadiran Street, Pipeline Bus-Stop, Badagry Expressway**, while it has many Campuses within and outside of Nigeria;

Whereas **ISDMAS** is in collaboration with many prestigious Institutions inside and outside of Nigeria;

Whereas the Vision of **ISDMAS** is to be globally reputed as a body of Professional Sustainability Managers and Administrators, promoting cutting edge Research, Innovation and Strategies to fully integrate the relationship between the environment and development for sustainability, in an inclusive and secure world.

Whereas the Mission of **ISDMAS** is "To provide top-notch sustainability education, service and culture designed to achieve a set of major strategic goals which include:

- Developing projects, campaigns and policy recommendations to secure the future of our

communities and expand its inclusiveness and accessibility;

- Capturing best sustainability practices, developing strategies, identifying needed investments and building strong resilient network;
- Transforming our impact from degeneration to generation;
- Enhancement of understanding of Sustainable Development and Management problems and solutions;
- Fostering human resources required for creativity, innovation and job creation. Consequently, reducing extreme poverty and gender inequality.

Whereas ISDMAS is interested in partnering with other Institutions – research, academic and non – academic and social and economic - for mutual benefits and also for the attainment of its objects;

Whereas the **ECI** and the **ISDMAS** have resolved to promote joint education, training, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, social, economic and youth empowerment and development projects in se' or in partnership with other Institutions – academic and non-academic, governmental and non-governmental, and even philanthropic individuals;

The Parties convened, agreed and stipulated as follows:

Art. 1 That the Preamble is a substantial and an integral part of this MoU.

Art. 2 To collaborate in all such areas within their respective scopes for the attainment of mutual benefits.

Art. 3 That in order to attain fully the objects of this MoU, the Parties have further agreed:

- To promote scientific research and cultural exchange.
- To promote Staff, Students and Researchers' Exchange Programmes on conditions to be agreed upon, from time to time.
- To enhance the technological know-how of the Nigerians as well as facilitate technology transfer from Nigeria to other Nations and vice-versa.
- To promote youth and women empowerment as well as efficient entrepreneurship and sustainable development to the Nigerian citizenry.
- To carry out joint research and publish, from time to time, the fruits of the research.
- That the fruits of any research jointly carried out shall constitute the intellectual property of the Parties.
- To collaborate in stipulating International Agreements with Third Parties in all those areas within the scope of this MoU.
- To provide, when necessary and for reciprocal use, enabling incentives for the attainment of the objects of this MoU.
- To jointly organize and promote scholarship programmes, Courses, Seminars, Conferences, Symposia, Workshops and so forth.
- That the ECI authorized the ISDMAS to give the Nigerian Youths and Women access to subscription to the Professional Diploma Scholarships attracted by the *Eureka Groupement d'Interet Economique*, Tunis, Tunisia/Rome, Italy, and anchored by the Inter-Universities Research Center for Sustainable Development (CIRPS), Rome Italy.

- That the ISDMAS by the approval by ECI I paragraph "X" above, shall promote this rare opportunity by providing for the subscriptions of One Million Nigerian Youths and Women in particular and the Nigerian citizenry in general, to the Professional Diploma Courses that constitute a part of the "Boost For Africa Project" attracted by the Eureka G.I.E and anchored by some Universities Members of the CIRPS.

Art. 4. That the Parties shall benefit from any grants attracted by the Eureka G.I.E. from the European Union, the United Nations and from any other National, Regional or International Bodies, for the actualization of the objects of the MoU.

Art. 5. That for the execution of any specific projects, from time to time, a written Agreement must be reached and signed by the Parties, which shall be tagged as an Appendix and made to constitute an integral and substantial part of this MoU.

Art. 6a. That the MoU is effective from the day that the Parties signed it and that it shall have a duration of four years which shall be tacitly renewed for same duration if none of the Parties communicated in writing an intention to rescind it, at least three months beforehand. In the event of a communicated intention to withdraw, the withdrawing Party must accomplish its duties in any outstanding and/or ongoing joint project.

6b. That this MoU imposes no financial liability on the Parties.

6c. That electronically signed Copies of this MoU are acceptable and valid.

Art. 7a. That should there arise any controversy, an amicable resolution is to be sought by the constitution of a five-man Board of Arbitrators, whereby each Party appoints two members and the fifth member of the Board shall be jointly appointed by the Parties on the basis of the person's integrity and expertise in the field of arbitration.

7b. In a situation whereby an amicable resolution failed in a controversy, the aggrieved Party should resort to adjudication in the Court of jurisdiction in Italy or in Nigeria, depending on the domicile of the aggrieved Party.

Art. 8. That for any other thing not contemplated in this MoU, the provisions of the Law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or of the Republic of Italy (depending on the Party that initiated the recourse) on the subject-matter shall prevail.

Read, Understood, Approved and Signed this 5th Day of January, 2023, by:

For **ECI:**



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Professor Edmund Ugwu Agbo) – Representative of ECI in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

For **ISDMAS:**



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Professor Samson Orjiugo - Registrar/CEO).