

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa**

**(FARA)**



And

*The Public Research and Regulation Initiative*

**(PRRI)**

October 2005

## PREAMBLE

**The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa** hereinafter referred to as “FARA”,

and

**The Public Research and Regulation Initiative**, hereinafter referred to as “PRRI”

*Considering that:*

FARA is a regional organization established in 1997 with the mandate to support the work of sub-regional organisations in advancing the National Agricultural Research Systems, and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of all stakeholders in agricultural research for development in Africa. FARA will fulfil its mandate through interrelated activities that will:

- add value to national, sub-regional and international agricultural research programs,
- include all stakeholders in planning and collaborative activities,
- strengthen governance structures and strategic planning processes,
- achieve sustainable financing by exploring opportunities for alternative funding sources and mechanisms, and supporting the establishment of regional endowment funds,
- build long-term capacity in agricultural sciences with the hard and soft skills required for multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional participatory research and development
- facilitate policy dialogues between countries on agricultural technology, social and educational issues,
- promote systematic monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment.

*And that:*

The PRRI was established in 2004 and aims to offer a forum for the public research sector to be informed about and involved in regulations and international agreements relevant to modern biotechnology, such as the Meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

PRRI consists of three phases:

- Phase 1: Raising awareness in the public research community (started in June 2004)
- Phase 2a: ‘Try out’ involvement of public research scientists in MOP2 to the Arhus Convention (May 2005), Meeting of the Parties to the CPB (June 2005)
- Phase 2b: PRRI participation in meetings leading up to MOP3 and in MOP3 itself.
- Phase 3: Multi year, structured involvement of the public research sector in relevant international agreements and meetings (Summer 2006 onwards)

*Have agreed to the following Memorandum of Understanding:*

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Objective**

1.1 The overarching objective of this MoU is to facilitate long-term relationship between PRRI and FARA, aimed at promoting and facilitating collaboration based on their similar and complementary interests and capacities and the willingness to work together to accelerate the improvement of livelihoods through sustainable intensification of agricultural production in Africa. FARA and PRRI will collaborate in launching initiatives, which include fostering the participation of African delegates in discussions and negotiations pertaining to regulations and international agreements relevant to biotechnology.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Implementation**

2.1 The specific activities to be conducted under this MoU will be identified, developed, planned and implemented jointly by FARA and PRRI through specific letters of agreements (LoA) supplemental to this MoU. Each such agreement shall specify:

- Name of specific programme/project/activity;
- Specific objectives and procedures;
- Contributions and responsibilities of each party;
- Funding including schedule of payment and reporting and administrative requirements;
- Intellectual assets and intellectual property ownership issues;
- Any other provisions as may be applicable.

2.2 Each Party hereto agrees to provide the programme, staff support and institutional services and materials necessary to implement and achieve the objectives of each letter of agreement supplemental to this MoU.

2.3 Each supplementary letter of agreement shall be in English and shall be signed by the Authorized Officers of the two organizations or their designated representatives authorized to contract the organization.

2.3 Each Party shall be responsible for maintaining its own records of activities undertaken in relationship with this MoU, with special conditions to be stipulated in the terms of each supplementary agreement.

2.4 This MoU carries no financial commitment on either Party and does not oblige either Party to work exclusively with the other, or either organization to be the agent of the other. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute a legal partnership or joint venture between the parties unless a supplementary agreement so specifies.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Notices**

- 3.1 All notices or communications under this MoU shall be made in writing and in English, and delivered to the premises of the Parties by registered mail, telex, facsimile or electronic mail. Notices or communications shall be addressed to the following respective addresses.

#### **PRRI:**

Professor Philip J. Dale  
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PRRI,  
Secretariat Public Research and Regulation  
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#### **FARA:**

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The Executive Secretary  
Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)  
PMB CT 173, Accra, Ghana  
E-mail: mjones@fara-africa.org

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Amendment, Duration And Termination**

- 4.1 This MoU will be in force for an initial period of five years from the date of the last signature, and will thereafter be automatically renewed for further periods of five years, unless otherwise terminated by either Party.
- 4.2 A Party wishing to terminate this agreement will give three (3) months written notice to the other. Such termination shall not affect any supplementary agreement in effect at the time of termination. Termination of the supplementary agreements shall be governed by those agreements.
- 4.3 This MoU can be amended, with the approval of both Parties, through the exchange of letters of the authorized officials of each organization. Either Party may initiate the exchange of letters.

Signed:

**Public Research and Regulatory Initiative  
PRRI**



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Prof. Philip J. Dale  
Chairman

12 DECEMBER 2005

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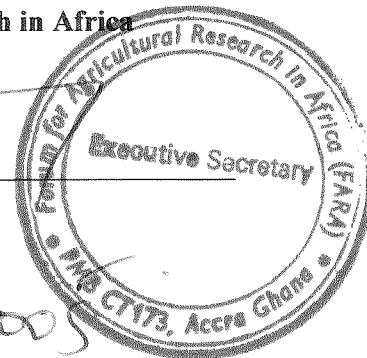
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**Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  
FARA**



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Dr Monty Jones  
Executive Secretary



28 Nov 2005

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Date



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30<sup>th</sup> November 2005

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Dear Sir,

**SUBJECT: FARA/PRRI MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Enclosed, please find two sets of a duly signed **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Public Research and Regulation Initiative (**PRRI**) and The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (**FARA**) for your signature.

After signing the two copies of this agreement, please retain one copy and send us back the second copy for our records.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the documents.

Yours faithfully,

  
Victor Keraro  
Head of Finance and Administration

Cc: The Executive Secretary, Dr. Monty Jones

**From:** Professor Philip J Dale  
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14 December 2005

**To:** Mr Victor Keraro  
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Ghana

Dear Sir

**SUBJECT: FARA/PRRI MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Please find enclosed one signed **Memorandum of Understanding** between the **Public Research Regulation Initiative (PRRI)** and the **Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)**.

As agreed, I have kept one signed copy for our records.

Yours faithfully

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