

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE**

The Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (hereinafter referred to as EC IFAS), and

the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (hereinafter referred to as ICID),

WHEREAS, EC IFAS is a permanent executive body of IFAS with the status of an international intergovernmental organization and ensures the practical implementation of decisions of the Council of Heads of Founding States of IFAS, the President and the IFAS Board on the problems of the Aral Sea basin,

WHEREAS, EC IFAS interacts with international organizations, donor countries, environmental and other funds to enhance activities related to environmental protection and rehabilitation of environmentally disturbed areas,

WHEREAS, EC IFAS fulfills its mission through participation in organizing the development, expertise and implementation of projects and programs on the issues of the Aral Sea basin, providing information and analytical support to the founding states and the IFAS Board, organizing thematic conferences, symposiums, seminars on issues related to the activities of IFAS,

WHEREAS, ICID is a scientific, technical, professional, voluntary, not-for-profit and non-governmental international Organization, is dedicated, inter alia, to enhance the worldwide supply of food and fiber for all people by improving water and land management, through application of irrigation, drainage and flood management techniques,

WHEREAS, ICID serves society, with active support from its member countries, by way of providing an international forum and network in which the technical, agronomic, socio-economic, and environmental complexities involved in the development, management and operation of irrigation, drainage and flood management works are deliberated, improved practices are identified and promoted widely among member countries,

WHEREAS, ICID stimulates and promotes the development and application of the science and technology of hydrology, hydraulic engineering, agriculture, economics, environmental and social sciences in water and land management for irrigation, drainage and flood management, achieving sustainable irrigated agriculture,

WHEREAS, ICID accomplishes its mission by: (a) exchange of information amongst its National Committees and members; (b) hosting periodical meetings, sponsoring of conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions, training and study tours; (c) organizing studies and experiments; (d) publication of research journals, conference proceedings, reports, guidelines for best practices, books, documents, audiovisual and electronic media materials; (e) cooperating with other national, regional and international organizations, and (f) taking such other measures as may be considered necessary within its field of activities,

WHEREAS EC IFAS and ICID (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"), wish to recognize each other's unique authority, capabilities, and memberships, through consideration of mutual interests and respecting the objectives and responsibilities as set forth in their respective constitutional instruments and to memorialize their understanding regarding certain joint activities in which they plan to engage,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU"), as follows:

Article 1. Objective

1.1. The objective of this MoU is to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to promote exchange of knowledge, programs and projects that enhance cooperation of the Parties, related to capacity building activities, technical support, etc., in their common member countries.

1.2. In addition, through their joint efforts the Parties may provide coordinated and harmonized technical assistance to their common member countries in a cost-effective and efficient manner. These and any other activities agreed to between the Parties shall be subject to the respective internal objectives, functions, policies and procedures of the Parties.

Article 2. Areas of cooperation

2.1. The Parties may, in particular, explore the possibility of cooperating in the following areas of activity:

2.1.1. Identification of knowledge sharing and technical assistance opportunities between the Parties for programs and projects in their common member countries;

2.1.2. Within the framework of the Parties' programs related to capacity building, education and training in areas of mutual interest;

2.1.3. Organizing and conducting joint events;

2.1.4. Informing and consulting each other in cases where either of the Parties proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other Party has or may have substantial interest, for possible collaboration;

2.1.5. Recognizing and inviting the EC IFAS as an observer to the meetings of ICID to participate, without voting rights, in discussions of the Executive Council / International Executive Council, ICID Congress / World Irrigation Forums and where appropriate, of its working groups, on issues of mutual interest;

2.1.6. Coordination between the Parties regarding programs and projects in their common member countries to achieve their common development objectives;

2.1.7. Informing the founding states of IFAS about ICID activities for potential membership in ICID;

2.1.8. Subject to Article 2.2 below, exchange of information between the Parties on their shared experiences and expertise in areas such as: (i) water resource management in agriculture, (ii) flood and drought management, (iii) capacity building programmes, etc.

2.2. The Parties will exchange information and consult as necessary and appropriate in order to identify additional areas where effective and practical cooperation under this MoU is possible. Any exchange of information between the Parties shall be subject to their respective policies and procedures on access to information.

2.3. The Parties will, on an annual basis, jointly assess the results of their collaboration under this MoU to review its progress and achievements as well as to recommend necessary adjustments, where appropriate.

2.4. To facilitate the implementation of this MoU, the Parties may agree to cooperate jointly with the aim of developing an Action plan, which may contain the following information:

2.4.1. Scope of activities and an estimated timeline for their completion;

2.4.2. Resources that may be mobilized subject to prior internal approval by each Party;

2.4.3. Targets or output indicators.

2.5. Other relevant activities may also be agreed upon between the Parties, subject to each of the Parties' internal policies and procedures, including the policies for hiring consultants and other services.

Article 3. Obligations of the Parties

3.1. This MoU does not represent any commitment with regard to funding on the part of the Parties. Furthermore, this MoU shall not represent any commitment on the part of any Party to give preferred treatment to the other in any matter contemplated under this MoU or otherwise.

Article 4. Entry into force, modification, termination and other matters

4.1. This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Parties and will remain in effect for five (5) years unless terminated by either Party with prior written notice to the other Party thirty (30) days in advance. No such termination shall affect contractual obligations already entered into by any Party under this MoU.

4.2. This MoU may be modified only with the written consent of the Parties.

4.3. Nothing contained in this MoU shall be construed as or constitute a waiver, alteration or modification of any privileges, immunities and exemptions granted to the Parties under the agreement establishing the Parties, international conventions or any other applicable law.

4.4. Any dispute over the interpretation or application of any provision of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultations or other means as agreed upon by the Parties.

4.5. Each Party must maintain the confidentiality of information identified as confidential provided by the Parties in connection with this MoU.

4.6. This MoU may be renewed for another term to be mutually agreed between the Parties. Notice to renew should be communicated to the other Party at least six months prior to the expiry date of MoU.

Signed in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on the “9” of September 2025, in two original copies in the English language.

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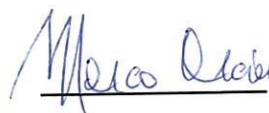
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