

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA (EC IFAS)



AND

ISLAMIC ORGANISATION FOR FOOD SECURITY (IOFS)



المنظمة الإسلامية للأمن الغذائي
Islamic Organisation for Food Security
l'Organisation Islamique pour la Sécurité Alimentaire

ASTANA, 2026

This Memorandum of Understanding specifies the terms of the agreement between the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS) and the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) regarding their mutual cooperation as described below.

Article I Extent and Nature of the Cooperation

The Parties, through this Memorandum, intend to develop cooperative activities in areas of common interest which include but are not limited to:

- a) The Parties intend to focus on matters of implementation of programmes in the domain of sustainable agriculture, rural development, food and water security, and related areas.
- b) The Parties intend, in particular, to exchange and facilitate knowledge regarding, inter alia, legal and institutional aspects of multilateral Organisations, development financing mechanisms, Islamic finance, treasury management and operations (including, but not limited to, agricultural, rural, and environmental frameworks), analytical and sectoral work, investment operations and multilateral cooperation.
- c) The Parties intend to exchange experience among their respective employees, including organizing trainings in accordance with relevant policies and procedures applicable to both parties.
- d) The Parties intend to promote systematic institutional cooperation – from broadening channels of information exchange, research, analysis and contacts to collaboration on key events; joint monitoring and communications to operationalize the Memorandum.
- e) The core outputs of the Parties' partnership will be effective and impactful projects that reduce poverty in rural areas, projects upon deforestation, desertification, erosion and salinity. The convening power of both Organisations should be deployed whenever necessary to advance progress on key areas of development covered by this Memorandum.
- f) Cooperation may be considered on a case-by-case basis, on the merit of each case and within the limitations of the mandate and resources of each Party.

Article II Implementation of cooperation

The Parties express the intention to monitor progress achieved as a result of the implementation of this Memorandum,

To this end, the Parties agree in a non-restrictive way, to work for the-realization of the following aspects:

1. The Parties agree to exchange data on areas of activity in accordance with their constituent documents.
2. The Parties agree to share their activities.
3. The Parties agree to exchange visits at different levels.
4. The Parties may consult each other to determine the best approach in undertaking their respective activities to ensure coherence and efficiency.

Article III Communications

Each Party shall designate and appoint its representative with responsibility for the implementation of this Memorandum.

Each Party may in writing notify the other Party of the designation of additional or different persons as points of contact for specific activities.

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**Article IV
Confidentiality, Dissemination and Publication**

The publication of the information resulting from the activities provided for by this Memorandum will be carried out within the limits allowed by the access to information policies of each Party.

Confidential information shared in accordance with this Memorandum will not be disclosed to a third party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

The Parties do not object the publication of this Memorandum. The Parties will consult to agree on the manner and format of the publication of the various activities under this Memorandum.

**Article V
Non-binding nature**

Except as otherwise provided in this Memorandum, the Parties recognize that the present Memorandum is not intended to be legally binding but merely expresses the intention of each Party to strengthen their cooperation and communication.

**Article VI
Other provisions**

Any specific activity that may be identified by the Parties under Article I, as appropriate, shall be the subject of a separate instrument, agreement or arrangement as the case may be, between the Parties. With respect to such a specific activity, the Parties express their intention to establish appropriate cost-sharing mechanisms to be defined in the separate instrument - agreement or arrangement between the Parties.

**Article VII
Entry into force and termination**

This Memorandum shall be effective from the date of signature.

This Memorandum shall remain in force for five (5) years from the date of the last signature with the possibility of further extension based on mutual written agreement of the Parties. Either Party may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Memorandum at any time by providing written notice to the other Party with a minimum notice period of six (6) months.

Unless otherwise indicated, the termination of this Memorandum does not affect any contractual obligation that would have been separately established between the different Parties.

**Article VIII
Consultation**

Any difference of interpretation in the implementation of this Memorandum shall be resolved through mutual consultations between the Parties.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the Parties have affixed their signatures to this Memorandum in English.

**Executive Committee of the International
Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS)**



Ambassador Askhat Orazbay
Chairman

Date: 6 February 2026

**Islamic Organisation for Food Security
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