



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

**AND**

**THE SECRETARY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND  
PRODUCTIVE INNOVATION OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

The Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Mozambique and the Secretary of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of the Argentine Republic (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

Taking into account the Agreement on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Mozambique and the Government of the Argentine Republic, signed on 30 March, 1988 in Buenos Aires, Argentina;

Wishing to strengthen the friendly relations existing between the two countries;

Conscious of the role and importance of scientific and technological cooperation at both bilateral and multilateral levels as a contributing factor to the development of the cooperative relationship between the two countries;

Desirous of promoting and developing the bilateral relations of cooperation in the domain of science, technology and innovation; and

Recognizing the importance of science and technology in the economies of both countries;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

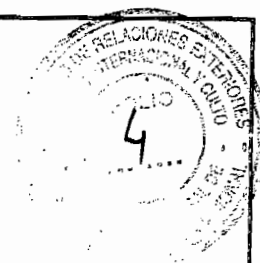
#### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **Objectives**

The Parties shall encourage and support scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries, including direct contacts between cooperating scientific and technological institutions, on the basis of equality and in the interest of both countries.



**ARTICLE 2**  
**Fields of Cooperation**



The Parties shall promote scientific and technological cooperation in the following fields:

- Agriculture ( with focus in cattle and animal production);
- Education;
- Energy;
- Health ( with focus in immunology and parasitose);
- Marine Sciences and Fishing;
- Subsoil Resources;
- Environmental Sustainability;
- Biotechnology;
- Ethnobotanic;
- Water;
- Information and Communications Technologies;
- Science Parks and Incubators;
- Science and Technology Indicators,
- Social Sciences and Humanities;
- Scientific Research and Innovation;
- Basic Sciences;
- Development of Human Resources;
- Other fields of common interest.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**Modalities of Cooperation**

For the purposes of this MOU, scientific and technological cooperation may include:

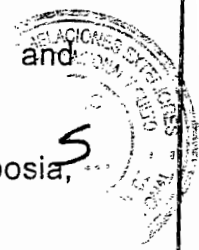
- Exchange of scientists, researchers, technical personnel and other experts;

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exchange of documentation and information of a scientific and technological nature;

- Joint organization of scientific and technological seminars, symposia, conferences and other meetings;
- Granting of fellowships;
- Research and development projects and programs on matters of mutual interest; and
- Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation mutually agreed upon by the Parties.



#### Article 4

#### Cooperation Subject to Domestic Law

Co-operation in terms of this MOU shall be subject to the domestic law of the Parties, and the regulations of the international organizations of which the Parties are members.

The Parties shall, according to their domestic law, promote the participation of public and private co-operating partners in joint projects, programs and other cooperative activities.

#### ARTICLE 5

#### Intellectual Property

Intellectual property rights arising from the cooperative activities in terms of this MOU shall be regulated by the implementing arrangements between the cooperating partners in which adequate and efficient intellectual property protection shall be guaranteed. The cooperating partners shall become joint owners of intellectual property resulting from cooperation in terms of this Agreement.

Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperative activities under this MOU shall only be announced, published or commercially exploited with the written consent of the cooperating partners.



## ARTICLE 6

### Relationship with third parties

Scientists, technical experts and institutions of third countries or international organizations may, upon written consent of both Parties, be invited to participate in activities being carried out in terms of this MOU. The cost of such participation shall normally be borne by the third party, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the cooperating partners, subject to the availability of funds.

This MOU shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other treaties or agreements concluded by either Party.

## ARTICLE 7

### Joint Technical Committee on Science and Technological Cooperation

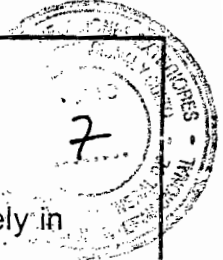
For the purpose of the implementation of this MOU, the Parties shall establish a Joint Technical Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the JTC") composed of representatives and experts appointed by each Party.

Each Party will designate the respective coordinator, who will be the co-chairperson of the JTC.

The JTC shall be responsible for:

- The assessment of the progress of cooperation activities in terms of this MOU;
- Decisions adopted through consensus on other relevant matters relating to the implementation of this MOU.

The JTC will coordinate the elaboration of different programs and projects, according to agreed priority areas as referred in article 2, and submit their respective working plan, budget and progress reports for the approval of the Parties



The JTC shall meet, on a year basis, or at the request of either Party, alternately in the Republic of Mozambique and in the Argentine Republic on mutually agreed dates.

The JTC shall be chaired by co-chairpersons appointed by the Parties and determine its own rules of procedure.

The Minister of Science and Technology of the Republic of Mozambique and the Secretary of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of the Argentina Republic shall meet whenever deemed necessary at discretionary option where to meet.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**Financial matters**

Travel expenses of the scientists, researchers, technical personnel and other experts between the two countries arising from this MOU, shall be borne by the sending Party or cooperating partner as applicable, while the other expenses shall be borne according to the terms agreed upon in writing between the Parties or the cooperating partners.

For joint research and experimental projects and other cooperation activities, the incurrance of expenditures shall be discussed case-by-case.

The obligations of the Parties or cooperating partners regarding any cooperative activity shall be subject to the availability of funds and personnel, and to the laws and regulations of the both respective countries.

These institutions shall finance cooperative activities initiated by independent and private institutions unless otherwise agreed upon in writing between the Parties or cooperating partners.

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**ARTICLE 9**  
**Medical Matters**

The sending Party or cooperating partner shall ensure that all personnel visiting the other country within the ambit of this MOU, have the necessary resources, or that appropriate mechanisms are in place, to cover all expenses in the event of sudden illness or injury.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**Settlement of Disputes**

Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations within the JTC. conformed the Parties.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**Entry into Force and Termination**

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

This MOU shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall continue in force thereafter unless, twelve months before the expiry of the initial period or subsequent period or periods, either Party notifies the other Party, in writing of its intention to terminate this MOU.

The termination of this MOU shall not affect the cooperative activities undertaken or under execution within its framework and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this MOU.

