



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Faculty of Rangeland and Watershed Management  
Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
(GUASNR), Iran**



And

**Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics  
(ITT), Cologne University of Applied Sciences**

This Agreement is based on the principles of reciprocity and expresses the belief that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging the two parties in order to exchange scholars, PhD students, academic information and teaching materials, thus enhancing research and education at both institutions. Both parties share the strong conviction that common interests and mutually complementary activities can be promoted through the establishment of academic and cultural exchange.

### Part I

#### SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The scope of cooperation includes, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either party as felt desirable and feasible for both sides that has the potential to contribute to strengthen and develop for both relationships.

### Part II

#### AREAS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation shall be undertaken, subject to availability of resources and the approval of Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Faculty of Rangeland and Watershed Management (GUASNR) and Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT), through the following activities:

1. Joint collaboration in Iran Mega Project on the Integrated Watershed Management;
2. Exchange of faculty members;
3. Exchange of PhD students in terms to be outlined in a separate Student Exchange Agreement;
4. Joint research activities;

5. Joint programs and project applications in the areas of mutual interest;
6. Participation in seminars and academic conferences held at the other university with preferential treatment;
7. Exchange of academic materials and organization of cultural activities;
8. Short-term academic lecture programs.

The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program and related activities will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual members and availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program and activity based on this Agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both parties. Specific arrangements will be made for each activity envisaged by the Agreement and will be subject to approval of both institutions as well as dependent on the availability of financial resources.

Each institute will designate a contact person at the institutional level to promote specific activities or programs.

### Part III

#### EFFECTIVE DATE AND LENGTH OF AGREEMENT

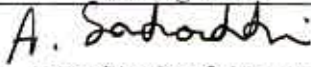
The Agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of **five years**, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual consent.

It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, bearing in mind that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

Signed for and on behalf of  
**Institute for Technology and  
Resources Management in  
the Tropics and Subtropics  
(ITT), Cologne University**

  
Prof. Dr. Lars Ribbe

Signed for and on behalf of  
**Faculty of Rangeland and  
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the Integrated Watershed  
Management**

  
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