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# AGREEMENT BETWEEN GORGAN UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENECES & NATURAL RESOURCES, IRAN and EAWAG, SWITZERLAND

Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (GUASNR) and Eawag recognize the value of educational, cultural and scientific exchanges between international research organizations and have established that there is sufficient common interest on both sides to establish a formal relationship.

This Agreement is based on the collaboration of researchers of both institutes on the PhD project of Mrs Sogol Jafar Zadeh on the assessment of socio-economic drivers and eco-hydrological impacts of overgrazing on arid and semi-arid rangelands of Iran at Eawag, and in line with the Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) Mega Project for Iran carried out by GUASNR. The main focus of the IWM Project is the initiation of a new holistic approach towards the integrated watershed management at the national and regional scales for Iran (Detailed information about both projects can be

# ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVE OF THE LINKAGE

Eawag and GUASNR agree that there is a strong link and possibility of extensive collaboration between the two mentioned studies in the next three years that will justify the need for a more formal collaboration through this agreement.

The objective of this agreement is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, data and expertise of scientists and collaborators engaged in both projects mentioned above.

# ARTICLE II: THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 At Eawag, Dr. Abbaspour at Siam will have responsibility for this agreement.
- 2.2 At GUASNR, the Dean of the Faculty of Rangeland and Watershed Management, Fisheries and Environment and the Manager of the IWM Project, Dr. Sadoddin will have responsibility for this agreement.
- 2.3 Detailed information for program collaborators and their contact details of the researchers involved in this project is listed in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The crests and logos of the two institutions are the intellectual property of those institutions, and maynot be used without the express written permission of the institution that owns a particular crest or logo.
- 2.5 Any document produced bearing the name of each of the collaborators must be sent to the collaborator mentioned and approved before publication.
- 2.6 Both institutions will acknowledge accordingly the contribution of each other in any publication and report resulting from the PhD project.

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## ARTICLE III: RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Eawag will make the results of the mentioned study available to GUASNR to be published in the report of the IWM Project for Iran.
- 3.2 Both institutes will facilitate and support the visit of collaborators from the other institute and will provide working space for the collaborators.
- 3.3 Both institutes will facilitate and support the identification, formulation, and guidance of similar projects in agroecosystems and forest areas of Iran in accordance with the IWM Project.
- 3.3 GUASNR is responsible, to the possible extent to provide access to data required for the project available at the academic, institutional or governmental level in Iran. The list of all known data required at this stage is mentioned in Appendix 3 and in case of need for additional data not mentioned in the list, GUASNR will be informed with sufficient prior notice.
- 3.4 GUASNR will facilitate conditions to the possible extent for its students to be involved and actively contribute to selection and analysis of data for the PhD project.
- 3.5 GUASNR will support the access to the national consensus reports.
- 3.6 GUASNR will support and provide students who will be active in collection of socio-economic data and household surveys if required.
- 3.7 Eawag will cover the IWM Project requirement within the scope of the PhD project.
- 3.8 Eawag will promote to provide with the interim results of the PhD project to GUASNR in written and presentation forms.

### ARTICLE IV: VALIDATION AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 This Agreement shall take effect from the date of the last signature for a period of three years and may be modified or renewed by mutual written consent of the two institutions.
- 4.2 The Agreement may be terminated by either institution provided six (6) months' written notice is given to the other institution. Termination shall not affect any joint activity already agreed upon by the time of termination.

In witness whereof, the parties here to have offered their signatures:

For Eawag:

Dr. Karim Abbaspour

Dr. Amir Sadoddin

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