

General Agreement for Technical Cooperation
between
the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
and
the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid
Tropics (ICRISAT)

The Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, (AOAD) which is a specialized organization of the League of Arab States, hereafter referred to as AOAD, and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics hereafter referred to as (ICRISAT).

Considering:

That AOAD, in its means to secure agricultural development in the Arab states, one of these, collaborating with international centres working in the field of agricultural development;

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is an autonomous non-profit organisation involved in agricultural research and dissemination of related information and technology to the national agricultural research systems in the semi-arid tropics.

That AOAD suggested establishing lines of cooperation in the same field leading to more productive agricultural development;

That AOAD and ICRISAT feel the necessity to establish such cooperation for the mutual benefit of both parties and the institutions and governments they serve;

Agree as Follows:

Article 1- Objectives:

1. This Agreement establishes the general foundation necessary for accomplishing the following objectives:

- 1.1. To provide a legal framework and foundation for future specific agreements of cooperation and joint action for implementing the terms of this Agreement.
- 1.2 To contribute as effectively as possible towards the welfare of national institutions and agencies of the agricultural sector in the Arab countries; to accelerate the improvement of agricultural and rural development in those countries.
- 1.3 To ensure that coordinated actions taken by the two parties in their respective areas of responsibility are for the benefit of the member states of AOAD.

Article 2- Areas of Cooperation:

Specific agreements for the implementation of this Agreement, between AOAD and ICRISAT, or AOAD, ICRISAT and any other parties, shall target all those areas included in the broad range of functions needed for the execution of studies or pilot projects.

Article 3 - Instruments:

- 3.1 Conducting technical and economic studies.
- 3.2 Conducting training courses, seminars, workshops and related activities.
- 3.3 Cooperation in preparing and implementing projects.
- 3.4 Cooperation in disseminating literature.
- 3.5 Any other instrument (s) the parties agree upon.

Article 4- Implementation of the Agreement:

- 4.1 The Agreement shall be implemented through specific agreements, each of which shall indicate the objectives, instruments, forms of participation and financial and other contributions of each of the two parties.
- 4.2 All contact on matters concerning this Agreement and its implementation shall be maintained through official channels.

Article 5- Duration:

This Agreement shall enter into effect on the date the last party signs, and shall be valid for three years and renewed automatically for the same period, unless one of the parties advises the other, with six months notice, of its desire to terminate the Agreement. The decision to terminate the Agreement shall not affect the operation or conclusion of specific agreements underway.

Article 6- Amendment:

The terms of this Agreement can be amended, with the approval of both parties, by means of an exchange of letters.

IN WITNESS OF THE ABOVE, DONE IN TWO EQUALLY VALID COPIES OF THE ENGLISH TEXT TO BE SIGNED BY THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DATE AND YEAR HERE-BELOW WRITTEN.



For/ The Arab Organization
for Agricultural Development

Date:



For/ The International
Crops Research Institute
for the Semi-Arid Tropics

Date : 5/2/97