



**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN**

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE (NRC), CAIRO, EGYPT

AND

**FEDERAL STATE BUDGETARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
EDUCATION «RUSSIAN TIMIRYAZEV STATE AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY»,
MOSCOW, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

The National Research Centre (NRC) (Cairo, Egypt) hereinafter referred to as NRC, and Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education «Russian Timiryazev State Agrarian University» (Moscow, the Russian Federation) hereinafter referred to as «RSAU – MTAA», collectively referred to as the «Parties»,

Recognizing that

NRC is the first largest multidisciplinary research institution in the Middle East. NRC aims to promote basic and applied scientific research, particularly in industry, environment, agriculture, public health and other priority sectors of national economic,

RSAU – MTAA is the oldest and internationally renowned institution of higher education in Russia. Over its 155 year history RSAU – MTAA has formed leading Russian schools of agricultural sciences and higher agrarian education, and its academic and teaching staff has attained international and national fame making the top of higher agricultural education,

Conclude this Agreement in order to develop scientific and technical cooperation and promoting friendly relations between their countries

Article 1: Subject of the Agreement

1.1. The NRC and RSAU – MTAA will support development and extension of cooperation in research and technological developments in fields of mutual interest, including within the framework of the World-class Scientific Center "Agricultural Technologies for the Future".

1.2. The cooperation directions between NRC and RSAU – MTAA shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- Exchange of scientists, research scholars and specialists for the purpose of research, training, consultation and exchange of expertise.
- Organization of bilateral scientific and technical seminars / workshops / conferences or training courses on problems of interest to both countries.
- Joint identification of scientific and technical problems, formulation and implementation of joint research programs in the areas interest to both Parties

(pomology, chemistry water relations and field irrigations and crop science). In addition, exchange of knowledge, expertise and know-how resulting from the joint collaborative program will be a major deliverable.

- Setting up joint laboratories or pilot stations in research and development activities.

- Joint studies related to development of suitable technological processes, procedures and products thereof.

- Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation which may be mutually agreed by the parties under this Agreement.

1.3. All the projects within this Agreement must be agreed upon in advance by the responsible representatives of the Parties via separate agreement.

Article 2: Non-disclosure

Any information concerning the results obtained from the cooperative program for scientific/ technological development covered under the present arrangement or any information resulting from this Agreement will not be disclosed or divulged to any third person, party, organization or to any other country without the mutual consent and written approval of both Parties.

Article 3: Intellectual Property Rights

Rights arising out of any invention, product, process etc. that result from the joint programs for scientific research and technological development, achieved within the provisions of this Agreement will be common intellectual property and their exploitation shall be subject to separate arrangements in each case, entered into writing between the Parties.

Article 4: Ethics in Science

The role of Ethics in Science in the form of code of honor which members of the scientific community are bound to, apply throughout this Agreement and shall be adhered to by both Parties.

Article 5: Exchange of scientists and researchers

Either Party will arrange for receiving scientists and researchers who are sent by the other Party by mutual agreement for joint bilateral projects as well as for training in various scientific and technological fields at the research institutes and centers of the other Party.

Parties acknowledge that all visits of scientists and researchers will be held according to visa regulations of the Russian Federation and Egypt.

Article 6: Working Programs; Review and Joint Committee

In order to implement the provision of the present MoU, NRC and RSAU – MTAA will decide upon a mechanism or procedure to prepare the Working Program and to review the implementation and the application of this MoU, as well as the measures which are to be undertaken by the two sides for further promotion of cooperation. A

Joint Committee will also be established which can submit suggestions on new areas of cooperation to the two institutions. The Joint Committee will meet every year alternately in Egypt and Russian Federation. Special meetings should be arranged according to the requirements of the two parties. Each side will nominate a Coordinator who is a member of the Joint Committee, for monitoring the implementation of the agreement and act as a focal point for the communication with the other side.

The Joint Committee will:

- Decide upon financial, administrative and technical procedures for the implementation of the MoU and Working Program;
- Prepare the "Working Programs" for a period of five years;
- Make new proposals for further development on Science;
- Be in close contact with the Coordinators to follow up on the implementation of the projects.

Article 7: Coordinators

Parties will designate the Coordinators in order to maintain mutual relationships.

NRC Coordinators are appointed:

1. Laila Fouad El-said Haggag, Doctor in Agriculture, Professor of Pomology Department, Agricultural and Biological Division (Email: laila.f.hagagg@outlook.com);
2. Hany Kamal Keheal Abdelaal, PhD in Agriculture, researcher of Water Relations and Field Irrigation Department, Agricultural and Biological Division (Email: h.kamal2007@gmail.com).

The Coordinator of RSAU-MTAA was appointed by Sergey L. Belopukhov, Doctor in Agriculture, Professor of Chemistry Chair (Email: SBelopuhov@rgau-msha.ru).

Article 8: Financial arrangements

This Agreement is gratuitous and does not imply financial settlements on it.

All the projects within this Agreement that involve Parties funding must be agreed upon in advance by the responsible representatives of the Parties via separate agreement.

Article 9: Entry into force and Renewal

The Agreement becomes valid when signed and it remains in force during 5 (five) years.

The Agreement will be automatically renewed for the same period and on the same conditions, unless either Party sends the other Party a written notification of its intention to terminate it in 6 (six) months prior to the expiration of the next period.

Article 10: Amendment

All changes in this Agreement content should be approved by both parties in writing.

Any amendment made to this Agreement shall be treated as its integral part.

A termination of the Agreement requires notification in writing not later than 1 (one) month before cancellation of the existing Agreement.

Article 11: Dispute Settlement

The parties shall settle any differences in the interpretation and application of this Agreement by negotiation and mutual consultations between Parties.

Article 12: Final provisions

This Agreement was created in 2 copies in English being equally valid.

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